



HURST GREEN NEWS

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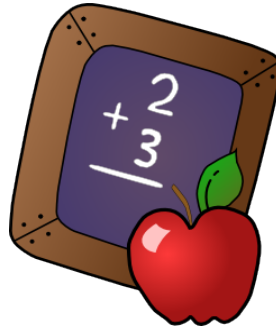
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New Term

A group of animals got together in the forest one day and decided to start a school. There was a rabbit, a bird, a squirrel, a fish, and an eel. They formed a board of education and tried to create a curriculum.



The rabbit insisted that burrowing in the ground be in the curriculum. The fish insisted on swimming. The squirrel insisted that tree climbing be included and the bird wanted flying. They put all these courses together and wrote a curriculum guide. Then they insisted that all of the animals take all of the subjects.



Although the rabbit was getting an A in burrowing, tree climbing was a real problem for him; he kept falling over backwards. Pretty soon he injured his head from these falls and he couldn't burrow well any more. He found that instead of making an A in burrowing, he was making a C and of course, he always got an F in tree climbing.

The bird was really beautiful at flying, but when it came to burrowing in the ground, he couldn't do it so well. He kept breaking his beak and wings. Pretty soon he was making a C in flying as well as an F in burrowing and he had a very bad time with tree climbing.



The squirrel was terrific at tree climbing, but was so afraid of the water that he failed swimming altogether. The fish was easily the best at swimming in his class, but he wouldn't get out of the water to come to any of the other classes. The eel did everything in a half-hearted way. But the teachers were happy because everybody was taking all the subjects in their broad based educational curriculum. (From *Everything You've Heard is Wrong* by Tony Campolo, Dallas: Word, 1992, page 130)

September sees the start of a new school year. So it seems an apt time to remember that whilst we all have talents and gifts given to us by God, we can't be good at everything! God never intended for everyone to be the same. In fact, he created us all differently because he loves our variety so much!

The body of Christ, the church, was designed by God to include everyone - we all need each other to build community. So, as we get back into the usual routine remember you don't have to be good at everything, as long as you have given it your all. No one is good at everything but God has given each of us a talent to use to enhance our community! God bless *Revd Karen Bell*

Hurst Green Village Fair

The 2013 Hurst Green Village Fair will be held on the Green at St Agatha's on Saturday 21 September. Entry is free as always. Opening time will be 1.30pm, but the BBQ will be firing up from 12.30pm. This year the theme is 'Musicals'. The Oxted Band will play and two choirs, 'Belle Accord' and 'inChoir', will be singing. There will be stalls, games, and rides for children, and Marjin will be leading our fancy dress parade, and working his magic with his amazing circus skills.

Meet up with friends in St Agatha's Hall for tea and cake during the afternoon, or enjoy ice creams under the trees. The Committee members will be on hand in the tent at the centre of the Green, and we wish you all a very enjoyable time at the Fair.

If you would like your organisation or Club to be considered for a donation please contact us on **01883 713184** or email hgvfair@hotmail.co.uk.

Marie Dowbiggin

Quilt to be raffled

The Hurst Green Quilters Group have worked hard throughout the year to complete a 6ft x 8ft House Quilt that I'm sure many of you will have seen pictured recently in the County Border News. It is to be raffled at the Village Fair on 21 September and the group would love to have your support to raise as much money as they can as the proceeds of the raffle are to be divided between the Hurst Green Youth Club and the Girl Guides. The quilt will be on display in St John's Room, St John's Church, Hurst Green between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 14 September for those who wish to see it.

Hilary Moore

Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's, Sunday, 6 October Communion services at 8am and 10am

At our 10 o'clock service, we will thank God for his many gifts to us, but instead of bringing harvest produce and goods to church, we will be invited to contribute money to purchase, through 'Send a Cow', items to help families in the Third World feed themselves. We did this last year, and were able to supply 80 fruit trees, 70 chicks, 96 ducks, a pair of buffaloes, 2 herds of goats and 5 sets of seeds and hoes to people of six different countries. The options for this year will be displayed during the service and there will be the opportunity for each of us to choose which one we will contribute to.



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
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

OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God
21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted - 730406
 Service includes story-time for children,
 Junior Church, and communion monthly
Minister: David Skitt - 01342 837449

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

ST SILVAN'S, STAFFHURST WOOD

8am Eucharist
 6.30pm Evensong (2nd and 4th Sundays)

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

Centenary Book

As part of the centenary celebrations I have written a short illustrated book about the growth of the Hurst Green community and the story of the church built to serve it, called

A HUNDRED YEARS IN HURST GREEN THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

It is available from the Church, Payden's in Oxted or the Limpsfield Book Shop, or direct from the author, email hgncompiler@gmail.com. The price is £5.

Kathleen McCarthy



IT IS TIME FOR THE GREAT HURST GREEN BAKE OFF!



We need your baking skills to provide cakes for the St John's Church Cake Stall at the Hurst Green Fair on Saturday 21 September.

If you feel like being especially creative, the theme for the fair is Musicals. However all cakes, biscuits, flapjacks, scones etc etc are accepted. Please make sure that they are wrapped in clingfilm and on a disposable plate as people will be taking them home.



Don't forget to label the cakes so we know what they are.

