

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

12 July 2026

6th Sunday after Trinity

**A very warm welcome
to
St. Peter's Church**



Readings

Old Testament:	Genesis 25.19-end	OT 22
New Testament:	Romans 8.1-11	NT 153
Gospel:	Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23	NT 13

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service for young families. Followed by refreshments
10.30 am	Parish Communion
4 pm	Holy Communion Preparation in the church

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS: If you require a gluten free wafer for communion please let the sides people know when you arrive and inform the priest when you get to the altar rail.

THIS WEEK:

Mon 13	8 pm	SPAM at The Royal George - see notices
Tue 14	2 pm 7.30 pm 7.45 pm	Memorial Service for Donald Bale at St. Mark's Church, Whiteley Village Bishop Paul invites you to a special gathering at Holy Trinity Claygate (see page 5) Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 15	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church. Meeting of the PCC in the church
Thurs 16	10am Tots Praise 2 pm 7.15 pm	 TOTS PRAISE FOR 0-4 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR CARERS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL BURWOOD ROAD, HERSHAM KT22 4AA THURSDAYS 10-11.30AM during term time Join us for songs, stories, instruments and refreshments Free of Charge and no need to book! children@stpetershersham.com St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham where J J Heath Caldwell gives a talk on "Growing up in New Zealand in the 60s and 70s". Refreshments served afterwards. Home Group Summer "Bring and Share" get together in the church.
Fri 17	• • 7.45pm	Parish Office closed Vicar's day off The first of our summer workshop rehearsals (see notices)

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 JULY

7th Sunday after Trinity

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
10.15 am	Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) (see page 1)
10.30 am	Parish Communion with the Baptism of Teddy
3 pm	Volunteers' Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall

On the anniversary of her death, we give thanks for the life of:

Julie Button (15 July)



NOTICES:

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US FOR ST PETER'S, OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD? If you are interested in prayer we would love you to join us after church on Sunday 16th August. We will look at how we put together the weekly intercessions, and share ideas about how we can be a more prayerful church. If you pray regularly and are also on the intercessions rota, or if you don't really know how to pray at all and would like to hear some ideas about how to start then grab a coffee after the service and join us for a short meeting at 11.45am.

THE ST PETER'S ACTIVE MEN'S ('SPAM') group meet each month for a social at a local pub. It's an informal gathering and is a good opportunity to get to know others involved with St Peter's. There is no set agenda and you can arrive and go whenever is convenient. The next social is on Monday 13 July at The Royal George (130 Hersham Road) arriving at any time from 8pm onwards and departing when you want. You are very welcome to join us, so just come along on the day. And if you wish to discuss it beforehand then speak to Tony Skrzypecki who coordinates the group - contact details available from the parish office Email: theoffice@stpetershersham.com Tel: 01932 253452

NOTICES:



PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to support the work of our church please scan this QR code. If each person who doesn't currently give regularly could commit to give just £20 per month (which is about the cost of a coffee a week), it would make a huge difference. Thank you.

RE: INVITATION FROM ANDREW STRONG AT HERSHAM

Safeguarding Hub. If you receive the following details in an email from Andrew Strong it is legitimate so please click the link you have been sent as requested. "DearI would like to be able to send you emails and allow you to see your information that we hold about you on our safeguarding hub, but I need your permission first. Please click the following button to choose your response. This invitation will expire after 14 days, so an early response is important. It is a personal invitation and link, so please do not forward it to anyone else. Andrew Strong"

THANK YOU WAITROSE HERSHAM. A huge thank you to Waitrose Hersham and everyone in our local community who voted for us with their green tokens. £1000 was raised for our Community Café.



VACANCY IN SEE: WHAT IT MEANS AND HOW IT WORKS

A "Vacancy in See" occurs when a diocese is without a diocesan bishop – usually because the current bishop has retired, moved to a new role, or died in office. Following the death of the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, the Diocese of Guildford is currently in vacancy. During this time, a formal process begins to discern and appoint the next Diocesan Bishop. You are warmly invited to share your views as part of an important diocesan consultation. Further details are available on the document at the back of church.

**BISHOP PAUL TO LAUNCH GATHERINGS ACROSS THE DIOCESE:
AN invitation to all parishes in Emly Deanery to a gathering on
Tuesday 14 July 7.30pm-9pm.**

This is the invitation from Bishop Paul:

I write to extend an invitation to you. As you may know, I have set three key priorities for the coming two years: prayer, pastoral care and a sharper focus on our 'priority of priorities', namely deepening discipleship (including revitalisation) and investing wholeheartedly in children and young people.

