

HURST GREEN NEWS

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The Community of St John's

This Hurst Green News should arrive on your doormat soon after Mothering Sunday. Traditionally Mothering Sunday is sometimes known as 'Refreshment Sunday' and gives folk a breather during the discipline of Lent which began a few weeks earlier just after Shrove Tuesday. At St John's we will enjoy some simnel cake and sherry after the mothers' day service (9.30am). The delicious fruit cake reminds us of what lies ahead with the eleven marzipan balls on the top representing all the disciples bar Christ's betrayer, Judas.



In fact, the bible readings that go with us through Lent and Holy Week remind us that all Jesus' friends deserted him when they sensed the foreboding of the cross which was to come. The Maundy Thursday service re-enacts the night of Christ's last supper with his friends after which nearly all fled and left him. If you've never experienced the power of the liturgy on that day, I encourage you to come (8pm on Thursday 24th at St John's).

It's all very unsettling because the community of believers who had been so faithful to Jesus suddenly are not. He is virtually alone save for the hope and belief that his heavenly father must be with him.

Jesus' circle of friends were vital to his life and ministry and would be again after his resurrection. Our friends and family and community are important to us too. We live in different communities - virtual, workplace, friends... But our local, geographical community roots us and there is always a desire amongst local people to pull together and celebrate who we are here in Hurst Green and Oxted.

At St John's we like to do that too. At Christmas we launched 'the Community of St John's' which invites you to keep in touch more with the myriad of things on offer in and through the church. There are leaflets about it available in church and around the community or you can find out more on www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk. We also have big plans for Sunday 12 June on the Queen's 90th Birthday weekend. We are hosting a community picnic celebration on the green with a wonderful line-up of musicians, singers and other performers both to entertain and help us all to celebrate not just the Queen's birthday but all we are as a community. So save the date. And do let me know if you would like to be involved or help in anyway.

Finally, Jesus' resurrection which we celebrate on Easter day was the moment when a new community was born. The church. We're still here today over 2000 years later. That too is something to celebrate and enjoy. Love and prayers,

Revd Anna Eltringham, Vicar of St John's Hurst Green and St George's Crowhurst

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday 12 June from 12 noon
Queen's 90th Birthday
Community Picnic on the Green
with entertainment

**Creative Community Garden Project
LAUNCH EVENT**
Saturday 12 March, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Hurst Green Community Centre

Creative Community is working on making a community garden. Come along to find out how to contribute and get involved.

Informal drop in afternoon for all ages
Tea and cake

Local groups involved so far are Mighty Oaks Youth Club, Hurst Green Gardening Club, Hurst Green Community Centre, Little Oaks Nursery, Men in Sheds and local churches. Add your name to the list!

With support from
Tandridge Health & Wellbeing Board

Email: creativecommunityhg@gmail.com



Easter Craft Morning
Saturday 26 March
St Agatha's Hall from 10am

Children and their parents/carers are welcome to a morning of

EASTER CRAFTS AND SONGS

ending with a light lunch for the children.
Organised by local churches in Hurst Green

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY
Friday 1 April, 12noon -3pm
Hurst Green Methodist Church



Dressing up parade from 12pm: dress up as any Alice in Wonderland character. The Mad Hatter's Party has lots of fun with games and face painting for the kids.

There will be food and drink available. You need to book tickets: £2.50 Child, £5 Adults. Please go to the website:

www.coffeemorning3.wix.com/coffeemorning or contact Matt on 01883 818469

Money raised will go to help the Forget Me Not coffee mornings which are held on the first Friday of every month.

For more information visit the coffee morning website <http://forgetmenotcoffeemorning.uk>

Matthew Leadbeater

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A Bereavement Support Group is being planned to begin in April.

If you would be interested, please contact

Revd Anna Eltringham
(Vicar of St John's)

as soon as possible, email: office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk or phone 712674.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

at Aggies-on-the-Green
Community Coffee Shop
on Wednesdays, 9.30am - 12/12.30pm

Could you help?

Details from Pearl, 722343

The Coffee Shop will be closed
on 23 and 30 March
re-opening on 6 April



HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!

The next issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 2 April 2016. Please send material for that issue, including items for the diary, no later than **FRIDAY, 18 MARCH 2016** to The Compiler, 3 Parklands, Oxted, RH8 9DP; e-mail: hgncompiler@gmail.com. The Compiler reserves the right to edit copy. The Hurst Green News is published by St John's Parochial Church Council (Registered Charity 1133107) as a church and community newsletter.

