

# NEWSLETTER-JULY/AUGUST 2022

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

### Welcome to St John's!

*July is a lovely month. It's the month of sports days and end of term trips and treats and fun. It's the month we celebrate when the exams are done! It's Wimbledon - a reason to stop and sit, possibly for several hours, and do nothing, but watch. It's the month we begin our summer holidays. And it's the month where I celebrate my birthday! Somehow for me, July, leading into August is a breathing space in the year. A time to relax on a lovely lawn or a warm beach. To reflect and slow down. And then gradually, renewed and refreshed, to gear up for September busy-ness once more.*

*Holidays come from the words 'Holy Days'. There is something special and sacred and sabbath-like. There is a holy command to stop and reflect on what is good in life and what is most important and it's a chance to see God around us more abundantly than we might when our head's down and our feet are on the run.*

*May these Holy Days be a wonderful blessing to you all. Revd Anna, Rector*



### Summer Services at St John's

#### JULY

<b>Sunday 3rd</b> Trinity 3	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist with baptism of George Edward James
<b>Sunday 10th</b> Trinity 4	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
<b>Sunday 17th</b> Trinity 5	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Together Eucharist
<b>Sunday 24th</b> Trinity 6	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
<b>Wed 27th</b>	12 noon: Eucharist, Lady Chapel Followed by a simple lunch (every 4th Wednesday)
<b>Sunday 31st</b> Trinity 7	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### AUGUST

<b>Sunday 7th</b> Trinity 8	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
<b>Sunday 14th</b> Trinity 9	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
<b>Sunday 21st</b> Trinity 10	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
<b>Sunday 28th</b> Trinity 11	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

*Please note: No Sunday School, All Age Service or 4th Wednesday Eucharist in August.*

**COFFEE and a CHAT on Thursdays**  
**in St John's Room, 10.30-12 noon**  
**14 and 28 July**  
**11 and 25 August**

Do come and join us!



If you need a lift, please ring Barbara 715636

#### Sung Evensong for St James' Day on Sunday 24 July, St James' Titsey

It is hoped people will gather if they wish for tea at the Titsey tea rooms beforehand. Look out for further details, including the timings nearer the date!



**The September Newsletter will be available on Sunday 28 August.**

**Please send anything to be included by Sunday 21 August to Janet Harman at [office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto: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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**SUMMER CONCERT SATURDAY 2 JULY 7 for 7.30PM:** Croydon Male Voice Choir will be raising funds for St Catherine's Hospice at St John's Church. Tickets £12 include a glass of wine / soft drink and nibbles. Call Monica 712969 or Wendy 07973 116695.

**CHORAL EVENSONG, SUNDAY 10 JULY, 6.30PM** at St Peter's Tandridge, will be led by the vocal ensemble 'Levante'. All welcome!

**THE COLLEGE OF ST BARNABAS** together with Rogue Opera will present an al fresco production of Carmen, a tale of passion, obsession, and ruin, at the College on Saturday 13 August from 5pm. Tickets £45: 01342 870260. Full details on porch noticeboard.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IN MAY:** Thanks to your generosity a grand total, with Gift Aid, of £733 was raised: £411 from Church collection, £297 from the Big Brekkie and £25 from the Craft Day.

**REPORT FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:** The meeting of the new PCC on 21 June began with an 'interactive' reflection by the Rector. Members were asked what they appreciate about St John's (the people, feeling comfortable, the building, the grounds, worshipping together, stained glass windows) and the challenges (people coming infrequently making it hard to develop a relationship, encouraging people to return after the pandemic, getting volunteers, the money). This was then offered to God in prayer. We are advertising for a Youth Worker for the Oxted Team to start next term. The new filming equipment is now in place and thanks were recorded to Julian Taylor and Nigel Eltringham for all their work on this. Following the adoption of the Southwark Anti-Racism Charter, Lotwina Farodoye is hoping to run unconscious bias training in the autumn. A small group will review church noticeboards whilst another group will brainstorm fundraising events, as a targeted stewardship campaign is considered inappropriate in the current financial climate. Mary Seller lifted all the stones in the Memorial Garden in 2015 and this now urgently needs doing again as many are disappearing.

**ECO-GROUP PLANS:** The PCC considered a detailed report giving ideas for actions, based on the 'votes' from the services in March. Funding for some suggestions could come from a mission grant; the result of an application is awaited. It was agreed a refill service should be trialled on Sundays in July and August, with the possibility of this being extended to the wider community if successful.

**THERAPEUTIC GARDEN VISIT, MONDAY 18 JULY:** A visit has been arranged to the 'Therapeutic Garden' at St Mary's, Lewisham, to meet with their team, see what they've done, discuss, and hopefully, stimulate ideas about options for our own use of land. We will meet at the station to catch the 9.16am London Bridge train. Please let Jon Macartney know if you can come: 07766 116009 or jbmcartney@gmail.com or just turn up on the day! All are welcome.

**\*\*STOP PRESS\*\* St John's has  
won a Bronze Eco Church Award!**

**CELEBRATING LAY MINISTRY:** The Bishop of Southwark has declared 19 June - 10 July a 'Season of Lay ministries'. We give thanks for those already recognised as lay ministers across the Oxted Team: Wendy Hewitt, Fiona Lock, Sue Mallinson and Monica Fenton. We also encourage others to explore and consider these and new ministries for which training is available, such as children and youth workers, evangelists and lay pioneers. For more info, talk to an existing lay minister or the clergy or pick up a leaflet.



**THE JUBILEE FESTIVITIES ON 5 JUNE** coincided with Pentecost, the birthday of the church and God's gift of the Holy Spirit to us all. St John's was full, with lots of new faces, delicious refreshments, puppets in the service (a big thank you to Wendy and Nigel!), posh frocks, hats, flags and an outstanding team-wide 'Platinum Praise' concert at the end of the morning. The picture below shows Rector Anna Eltringham and Curate Lotwina Farodoye. Anna is one of 30 Honorary Chaplains to the Queen (QHC), hence her special scarlet cassock.



**HELP! Yo Yos (York Rooms Youngsters)** our popular baby and toddler group meets weekly on Wednesdays during term time from 9.15 - 11.15am. It is very well attended and deeply appreciated by mums, dads, grandparents and childminders who bring their little ones along, and it has been even more popular since lockdown. Many people have found it a lifeline to connect with others, especially if they've had difficult times or are new to the area. However, for Yo Yos to keep going from September, we need more people to volunteer to help; the commitment is three hours a month. The 3 volunteers in each team share the tasks and you are never alone. If you might be able to help or would like to find out more, please contact Revd Anna, contact details below.

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