As part of this, I am holding special gatherings in each of our 12 deaneries to enable me to meet, pray and worship with our clergy and congregations. I would be delighted if you would join me at the Emly Deanery Gathering which will be held at Holy Trinity Claygate on Tuesday 14 July from 7.30pm to 9pm, with tea and coffee served from 7pm. Everyone will be welcome.

Although the past months have held deep sadness, my heart has also been lifted by the remarkable signs of God's grace I have witnessed across the diocese. Our time together will include thanksgiving, a celebration of what God is doing in each parish in Emly Deanery, prayer for the specific needs of your ministry and parish, worship and a few reflections from me on what I sense God may be saying to us in this season.

Finally, if you would like to join us but cannot make the date, you are most welcome to attend any of the other deanery gatherings. I very much look forward to meeting you and to what I am praying will be an uplifting and memorable evening together.

Every blessing
+Paul

The Rt Revd Paul Davies

Bishop of Dorking and Acting Bishop of Guildford

No booking is required. Visit www.cofeguildford.org.uk for alternative dates and venues. Please attend the gathering for our deanery if you can but, if this is not possible, you are welcome to attend any of the other meetings. Sarah has a list in the Parish Office.

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2026 Summer Workshop

Rehearsals 7:30pm

July 17th, 23rd, 30th

August 6th, 13th, 20th

September 4th, 10th

Service

Sunday 6th September 10:30am

Sunday 13th September 10:30am

Calling all singers!

Our wonderful music group welcome you to join us this summer in learning 4 amazing songs which focus on Eco Church and Creationtide.

Contact our organist Rob Stafford to sign up now!

robstaffordmusic@gmail.com



ORGAN RESTORATION FUND CONCERT:

Our church organ is in desperate need of restoration and we are hosting this concert in an effort to raise the outstanding amount. Please make a note of the date in your diary, tell your family and friends. Entrance is free but we ask that you give generously to the retiring collection.

Eve Stafford (our organist Rob Stafford's cousin) is an award winning soprano from Limerick, celebrated for her exquisite voice and elegant stage presence. Trained under renowned vocal coach Olive Cowpar, Eve's artistry seamlessly blends classical sophistication with contemporary style. Eve has won all major awards at Féile Luimnigh and Feis Máitiú. In 2024, she released her debut album Songbird, featuring the No.1 single The Room Next Door, written by Brendan Graham (lyricist of You Raise Me Up) and Denis Carey. Eve's recent sold out classical crossover concerts at The Woodlands Hotel and Saint Mary's Cathedral have further established her as one of Ireland's most sought-after vocalists. Beyond the concert stage, Eve performs regularly as a soloist with the National Concert Hall's Health & Harmony program, bringing the beauty of music to care settings across Ireland.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HERSHAM
PROUDLY PRESENTS

SONGBIRD

AN EVENING WITH ACCLAIMED
IRISH SOPRANO EVE STAFFORD



Accompanied by
Robert Stafford

*An international concert
celebration uniting the
distant Stafford musical family*

Saturday, 8th August | 8pm

*Classical favourites,
opera arias, & traditional songs*

Retiring collection in aid of the
St. Peter's Church Organ Restoration Fund



NOTICES:

HELP US PROMOTE OUR CHURCH



- We're still endeavouring to grow our online presence! We have new followers on Facebook and Instagram where we share our news, highlight community life, and reach those who might not yet know us - or God's love.
- Why we're doing this: In today's world, many people first meet a church online. By sharing our events and uplifting stories, we can invite more people to discover our community and deepen their faith.
- How you can help: Please follow our pages, and whenever you see a post - like it, **comment**, and share it. These simple actions help more people see our messages and feel connected.
- Every click makes a difference. The more engagement we have, the more our posts reach local people who might be searching for a place to belong, or to explore their faith.



Find and follow us! Please look for St Peters Hersham on Facebook and Instagram, invite your family and friends to follow too, and keep interacting with our posts - it's one of the easiest ways to share our faith and community online. Thank you!

Pray with us

God of mission, fill us with your Holy Spirit to show and share our faith and love in our community, and help us to grow as a church family. Amen.

