

# NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2022

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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### Welcome to St John's!

*We begin June with a double celebration! Both the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen's coronation but also the celebration of Pentecost. Pentecost is the official birthday of the church when we remember how the Holy Spirit anointed the disciples and enabled them to tell the good news of Jesus in a myriad of different languages to those living and visiting Jerusalem. The Queen was anointed in a special way at her coronation too and her gentle and faithful service, to God and her people, has also touched a myriad of different lives. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate how she has served this country and given us faith, hope and love through her example and words.*

*And we too are anointed and blessed by God and his spirit, and must share that with others. Please invite friends and family to come to St John's, any time. The service at 9.45am on 5th June, and the short informal concert with Pimm's and strawberries afterwards, will be particularly joyful and fun if you can think of anyone of any age you may like to invite.*

*So I wish you a June full of thanksgiving and joy and look forward to celebrating the many blessings of God with you. With love and prayers, Revd Anna, Rector*

### Services this month

<b>Sunday 5 June</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist 11.15am: Platinum Praise - <i>Further details overleaf!</i>
<b>Sunday 12 June</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Sunday School 12 noon: Baptism of Franklin John Floyd
<b>Sunday 19 June</b> <i>Trinity 1</i>	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Together Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 22 June</b>	12 noon: Eucharist, Lady Chapel <i>Followed by a simple lunch (every 4th Wednesday)</i>
<b>Sunday 26 June</b> <i>Trinity 2</i>	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Sunday School



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

A simple meditative prayer service principally for the people of Ukraine. Wendy Hewitt will lead the service, including some Taizé songs and prayers, based around Psalm 31. If you are unable to attend, please pause and pray at 6.30pm if you can.



### COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30 - 12 noon  
on Thursdays 16 and 30 June  
(not 2 June which is a Bank Holiday)



Do come and join us!  
If you need a lift, please  
ring Barbara 715636

*The July Newsletter will be available on Sunday 26 June.*

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 19 June 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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**SUNDAY 5 JUNE:** Today the 9.45am service will be a celebration for all ages, both for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and also for Pentecost, with special prayers, praise and puppets. Wear your posh frocks and fancy hats fit for a Queen - princess and prince costumes also welcome! After the service there will be Pimm's, lemonade, cake, strawberries & cream and an informal half hour singalong concert in church, with Coronation and Jubilee music at 11.15am. Please bring a flag to wave Proms-style!

**QUEEN'S GARDEN PARTY:** Nigel and I attended the Queen's Garden Party in May. Following lunch with the Dean and other chaplains at the Chapel Royal in St James' Palace (where notable baptisms and weddings take place such as that between Queen Victoria and Albert), I was officially presented to Charles and Camilla in the gardens at Buckingham Palace with two



other fairly new chaplains. Afterwards, we enjoyed Earl Grey or Darjeeling in the Royal Tea Tent with some tasty treats and lots of fascinating conversations with important people. Although it rained and the Queen could not be there, it was still a very special day and serving Her Majesty in this way is an absolute joy.

*Revd Anna*

**ECO-GROUP PLANS:** The Eco-group met in April to discuss the 'votes' from the services in March and plan the next steps. The highest vote tallies were for (in no particular order):

- Using our land (with 'our' meaning private gardens and community land as well as Church land)
- Re-fill & recycle facilities at Church
- Knowing our land, and
- Greener travel (to Church)

The buildings options also scored highly, with the votes spread evenly between the three presented options. The group is therefore working, in small groups, to take these ideas forward, together with continuing to seek to use and resource consumables for the Church from 'green' sources. The group will meet in the York Rooms at 7.45pm on the following Wednesdays: 13 July, 14 September 2022 and 25 January 2023. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE:** We had a fantastic time on Sunday 15 May at the Big Brekkie which raised over £150 for Christian Aid. Thank you to all who attended and donated, and especially to Charlotte and Ché for organising it all.



**STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION:** The picture overleaf shows the final Station, 'For Everyone', The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-11). The hands of the congregation embellish the Pentecostal tongues of flame, as a reminder that the Holy Spirit has been sent for everyone, but also as a reference to the fact that we are now Christ's hands, to do his bidding, and we pray that others through us, may indeed feel his loving embrace.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** Thank you to Pearl Stephens and June Reed who made the soup and organised the Lent lunches. A total of £136 (including Gift Aid) was raised for the Bishop's Lent Appeal, and everyone raved about the delicious-ness of the soup.

## **VOLUNTEERS VERY WELCOME!**

- To serve coffee after the 9.45am Sunday Service
  - To help with Yo Yos baby and toddler group
- Wednesdays 9.15 - 11.30am in term time

Please contact Pam Putman if you could help with either of the above, or to find out more: 01883 382215.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** At the APCM on 22 May Cathy Booth and Henk van den Berg were re-elected as churchwardens for the coming year, with Chris Johns and Julian Taylor re-elected to the PCC, leaving two further vacancies unfilled. Booklets with the reports on the previous year are available on the table. Anna Eltringham spoke of the strange year it had been, with Covid restrictions changing and Christmas being on and then off. As we look forward, there is still uncertainty with things feeling unstable and a certain weariness. She encouraged us to be gentle and keep our faith in God.

**CHORAL EVENSONG ON SUNDAY 12 JUNE, 6.30PM** at St Peter's Church, Tandridge, will be led by the vocal ensemble 'Levante'. All are welcome!

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