



HURST GREEN NEWS

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What is that in your hand?

A friend shared recently what she had read in her daily bible reading notes for the day. When God called Moses (Exodus 4 v2) one of the first questions he asked him was 'What is that in your hand?' Moses was holding his shepherd's staff, the one he used each day to lead and protect the sheep. But God had a different plan for it - a greater one! He used it to part the Red Sea.

It is good sometimes to take a step back and to think about our talents, relationships, education, resources, experiences, our mind and our temperament. Dr Martin Seligman talks about our 'signature strengths':

- 1. Wisdom and Knowledge:** This is our capacity for curiosity and learning which brings about sound judgement.
- 2. Courage:** Rather than bravery, this is our willingness to persevere in tough times and to act with integrity in life.
- 3. Humanity:** Our capacity for kindness and mercy.
- 4. Justice:** Our willingness to act fairly and encourage others to do the same.
- 5. Temperance:** Which covers our self control.
- 6. Transcendence:** That's a word we do not see very often. This one intrigued me but is an appreciation for beauty, the expression of gratitude, the ability to hope and the capacity for joy.

We all have the capacity for each of these strengths but the ones that resonate most deeply within you are your signature strengths. I found this very thought provoking. This is just one way to identify our strengths. There are many tools about these days to help us define our talents, skills, gifting, personality traits, call it what you will. Most of us know what we are good at and what we find easy to do and what we find challenging. It is easy to settle into what we think we are but these 6 areas made me think beyond that to consider what I might improve on and develop. Does it identify some negative traits in me I would like to eradicate altogether?!!

I was particularly interested in the sixth point. Listening to the news these days it is so easy to despair but this challenged me to open my eyes and appreciate the beauty of creation around me, to be thankful for family and friends, food and shelter, medical services and education. Ask myself 'Where does my hope lie? Do I exercise joy in the life I lead?'

Sometimes these signature strengths can be challenged and called on beyond what we feel comfortable with or desire. We feel stretched beyond our limit; sick relatives, supporting our children, loss of job, death of a loved one. Yet further down the line we find we can support others in similar situations because we understand what they are going through. Have a think about where you are strong and where you would like to be stronger - then what are you going to do about it!

Margaret and Steven Cox, Pastors, Hurst Green Evangelical Church

Hurst Green Methodist Church

Our next Messy Church is on:

Sunday 24 September, 4-6pm
(4th Sunday of each month)

A free event for the whole family!



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

More information from Rolanda: 01342 892826

Harvest Thanksgiving at

St John's Church
Sunday, 1 October, 9.30am
Communion Service



All Ages Welcome

Come and thank God for his many gifts to us!

Hurst Green Village Fair Saturday 16 September, 1pm

The theme this time is 'Musicals' and we're featuring a special joint performance by Hurst Green Singers and The Oxted Band. The clown will be there, and for pet lovers we have the pet show. The fantastic BBQ will be selling high quality burgers with teas available in Aggies. We hope to have up to 40 stalls showcasing local charities and organisations, as well as performances from local dance groups. The top prize in the prize draw is a meal for 4 at the Haycutter when it re-opens in October. The fun starts at 1pm on 16 September, and best of all, admission is completely FREE.



Aggies-on-the-Green

The Community Coffee Shop, re-opens **Wednesday 6 September at 10.30am** after the summer break. As usual, teas will be provided at the HG Village Fair. More volunteers are always welcome - Phone 722343 to enquire.

Hurst Green and Holland Children's Centre

We have enjoyed two lovely Messy Play sessions this summer-despite the weather! We hope you have enjoyed the break from routine and feel ready to start the new term. Stay and Play starts back on Tuesday, 5 September, 9.30am-11am.

Health Drop-Ins continue as usual on Wednesday mornings 9.30am-10.45am.

We are offering a free 10 week Parenting Puzzle course starting on Friday mornings from 8 September.



Please contact the centre on the number below if you are interested in a place.

To see all the other services we provide and for our opening times please go to: www.hurstgreenchildrenscentre.co.uk. You can contact us on: 01883 723496 or by email from the website.

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
Wednesday **12 noon** Weekday Eucharist
Vicar: Anna Eltringham, 712674, 14 Oast Road (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: Kathy Flynn - 01883 371346

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

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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.

