

# NEWSLETTER - MAY 2022

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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### Welcome to St John's!

*It was so wonderful to be back together again during Holy Week and Easter and to immerse ourselves fully in the liturgy of those days for the first time in three years! We now enter Eastertide and as we do so a number of artworks, which form a pilgrimage called 'Stations of the Resurrection', will gradually unfold around St John's. The artworks have been created by schools, community groups, care homes, church groups and individuals and they complement the 'Stations of the Cross' which were produced using the same approach back in 2018.*

*As well as the incredible creative gifts and imagination that has been expressed through the different pieces, what has struck me in the finished artworks is how the number of people who witnessed the resurrection grows and grows. In the Stations of the Cross we sense Jesus' isolation and oppression. Now through the Stations of the Resurrection we see great crowds of witnesses and the exhilaration of new life and freedom.*

*Holy Week and Easter are deeply moving. But so are these weeks after Easter as the Easter joy of the first followers spreads through the generations and by the Holy Spirit becomes ours.*

*With love and prayers for a joyous Easter Season. Revd Anna, Rector*

### Services this month

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| <b>Sunday 1 May</b><br><i>Easter 3</i>  | 8.30am: Said Eucharist<br>9.45am: All Age Eucharist   |
| <b>Sunday 8 May</b><br><i>Easter 4</i>  | 8.30am: Said Eucharist<br>9.45am: Parish Eucharist<br>with Sunday School                                  |
| <b>Sunday 15 May</b><br><i>Easter 5</i> | 8.30am: Said Eucharist<br>9.45am: All Together Eucharist<br><i>Followed by Big Brekkie, see over</i>      |
| <b>Sunday 22 May</b><br><i>Easter 6</i> | 8.30am: Said Eucharist<br>9.45am: Parish Eucharist<br>with Sunday School                                  |
| <b>Wednesday 25 May</b>                 | 12 noon: Eucharist, Lady Chapel<br><i>See notice on next page</i>   |
| <b>Sunday 29 May</b><br><i>Easter 7</i> | 8.30am: Said Eucharist<br>9.45am: Parish Eucharist<br>6.30pm: CTOD Service<br><i>Details in box below</i> |



### COFFEE and a CHAT 5 & 19 May, 10.30 - 12 noon

Fortnightly on Thursdays in St John's Room,  
St John's Church. Please come and join us!  
If you need a lift, please ring Barbara 715636



### CTOD 5th Sunday Service St John's, Hurst Green 29 May at 6.30pm

to include prayer for the future and  
Taizé style chants All are welcome!

*The June Newsletter will be available on Sunday 29 May.*

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 22 May to Janet Harman at  
office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk, or phone 715301 (and leave a message if I'm out!) Thank you.*



# St John's Notices

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**STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION:** The picture on the front of this Newsletter shows the first Station, 'Release' based on the earthquake described in Matthew 28: 2-4, which was in place at the bottom of the drive on Easter Day.

The photo below shows Revd Anna at Windmill Manor receiving their artwork 'Spirit or Peace' (John 20: 21-23). We extend our grateful thanks to Sue Fox who has put so much time, energy and creativity into making this project come to life!



The series ends with the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-11). 'For Everyone' is a collage made from photos of the hands of the congregation. You may have seen Sue taking photographs of people's hands after services!

**THE 'NITS' EXHIBITION OF JUMPERS:** Please take a look at the exhibition on the table at the back of church showing what some St John's ladies have been up to during Lent. Led by Chuck Lugg, the 'Nits' have knitted 37 jumpers out of donated left-over wool, for children in a Romanian orphanage.

**THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN** in the churchyard is looking magnificent at the moment with, amongst others, cowslips, fritillaries, primroses and violets. It has taken many years of endeavour to get it this far, but our patience has paid off. Do stop and look at it. Actually, the entire churchyard, from front to back and side to side, is becoming populated with wild flowers. Over the years we have been encouraging them whenever they appear. *Mary Seller*

## MAY DAY MILE IN AID OF RNLI, SUNDAY 1 MAY:

Ché and Charlotte have signed their son Joseph up to do the Mayday Mile in aid of RNLI on Sunday 1st May. They will be running the mile on Sunday morning, ending at Church in time for the All Age Service, where there will be a biscuit at the end of the service for all the little runners!



It would be wonderful if other children / families were able to join Joseph, Ché and Charlotte. They will set off from outside Holland Junior School at 9.30am and make it to St John's for the start of the service.

**BIG BREKKIE FOR CHRISTIAN AID:** Sunday 15 May marks the beginning of Christian Aid week. There will not be a door-to-door collection round Hurst Green this year but instead there will be a bucket collection at St John's. The 9.45am service will be followed by a Big Brekkie with everything from bacon sarnies to pastries and avocado toast! All proceeds to Christian Aid.

**MONTHLY MID-WEEK EUCHARIST:** Following the success of our shared lunches after the Wednesday Eucharist during Lent, we have decided, beginning on 27 April, to have a Eucharist at 12 noon on the FOURTH Wednesday each month, followed, by a simple lunch, kindly organised by Pearl Stephens and June Reed. Generally this is the last Wednesday of the month (unless there's a fifth one!) So do join in this coming Wednesday or on 25 May, which will be the next one.

**REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL:** The church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held on 22 May. If you are not already included in the Roll and would like to have your name added, this needs to be done by 5 May. Forms for this are on the table at the back of church and should be returned to me by hand or via the 'R' pigeon hole in the porch.

*Barbara Richards, Electoral Roll Officer*

**PLATINUM PRAISE:** Looking forward to next month, on Sunday 5 June at St John's there will be an All Age Platinum Jubilee Service with special prayers, music and puppets! After the service, you can grab a coffee or glass of fizz before enjoying an informal half hour singalong concert in church with Coronation and Jubilee music at 11.15am.

## Other Notices

**OXTED BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Drop in between 1 & 3pm at the United Reformed Church, Oxted every other Thursday, this month on 12 and 26 May. Bereaved people can come on their own or with a friend to meet others and discuss ways of coping. Trained volunteers are on hand. This group is an initiative of CTOD and provides a great way to chat and share experiences.

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