Please deliver them to the stall on The Green from 11am on Saturday 21st or leave in the porch at St John's Church on Friday 20th. Any queries please call Tricia on **01883 370204** or email triciawhyte43@gmail.com.

Hurst Green Singers - the joy of singing together

Over 50 years ago, in December 1961, the Revd John Bickersteth asked a small number of singers to accompany a performance in St John's Church, Hurst Green of T. S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*. Afterwards, the group continued to meet informally at the old vicarage in Church Way to sing madrigals and part-songs for their own enjoyment, actively encouraged by John Bickersteth and his wife Rosemary, who played the piano for them. And so Hurst Green Singers was born. The principal concern of the Singers then as now was to enjoy music and to give pleasure to their audiences.

While the Singers have no official connection with St John's, the Choir has always enjoyed a happy relationship with the clergy there and over the years has been involved in many services, musical events and fund-raising concerts. In October 2011, the Singers held a special Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate their

50th Anniversary, when John Bickersteth now in his nineties, was again present.

There are now two regular concerts in St John's each year, one at Christmas and one in the summer. More recently the Choir has combined with Shoreham Singers for their summer concert, with a further performance in Shoreham Church as part of the Sevenoaks Festival.



although not essential when you start. Currently the Choir is particularly anxious to attract more tenors and basses, but anyone who enjoys singing or thinks that they might do so will always be welcome.

The Choir reconvenes for the Christmas term at 8pm on Tuesday 3 September and there is to be an Open Evening on Tuesday 17 September when potential members will be able to meet the Choir and join them for drinks and nibbles before singing together.

The main piece for the Christmas Concert, which will be on Sunday 15 December, is *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast* by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, with shorter pieces by Elgar and Britten, together with carols.

For more information about the Choir and future concerts, go to the website www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk

Stephen Mills

More Dates for your Diary 2013

- 5 Sep ...and every Thursday, Oxted Country Market, 10-11.30am, Oxted Red Cross Centre
 9 Sep Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Methodist Hall, 2.45-4.15pm - Quiz Afternoon
 10 Sep Carers' Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12 noon, B Harling 723034
 10 Sep Oxted Parish Council, Oxted Community Hall, Church Lane, 7.35pm (public welcome)
 11 Sep Oxted & Limpsfield Flower Society, 2pm, St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield:
 Demonstrator - Nel de Jong-Smith 'Florabundance', Competition - Autumn Feast
 11 Sep Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's, 8pm: Plants for Bees, Nick Withers
 12 Sep Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm - History and insight of the RSPCA
 14 Sep Hurst Green Gardening Club Flower and Produce Show, St Agatha's Hall, 2pm
 17 Sep The Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30am-1pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
 22 Sep Musical Memories: Surrey Guards Ensemble - from Broadway to West End, Barn Theatre
 23 Sep Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Methodist Hall, 2.45-4.15 - Chairotics with Hazel
 25 Sep Hurst Green School Open Morning, 9.45-11.45am (see separate box below for details)
 1 Oct Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-1pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
 1 Oct Tandridge Access Group, Oxted Council Offices, 2 - 4pm, Barbara Harling, 723034
 5 Oct Hurst Green Gardening Club Saturday Jumble Sale, St Agatha's Hall, 11am
 8 Oct Carers' Group, Community Room, Eastlands Close, Oxted, 10.30-12 noon B Harling 723034

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Hurst Green School (3-7 Years)



OPEN MORNING

For the School and Nursery
Wednesday 25 September 2013
9:45am - 11:45am

- Visit our School and Nursery, set in spectacular grounds
 - Observe a normal day in the classroom
 - See how we care, learn and achieve together using our excellent facilities
 - Experience the Hurst Green welcome and, over a cup of tea or coffee, ask the Headteacher, Governors and friends of the school any questions you may have
- Wolfs Wood, Hurst Green, RH8 0HJ, 712171**
Headteacher: Mrs J Atkins

The Diamond, Hurst Green: 01883 716040

Sat 28 September 'The Diamond Dinner Date' a delicious 3 course meal including a glass of wine plus a fantastic evening of live entertainment with Steve Simpson, from 7.30pm, £40 per Couple, call to reserve now, places are limited.

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Alzheimer's Society Annual Memory Walk. Sunday 22 September at Denbies Vineyard, Dorking

This year the location has changed to Denbies Vineyard near Dorking instead of at Godstone as in the past. It will be a bigger event than in previous years. There are 2km or 10km walks, with entertainment and catering on site. It promises to be a fun day out, suitable for all ages and family groups. All the money raised goes to the Alzheimer's Society, helping to provide support for families and essential research.



To sign up for the walk visit
memorywalk.org.uk or
 phone **0845 306 0898**

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage

We wish them every happiness in their future lives together:

31 August Ashley Leggatt and Jodie Marks

Funerals

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5 August William Dennis

14 August Susan Crane

30 August Robert Williams

St John's Book of Remembrance

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Friday 9.15am, St Agatha's Hall (Hurst Green) - Pilates
Friday 10.30am, St Agatha's Hall - Mothers and Babies Pilates, Conditioning Class
Friday 12 noon, Evangelical Church (Hurst Green) - Backcare Pilates

All classes only £8 per session (discounts available)

More information: Emese, **07719 917460**, or emese.pomezanski@gmail.com

Children's Church

For toddlers and children who have just started school



Monday, 23 September
3.30pm at St John's Church

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 Further information - 715769
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