Returning on Wednesdays from 6 September 2017

YO-YOs

York Rooms Youngsters, a friendly local playgroup for parents and carers with babies through to pre-school children

Wednesdays 9.15 - 11.15am (term time only)

**York Rooms, St John's Church
Church Way, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA**

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More information call 01883 712674, email office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk or find us on Facebook and Twitter:



St Johns Hurst Green



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Give Volunteering a go and you too could be a Local Hero!

The first Tandridge Volunteers' Fair will take place on Saturday 9 September, 10.30am to 2.30pm at Oxted Community Hall, Church Lane, Oxted, RH8 9NB. The launch of the Tandridge Voluntary Service Council (TVSC) 'Local Heroes Awards' will be featured at the Fair, which is set to become an annual event. It is an opportunity for anyone considering volunteer work to come and see how to make a real difference in their community by meeting people from local voluntary organisations and discussing the options available.

The variety and scope of voluntary work available is enormous with something to suit everyone. Volunteering is a rewarding experience which greatly benefits both the community and the volunteer in many ways, including building confidence at work, learning new skills and meeting new people.

The 'Local Heroes Awards' are an exciting new initiative designed to recognise and reward the invaluable help and support given voluntarily by so many in our community. To be eligible, nominees must either live or work within Tandridge and receive no remuneration (apart from expenses) for their time. The awards will be attended by many local dignitaries including Sam Gyimah MP.

Categories include: Service up to 5 Years; Up to 10 Years; Lifetime 10+ Years; Young Volunteer Award for 16-25 year old volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to volunteering and who have inspired others to engage in volunteer service for their community; Team Award, volunteers who have excelled in their provision of help to a community, association or charity and finally Tandridge District Council's Chairman's Award for an 'Invisible Hero', who supports everyone else and keeps organisations going 'behind the scenes'.

So come along on 9 September and see how you can make a difference. You could become a Local Hero! More information from: www.tvsc.org.uk, info@tvsc.org.uk or 01883 722593.

Have your say about the locations put forward for new garden village

The next stage of the Local Plan is underway with a consultation, to run until 5pm on Monday 9 October, about the potential locations being considered to create a modern and sustainable garden village development. The locations are: Blindley Heath, Edenbridge, Land west of Edenbridge, Redhill Aerodrome and South Godstone. A garden village is a once in a generation opportunity to deliver affordable homes, new primary and secondary schools, health care facilities, road and highway improvements, local facilities, new open space and recreation and green infrastructure.

In March 2017, the Planning Policy Committee agreed the preferred strategy to be pursued in preparing the Local Plan. The Council believes this strategy will provide much needed homes and infrastructure by delivering development through a combination of a new garden village and some limited development within and on the edges of a number of our built up areas. The Council is committed to amending the Green Belt boundary only in locations where its purposes are not served, where community benefit is evident and where exceptional circumstances are demonstrated. This approach will enable the delivery of proper infrastructure to support homes in the district, including schools, a doctor's surgery, supermarket and investment in roads, preventing a scattergun approach to development.

You can find out more by attending one of the following public events:

Tuesday 5 September, 3.30-8pm: South Godstone Sports and Community Association Hall, The Pavilion, Lagham Road, South Godstone RH9 8HN

Friday 8 September, 3.30-8pm: Lingfield Primary School, Vicarage Road, Lingfield RH7 6HA

Thursday 14 September, 3.30-7.30pm: St John's Church Hall, Eastbourne Rd, Blindley Heath RH7 6JR

The Garden Villages Consultation document is also at www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan. Anyone can make comments, by visiting: www.consult.tandridge.gov.uk/portal, by e-mail localplan@tandridge.gov.uk and in writing to Tandridge District Council, 8 Station Road East, Oxted RH8 0BT.

We want to create a community led development where people are proud to live, work and visit.

