



HURST GREEN NEWS

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Extra page this month

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What is the truth?

Lilly Allen, the popular singer/songwriter, has written a song called 'The Fear'. In the song, Allen questions what is real. The chorus goes like this: 'I don't know what's right and what's real anymore, I don't know how I'm meant to feel anymore, When do you think it will all become clear? 'cause I'm being overtaken by the fear.'



A lot of people, if they are honest, would agree with the words of this song. Many people don't know what to believe anymore. There are so many competing claims to religious truth. Politicians tell us they are telling the truth but all seem to make similar claims to solving the country's debt crisis.

What is real? What is truth? How can we know? Amidst all this confusion we can feel alone and afraid in this world. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' (John 14:6).

Truth isn't a popular concept in our culture today. We speak of things being true 'for me' and we are happy with the idea that one person's truth is not necessarily true for the next person. But Jesus said, he's not a truth but the truth! That is such a huge claim that it has to be either true for everyone or true for no one. C S Lewis (the author of the Chronicles of Narnia) said this, 'Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance and if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.'

Our lives are sometimes complicated and confusing. Sometimes it's hard to know who is telling the truth, what the truth is, what is real and who we can trust. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' In other words, Jesus is the way for all of to find a fulfilling life, the life we were made to live. Jesus is the way for us to understand what is real and true in this world.

If Jesus' claims are true, they can't be sort of important or kind of important. If Jesus' claims are true then they change everything; they change us, the world and the universe. If Jesus' claims are true, they are true for everyone on the planet and therefore of the utmost importance in our lives. Why not check out whether Jesus' claims are true? We have nothing to lose and everything to gain!
God bless, Revd Karen Bell

ALL SOULS' DAY

There will be a service to celebrate **All Souls' Day at St John's on Sunday, 3 November, at 3.30pm.**

At this service, we will remember by name all those from this parish who are known to us who have died during the last two years, and any other loved ones who you would like to be remembered.



Please write their names on the list which will be on the table at the back of church until 11.45am on Sunday 3 November. *Mary Seller*



Remembrance Sunday 10 November at St John's

8am: Holy Eucharist

10am: Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation
(not a communion service)
for all churches in Hurst Green and uniformed organisations:
Everyone is welcome

11am: Act of Remembrance in the churchyard



Advent Carol Service



On Sunday 1 December at 5.30pm there will be a service of Readings and Carols at St John's to mark the beginning of Advent. Everyone is welcome - do join us.

Harvest Thanksgiving



At our Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's this year we did not bring food gifts to church, but instead contributed money towards gifts that could be bought through 'Send a Cow' for Third World peoples to enable them to feed themselves. During the sermon slot, we walked around church to view the gifts available and decided which one we wanted to support.

The result was that we have bought 12 Goats, 32 Chickens, 2 Donkeys, 3 Beehives, 9 Piglets, 2 Sheep and 18 Tip Taps, and these will be going to people in Lesotho, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Rwanda, Zambia.



Children's Church

For toddlers and children who have just started school



**Monday, 25 November
3.30pm at St John's Church
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Anyone looking after your children is welcome to bring them.
Next month: 16 December
Further information - 715769

HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
 Crèche and Children's groups - all ages
12 noon Holy Communion, David Gresham House
Other services: details in church porch
12 noon Weekday Eucharist
Wednesday
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller - 715675, 11 Home Park
Assistant Curate: Wendy Harvey - 01959 562340
Churchwardens: Frank Hutchings - 713293
 Barbara Richards - 715636
Southwark Monica Fenton - 715769
Pastoral Auxiliaries: Pearl Hobson - 712366

METHODIST CHURCH, HURSTLANDS

10.30am Morning Worship and Junior Church
6.30pm Evening Service
Minister: Karen Bell - 371346 (day off - Friday)

EVANGELICAL CHURCH ON HURST GREEN

10.45am Family Worship
Pastors: Steven & Margaret Cox - 717510

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

All Saints' Church, Chichele Road, Oxted - 627762
St Ambrose Church, Warren Park, Warlingham - 622142
5.30pm Saturday First Mass of Sunday, All Saints' Oxted
9am Sunday St Ambrose, Warlingham
11am Sunday All Saints' Oxted
Parish Priest: Fr John Olliver - 713776

OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God
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 Service includes story-time for children, Junior Church, and communion monthly
10am Sunday
Minister: David Skitt - 01342 837449

Please telephone any of these numbers for details of weekday worship and activities, to discuss baptism, marriage, or the arranging of a funeral, or if you want help in times of joy or sorrow.

