



HURST GREEN NEWS

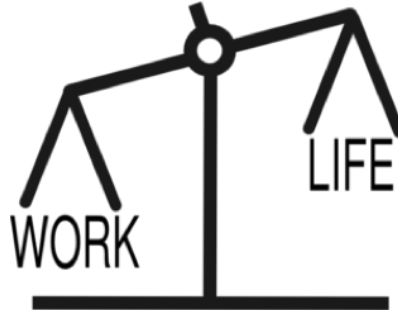
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BALANCE

Are you weary and heavy laden? Do you get time to relax and recharge your batteries? Lent is the season when the local churches together offer a joint Lent course. It is a great opportunity to get together with folk from other church congregations and meet new people. This year the study was a course called Balance which challenged us to consider our own well being.



The course began by drawing a pie chart, of how we spend our week; sleep, work, domestic, rest, play. Many struggled to fill it in and there was a feeling of somehow not giving enough time to God, to relax, to play. Comments like, 'Do I play?', 'I don't get much time to relax'. Feelings of guilt, even resentment were creeping in.

We went on to explore the word Sabbath. Sabbath comes from the Hebrew word Shabbat which means to pause, to cease, to be still. It brought to mind the fourth Commandment, observe the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. I always connected Sabbath to Sunday, a day of rest. Like some of you I remember when shops were closed on Sunday, you didn't hang out washing, you went to church and you only played quiet games. These days Sunday can seem like any other day.

In the story of creation in the Bible it says 'In six days God created the world and on the seventh day he rested'. During our study I realised that when God rested on the seventh day he didn't just have a sleep after his hard work. He paused and took time to rejoice, to delight and to revel in all he had made.

Jesus said Sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath. It is a gift, an opportunity to take time for restoration, creativity and play, to do things which could well be considered a waste of time! A time to bless others, a time to draw aside and enjoy the wonders of creation and be thankful for all the good things we have.

The study pointed out that this is not just confined to a Sabbath day. We need to take Sabbath moments daily, to develop a Sabbath attitude of thanksgiving, appreciating others and enjoying life in our lives. To approach extended times of stopping and waiting, enforced or chosen, as Sabbath seasons to enjoy what is, and not to fret about what is not.

Sabbath is about liberation, wholeness and well being for us, and a time for us to bless others. Practising Sabbaths will give us balance in our lives; God had our well being at heart. *Margaret Cox, Pastor, Hurst Green Evangelical Church*

Christian Aid Week

14 - 20 May 2017

Between 14 and 20 May many homes in Hurst Green will receive a RED ENVELOPE asking you to support Christian Aid. This year the focus is the fact that Christian Aid has been there for refugees since 1945. Christian Aid works with people living in poverty, regardless of religion, race or gender. Envelopes are available at St John's Church. They can be returned either to The Vicarage, 14 Oast Road, to St John's Church or by posting to FREEPOST, Christian Aid.

At Hurst Green Methodist Church envelopes will be available at the 10.30am Sunday services and other church events; and it is hoped to have a service on a Christian Aid theme on 7 May 2017.



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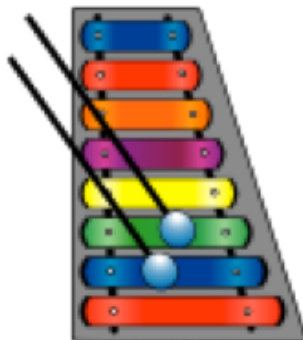
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HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
 Crèche and Children's groups - all ages
11.30am, 3rd Sunday Café Service, refreshments from 11am
12 noon Holy Communion, David Gresham House
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 Pastoral Auxiliary: Monica Fenton - 715769

METHODIST CHURCH, HURSTLANDS

10.30am Morning Worship, Café Church 1st Sunday
4pm Messy Church - 4th Sunday of the month
Minister: Karen Bell - 371346 (day off - Friday)

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

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Parish Priest Fr Simon Hall - 713776

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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.

Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired

Meetings held at the Methodist Church Hall
 Hurst Green, 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month
 2.45pm to 4.15pm

Transport can be arranged.

An informal Social Club which aims to give those with sight problems the opportunity to join in with Speakers, Activities, Quizzes, Games, Outings and information. Somewhere people with sight loss can exchange views and experiences and gain practical help from like-minded people

Loss of sight can be daunting and isolating. Volunteers are always welcome.

Details of meetings are included in 'Dates for your Diary' on page 3 of Hurst Green News.

Contact: Diana 01883 742708

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this information, please pass it on.

Tackling elder exploitation in our communities

Katy Bourne, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex, has made tackling elder exploitation one of her top priorities in a bid to protect older people in the county from financial abuse.

It is known that fraud against our older and more vulnerable residents is a growing issue as the population ages and criminals see that fraud is more profitable and less risky than other crimes. In Sussex, fraud has robbed some older people of their entire life savings and left others destitute. Katy Bourne has been lobbying the Government to take account of demographics when calculating the amount of funding allocated to each police force and to acknowledge the rise in crimes against the elderly. Sussex Police have developed Operation Signature to help protect and support those most at risk of fraud; the model has been nationally recognised and is being adopted by other police forces.

The problem is that many people do not realise they have been a victim of fraud. They think it's just a scam, or feel foolish and don't want to tell anyone. But scams are fraud and fraud is a crime so anyone who has been affected by doorstep crime, postal fraud or nuisance calls is urged to report it.