Dates for your Diary 2017

- 2 Sep Titsey Place: House, Garden and Tearooms open from 1pm, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays (House not open Sundays)
- 4 Sep Mon & Wed: Harry's Bridge Club, Red Cross Hall, Oxted, 1.15-4pm, 715900 / 7144329
- 6 Sep Open Morning, 10am-12 noon, Hurst Green Busy Bees Pre-School and Forest School, Evangelical Church Hall, Hurst Green Road. More info: Marin Atkinson, 722796
- 11 Sep Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.45pm, Poppy Making afternoon at The Woodhouse Centre. Contact: Carol Leach, 01883 382031
- 13 Sep Oxted and Limpsfield Floral Design Club, 1.30 for 2pm, St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield - A few of my favourite things - Sue Thompson. Competition - The Grouping Technique
- 14 Sep Pollards Oak WI, Methodist Hall, 7.45pm: Talk - Painting on Silk, Elitta Fell
- 25 Sep Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Tea outing Knights Garden Centre, Nags Hall
- 6 Oct 10-12 Coffee Morning, Windmill Manor Care Home, 1st Friday of month, all welcome!

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



East Surrey Walkers

September Walks - most start at 10am

Short walks

- Tues 5th Kenley - Malcolm 01883 330270*
- Thurs 7th Wapping London - Liz 0208 651 5661 (History walk so pre book)
- Fri 8th Lingfield - Graham 01342 833453**
- Mon 11th Oxted - Helen 01883 712303*
- Tues 12th Bletchingley - Di 01883 717800
- Thurs 14th Woldingham - Alice 01883 652285*
- Sun 17th Limpsfield Chart - Tony 01883 716980***
- Tues 19th Godstone - Kate 01342 892393*
- Fri 22nd Chelsham - Nigel 01883 623181
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Stroller walks 5-7 miles

- Wed 6th South Nutfield - Kevin/Mark 01737 822995
- Sun 10th Outwood - Jeff 01883 743269
- Wed 13th Horley - Roger 01293 773603
- Sat 16th Victoria Station - Roy 0208 668 6847****
- Wed 20th Fordcombe - Fay or Ron 01732 300922
- Sun 24th Caterham on the Hill - Brian 01883 349129
- Wed 27th Edenbridge - Jim 01732 866787
- Sat 30th Ashdown Forest - Arthur 01883 713207

Long walks 8-12 miles

- Sat 9th Penshurst - Barbara 01883 780205
- Sat 23rd Nutley, E Sussex - Phil 01883 730364
- *Fitness walk **6pm start ***2pm start ****10.30 start
- www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk



An A-Z of Musical Theatre
Sunday 17 September, 7pm
The Barn Theatre, Oxted
in aid of The Sandcastle Trust
sandcastletrust.org a small Surrey based charity which supports families affected by rare genetic conditions

Directed by Sam Hillier, with current and past West End cast members
 Tickets £17 from 01959 561811 or www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

HURST GREEN SINGERS

If you enjoy singing and are looking for a good local choir to sing with, then why not join Hurst Green Singers? We are a local choral group for which there are no auditions. We return from our summer break in September when there will be a social event to welcome new and prospective members. At Christmas, we will be performing Handel's Messiah. Please do come along on **Tuesday 12 September at 7.30pm** to St John's Church, Hurst Green - we look forward to seeing you.

St Agatha's Hall
Booking Secretary
Marjorie Walker, 714492 or
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk/st-agathas-hall/make-an-enquiry

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St John's, Church Way
11 for 11.30am
Sunday 17 September
 (3rd Sunday of every month)

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For more info, call 01883 712674 or e-mail office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

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St John's Church

When? **Fortnightly on Thursdays**
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- 3 Sept Aurelia Cochran
- 3 Sept Charles Allinson
- 3 Sept Martha Eagar
- 10 Sept Scarlett Wilkinson
- 17 Sept Oliver Dunbar

Marriage

We wish them every happiness in their future lives together:

- 22 Sept Emily Tomlins and John ('David') Brown

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends:

- 17 Aug Jade Alston
- 25 Aug Audrey Tiller

St John's Book of Remembrance

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Thursday 7 September, 8pm
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 TPS meets weekly in Godstone and is looking to welcome new members at the start of the 2017-18 season. The programme includes talks from guest speakers and friendly competitions.
 More information at:
tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk

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Please contact Margaret Cox in the first instance for more information at chair@holland.surrey.sch.uk.

Tandridge Handicraft Society Monday 18 September, 2pm

The Woodhouse Centre
 Hoskins Road car park, Oxted
Isobel Moore: 'Out of the Ordinary'
 (talk with examples). Visitors welcome, £5, including tea & biscuits. More info: tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or from Jenny Beal: 01883 620730

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