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HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
 Crèche and Children's groups - all ages
 Holy Communion, David Gresham House
12 noon
Other services: details in church porch
12 noon Weekday Eucharist
Wednesday Anna Eltringham, 712674, 14 Oast Road
Vicar: (day off - Friday)
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller - 715675, 11 Home Park
Southwark Monica Fenton - 715769
Pastoral Auxiliaries: Pearl Hobson - 712366

METHODIST CHURCH, HURSTLANDS

10.30am Morning Worship and Junior Church
6.30pm Evening Service - 1st Sunday of the month
Minister: Karen Bell - 371346 (day off - Friday)

EVANGELICAL CHURCH ON HURST GREEN

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

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

OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God
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10am Sunday Service includes story-time for children,
 Junior Church, and communion monthly

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.

Holland Sports and Social Association

Situated in Mill Lane in the heart of Hurst Green, the Sports & Social Association is exactly what its name suggests. The clubhouse is surrounded by a 6 acre playing field, which is a 'Field in Trust' (formerly known as King George's Fields). It has a skate park, children's playground and a range of outdoor exercise equipment for public use, all of which have been recently refurbished.

Over the past 30 years, the Club has helped to produce a number of successful athletes and professional footballers. With its own floodlit all-weather track, dedicated DBS checked coaching staff, and miles upon miles of countryside footpaths and quiet roads, it has become one of the most popular clubs in the district for children and adults alike. The clubhouse is also home to Holland Sports FC, who started out as Holland Rovers back in 1930. They currently play in the Kent County West Premier division. We also have a number of junior teams, with new players always welcome.

The Social Club has not forgotten its sporting roots, but is tailored towards less energetic sports, including darts, pool, poker, bingo and the hugely popular 'watching the footie on the box!' We frequently host open events for the local community, including a summer fun day, a free fireworks night, and regular live music events featuring some of the best local artists and bands. Over the past year we have refurbished the clubhouse, and have plenty more improvements planned for 2016. We're proud still to have probably the cheapest bar prices in Surrey! Food is served Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes and Saturday mornings.

Membership starts at £12 per person, rising to £22 for a family. For more information contact the clubhouse on 716529, or just come in and say 'hello'. There is more information on the website:

www.hollandsportsclub.co.uk

HOLLANDSPORTS



Our Old Bramley Apple Tree

Two winters ago (before this one) I spent a weekend in February around Brighton and Lewes on a course run by the Brighton Permaculture Trust on Pruning Old Apple Trees. It was brilliant, both theory and practical experience were given; Bryn Thomas being the knowledgeable lecturer.

We inherited an old apple tree when moving to Mill Lane and it needed some attention. Aesthetically it is very beautiful with spring blossom alive with insects and large forked branches, low down, which the grandchildren find easy to climb and move up to hide in the canopy. But I wanted to improve its production; it had lots of small fruit. So equipped with the recommended tools and my new found knowledge I have been having a go at improving it. Fortunately it is important not to take out too many branches all at once - spread it out

Baxter is retiring!



Baxter is a gregarious fun-loving little Border terrier. Small with a big heart, he is no ordinary dog. To date he has walked many, many miles with East Surrey Walkers, turning out in all weathers and even continuing to walk following two leg operations.

Within a few weeks, he will be retiring as a hearing dog for the deaf trained by a charity called *Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*. For many years, Baxter has been Adam's companion in a real working partnership; he has been specially trained to alert his severely deaf master to everyday household sounds and alarms and life's surprises. With Adam, he has also been a great ambassador for the hearing dogs charity giving presentations and publishing a book to raise funds - Adam that is, not Baxter!

Readers will be pleased to know that in his retirement Baxter is going to continue walking with East Surrey Walkers so he can spend more time with his friends Cody, Remy and Flash - dogs of course but humans, especially walkers, are very welcome too.

For more information about East Surrey Walkers, please visit www.eastsurreywalkers.co.uk.

over at least three years to avoid water shoots so the theory goes. This will be my third winter pruning and the branches in the canopy are becoming less crowded and I hope this next year the fruit will be larger. There is an old saying: you should be able to throw your hat through the branches! But production isn't everything. We have a project for this coming year to build a platform across the lower branches so the grandchildren can have picnics there. We're assembling the materials and thinking about how best to construct it.

If you are interested in apple trees, have a look at the Brighton Permaculture Trust's website: www.brightonpermaculture.co.uk. They have an Apple Day in the autumn which I must get to one year and I want to get into juicing. Another course?