St Agatha's Hall Booking Secretary: M Walker, 714492

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The Brigitte Trust offers a free volunteer service of emotional support and practical help at home - complementing the medical teams and offering respite and a listening ear. Respite, to allow a carer to take a break, and a chance to talk without judgement to someone who will be there each week.

The Brigitte Trust will be training volunteers in Tandridge in the New Year and we welcome your enquiries on **01306 881816** or www.brigitte-trust.org.

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CANCER SUPPORT

Hurst Green School (3-7 Years) Proposal to change the school name - correction

In last month's Hurst Green News we published details of the consultation process regarding the proposal to change our school name. Unfortunately we gave details of the proposed name as 'Hurst Green School and Nursery'. The proposed name should have read 'Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery'. All other details were correct. The consultation process ends on 5 November 2013.

Brian Willmor, Chair of Governors,
Hurst Green School (3-7 Years),
Wolfs Wood, Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 0HJ.

Granny Owen's Christmas Cake

This is a lovely, easy to make cake which keeps well.

6 oz margarine	¼ lb raisins
6 oz brown sugar	¼ lb candied peel
3 eggs	a few glace cherries
9 oz SR flour	¼ pint milk
1 lb currants	½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ lb sultanas	3 tablespoons brandy

- Pre-heat oven to 170°C / gas mark 3.
- Cream fat and sugar.
- Beat in eggs, one at a time.
- Stir in flour and remainder of ingredients.
- Put mixture into lined 8" round tin and bake in centre of oven for about 2 hours.

This recipe comes from 'Manna From Heaven', the St John's Church Cook Book. There are a few copies still available, price £6. Contact 717473.



Oxted and Limpsfield Choral Society

would like to invite you to their Christmas Concert on **Saturday 7 December at 5pm** (please note earlier time) at the United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 0AA. The programme will include Puccini's Messa di Gloria, Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams and various festive carols, some with audience participation. M.D for the evening will be OLC's own Michael Burbidge, with Gerard Brooks on the organ. Tenor soloist will be Michael Butchard and OLC's will be welcoming back Baritone soloist Leo Selleck.

Tickets are £10, to include a glass of wine and a mince pie, and are available from 01959 563996, from any choir member or on the door.

LDFAS (Limpsfield Decorative and Fine Arts Society) has a full programme of lectures and welcomes new members. Membership allows you to participate in visits to stately homes, art galleries, museums and a host of other places. We also arrange study days and study tours. We meet in St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield, on the last Wednesday of each month, (the Christmas lecture is held earlier in December). There are no lectures in July and August. We have two separate sessions: the afternoon lecture at 2.30pm which is followed by refreshments, and the evening lecture at 8pm, with refreshments beforehand from 7.15pm. Membership enquiries, or those bringing visitors, should contact Mrs Rosemary Buchan on 722294. The next meeting will be on:

Wednesday 27 November 2013, St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield
Love and Loss: The Story of Orpheus and Eurydice in Art and Music

Lecturer Lois Oliver will explore the wealth of art and music on the theme of Orpheus and Eurydice. It will display a rich array of paintings, as well as musical examples from Monteverdi, Gluck and Offenbach.