You can call the police on 101 or report fraud by speaking directly to the advisers at Action Fraud, the national fraud reporting centre, by phoning 0300 123 2040. They will also be able to give you help and advice about fraud and you can remain anonymous if you prefer. UK-wide charity Action on Elder Abuse operates a confidential helpline on 080 8808 8141 which offers advice and support on all aspects of elder abuse.

Trading Standards also want to know about online fraud or mobile phone scams; any information you share may help them shut down fraudsters before others fall victim to them. You can report incidents, whether you are a victim or have just been targeted, via the Citizen's Advice Consumer Helpline on 0345 404 05 06.

You can sign up for Katy Bourne's weekly newsletter at www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/spcc-newsletter/

Oxted One World Group Open Gardens Day Monday 29 May, 2-6pm



Five local gardens of all shapes and sizes will be open on the Bank Holiday Monday and there will be tea, cakes and a plant stall. Tickets, £6 before the event or £7 on the day, give admission to all

the gardens and are available from Knights Garden Centre, Paydens, Second Hand Bookshop (Station Road West, Oxted), Limpsfield Memorial Stores and Robert Leech.

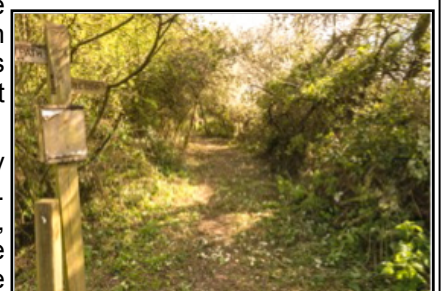
The Oxted One World Group is a local charity, founded in 1983. Organised by volunteers, its small overheads are covered by subscriptions from its 400 members. It raises around £40,000 a year for overseas aid projects, including £748 at its Hurst Green Fair Bottle Stall last September. More information at: www.oneworldgroup.org.uk

Local Footpath Improved - Tony Pearson, East Surrey Walkers



For some time the public footpath that goes from the side of Stockett's Manor to Warren Lane has been impassable to all but the intrepid. Brambles, branches and other vegetation made it very difficult to get through, as well as a large fallen tree across the path.

But thanks to Ramblers volunteers from East Surrey Walkers the path is now open and fully accessible. With planned budget cuts by Surrey County Council, the role of volunteers is likely to become even more essential if our local rights of way network is to be maintained.



'Before' and 'after' photographs by Benedict Southworth and John Nathan

Dates for your Diary 2017

- 8 May Mon & Wed: Harry's Bridge Club, Red Cross Hall, Oxted, 1.15-4pm, 715900 / 7144329
 8 May Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45pm, Methodist Church Hall -
 Tea Outing to Haskins, Snowhill Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031
 10 May Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm: Penshurst Place - Cory Fernmoor
 11 May Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Resolutions Meeting
 22 May Tandridge Club for Visually Impaired, 2.45pm, Methodist Hall - Fun with Flowers

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

Spring is Nature's Way of saying Let's Party! - Robin Williams



As the days warm in May our woodlands spring to life with an amazing display of colour. Bluebells signal the arrival of spring, covering our woodlands in a carpet of blue. Other woodland plants bursting forth are wood anemones, lords and ladies, red campion, garlic mustard and early purple orchid.

With four walks a week there is no better time to party with East Surrey Walkers.

From bluebell, evening, fitness and amble walks, there is something for everyone. And there is often the opportunity to join us for a drink or meal afterwards.

For full details of the programme go to www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

Walks in May

Thursday 11 May: 12 miles, Reigate Heath and picnic lunch - *Brian 01883 349129*

Thursday 18 May: 3 mile silent walk, Limsfield Chart with optional pub stop at the Carpenters Arms - *Amanda 01883 712303*

Tuesday 23 May: 3½ mile fitness workout, Limsfield Chart - *Tony 01883 716980*

Wednesday 24 May: 6 mile country walk, Woldingham - *Keith 01882 716637*

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Funerals

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| 6 April | Derek Dudley |
| 13 April | Ada Squire |
| 26 April | Geoffrey Haskins |

St John's Book of Remembrance

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

Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 28 May at 4-6pm

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Please do come and support us!

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St Agatha's Hall
Booking Secretary
Marjorie Walker, 714492 or
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The 41st Annual General Meeting of the Hurst Green Community Association will be held at **8pm on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at Hurst Green Community Centre** We're behind the shops in Pollards Oak Road – we're also the local Polling Station.

All hirers and residents of Hurst Green welcome! Refreshments will be available.

Ten interesting facts about the month of May:

- May is the month with the shortest name
- No month of the year either begins or ends on the same day as May
- In the Catholic church, May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- It is named after the Greek goddess, Maia who is the goddess of fertility
- The first day of May is often known as Labour Day or May Day
- Traditional English May Day rites include crowning a May Queen, celebrations involving a maypole and Morris dancing
- The saying 'ne'er cast a clout until May is out' actually refers to the hawthorn tree (known as the May tree), not the month of May
- The birthstone for May is the emerald which is the symbol of love and success
- It was once considered unlucky to get married in May: 'marry in May, rue the day'
- Nine UK prime ministers were born in May, which is more than any other month



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