Janet Bradshaw, Hurst Green Gardening Club

Dates for your Diary 2016

- 7 Mar.....and every Monday and Wednesday, Harry's ACOL Rubber Bridge Club, Oxted Red Cross Centre, 1.15-4pm, 715900 or 713128
- 9 Mar Oxted and Limpsfield Flower Society, 2pm St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield. Sue Aston - The Funny Side of Life; competition - In Harmony (www.olfs.org.uk)
- 10 Mar Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Members' Social
- 11-12 Young Oxted Players, Alice in Wonderland, Barn Theatre, www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk
- 14 Mar Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45-4.15pm - Age UK talk by Jenny Merritt and Kerry Carter. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031. No meeting 28 March
- 22 Mar Hurst Green Quilters Group, 10.30-12.30pm, 72 Chestnut Copse, Hilary Moore, 723207
- 2 Apr Hurst Green Country Music Club Dance, 8-11.15pm Hurst Green Community Centre first Saturday of every month. New members welcome: phone 714916

Hurst Green News can also be read on www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES, 20 - 27 MARCH

St John's Church

Palm Sunday, 8am:	Holy Eucharist 9.30am Parish Eucharist with palm crosses and reading of the Passion Eucharist and Reflection
Holy Monday, 8pm:	Reflective worship, music and Eucharist
Holy Tuesday, 8pm:	Eucharist and Reflection
Holy Wednesday, noon	Reflective worship, music and Eucharist
Maundy Thursday, 8pm	Eucharist and foot washing
Good Friday, 9.30am	Eucharist and Reflection
Holy Saturday, 7pm	Liturgy of Good Friday
Easter Sunday, 6.30am	Night Prayer
	Dawn Eucharist on the Green near St Agatha's Hall 8am Holy Eucharist and 9.30am Eucharist for all ages, lighting of Easter Candle and renewal of Baptism vows



Hurst Green Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday, 8pm Service led by Revd Karen Bell
Easter Sunday, 10.30am All-age worship with Holy Communion

Hurst Green Evangelical Church

Easter Sunday, 10.45am Easter celebration

HANNAH ROSE VINTAGE & VILLAGE LIFE FAYRE

Saturday 12 March, 10am-3pm
St Agatha's Hall, Hurst Green

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Staffhurst Wood Car Park

The car park beside St Silvan's, which is owned by Surrey County Council and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust may be closed in order to save about £1,000 a year.

The car park is much used by many Hurst Green residents; if you would like to add your voice to the ongoing discussions, please contact either:

Andrew.Jamieson@surreywt.org.uk
or rod.edbrooke@surreycc.gov.uk.

Donna Carman

St Agatha's Hall
Booking Secretary
Marjorie Walker, 714492

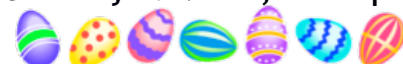
Children's Church
For toddlers and children who have just started school



Monday, 21 March, 3.30pm
St John's Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Anyone looking after your children is welcome to bring them.
Further information - 715769

Holland Junior School presents
THE EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Saturday 19 March, from 1pm



Come along for a "Cracking time" at the school's biggest annual fund raiser taking place at the school, filling classrooms, the school hall and playground with fun things for all ages
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EASTER FUN

If you are a local business or organisation wishing to donate a prize to our very popular Raffle and Silent Auction, or you require further information, please contact
Ann-Marie Saumarez, 715035 or ammy.saumarez@googlemail.com
Holland School Association Registered Charity 1122449

To celebrate Easter 2016



On 24 March, Maundy Thursday, the Hurst Green churches will be giving away hot cross buns to early morning commuters at Hurst Green Station from 6.45am.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of God's Church:

14 February Philip Langham
21 February Joshua Walker

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends:

11 February Peter Budge
24 February Brian Charman
26 February Victor Schooling
3 March Moira Altwegg
4 March Mary Malone

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered, please phone Diana on 712845.

Confirmation at St John's Church

Confirmation classes for adults will be held at St John's after Easter. Attending a confirmation course over a series of sessions is an opportunity to explore further with others the spiritual side of our lives through discussion, the Bible and through prayer.

Coming along to these sessions does not commit you to be confirmed at the end, but enables you to dig deeper and consider if it is something you are now ready to do.

If you think you might like to take this opportunity to explore things further,

please contact Revd Anna Eltringham, 712674 or office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk.

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