Hurst Green School (3 - 7 yrs) Christmas Fair

Saturday 23 November, 10am to 12 noon
 Christmas gifts, crafts, tombola, raffle, refreshments and lots more!
 Entry: Children free, Adults 50p

More Dates for your Diary 2013

- 4 & 6 ...and every Monday and Wednesday, Harry's ACOL Rubber Bridge Club, Oxted Red Cross Centre, 1.15-4pm, 715900 or 713128
- 5 Nov Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-1pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 7 Nov ...and every Thursday, Oxted Country Market, 10-11.30am, Oxted Red Cross Centre
- 11 Nov Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Methodist Hall, 2.45-4.15pm - Desert Island Discs
- 12 Nov Carers' Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12 noon B Harling 723034
- 12 Nov Oxted Parish Council, Oxted Community Hall, Church Lane, 7.35pm (public welcome)
- 13 Nov Oxted & Limpsfield Flower Society, 2pm, St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield:
Demonstrator - Graham Harmer, Christmas is Coming; competition - A Christmas Garland
- 13 Nov Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm: AGM (no meeting in December)
- 14 Nov Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm - Annual Meeting
- 19 Nov The Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30am-1pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 19 - 23 Oxted Operatic Society - Oliver! Barn Theatre, Oxted, 2.30 (Sat) and 7.30pm
- 25 Nov Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Methodist Hall, 2.45-4.15 - Bring & Buy Sale
- 29 - 30 Glow Theatre Group - Buggy Malone, Barn Theatre, Oxted, 7.30pm
- 3 Dec Tandridge Access Group, Oxted Council Offices, 2 - 4pm, Barbara Harling, 723034
- 5-6 Dec Glow Theatre Group - Dick Barton, The Excess of Evil, Barn Theatre, Oxted, 7.30pm
- 7 Dec Jive Talkin' (Bee Gees tribute band), Barn Theatre, Oxted, 7.45pm

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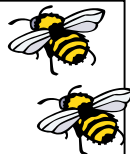
Oxted and Limpsfield Music Society

Hazelwood School's Centenary Theatre was packed on 12 October for the opening recital of the season. Sunwook Kim, the brilliant young South Korean pianist, gave a stunning performance of Beethoven's last three piano concertos.

The next concert is on **Saturday 16 November in St Peter's Church Limpsfield**, when the well known Carducci String Quartet will play works by Haydn, Shostakovitch and Beethoven. Tickets and information are available from **Pat Cruddas on 714630**

Children's Christmas Craft Session

For children 2 to 8 years and parents, £5 per child



Let your child make Christmas Crafts and play while you drink coffee and relax. Children cannot be left.

**Saturday 7 December 11am to 1pm
Hurst Green Busy Bees Playgroup
Hurst Green Evangelical Church**

Also, open for all for Bric a brac, Books, Teas, Coffee, Cakes, raffle
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THE WOODHOUSE CENTRE

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The Diamond Hurst Green, 716040

Book now for Christmas, Party/Group Booking Max 35, 2 Courses £15.95, 3 Courses £19.95 Buffets can be catered and priced as to your requirements, max 50 people. Live Music or DJ can also be provided. **Christmas Day** one sitting 12.30-3.30pm, 4 Courses £50pp, children half price - places are starting to fill! Pop in and see our Chef Rob for menus/booking forms or any special requests you may have.

Tom, Jacqui & Team look forward to spending the Festive Season with you.

**Support your Local:
'USE OR LOSE'**

The OTT website

Our local Fair Trade main stockist is OTT (Opportunities Through Trade), based at Robert Denholm House on the A25, just this side of Nutfield. Margaret and George Young who run OTT now have a website, opportunitiesthroughtrade.co.uk. Currently it is a brand new website and has not had enough 'hits' to be easy to find, but 'opportunitiesthroughtrade' will also bring up the contact details for OTT. The new website is very helpful with lots of information about the wide range of Fair Trade goods.

Oxted Area Artists Christmas Craft Fair in the room over Oxted Library

**Saturday 30 November
10.30am to 3.30pm**

Free Entrance to all
Access either via lift in the Library or the stairs by the entrance to the Oxted Health Centre

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OXTED SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday 16 November
10am - 2pm**

**Oxted School Sports Hall
Bluehouse Lane, Oxted**



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PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of God's Church:

13 October Archie Sene
20 October Maxim Ewer

Funerals

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3 October Alfred Neville
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St John's Book of Remembrance

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