

NEWSLETTER-NOVEMBER 2023

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

November is a month of remembering. Remember, remember the 5th of November! Of course we do, how could we forget the activities of Mr Fawkes, and the excitement of our celebrations with fireworks and bonfires. In church however, remembering begins right at the beginning of the month on 1st November with All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day on the 2nd. At St John's we shall be celebrating both these days on Sunday, 5th November. At our morning services we shall remember, and give thanks for, the lives of holy men and women through the ages who are an example and inspiration to us.

In the afternoon, at 3.30, there will be our popular All Souls' service, to which you are invited to come and remember loved ones who are no longer with us, and light a candle for them.

Although November can sometimes seem to be a dreary month that you would rather forget, with leaves falling from the trees and Nature apparently shutting down and going to sleep, the very end reminds us of more excitements to come. The last Sunday, 26th, is known as 'Stir up Sunday'. It is the final day of the church's year, and, in one of the prayers set for the day, we are reminded to 'stir up our wills to bring forth plenteous fruits of good works'. Traditionally, this is the day when we should make our Christmas puddings, giving them a good 'stir up'. And so....the countdown to Christmas begins!

With love and blessings, Mary

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 5 November: All Saints' Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist
3.30pm: All Souls' Service - *see overleaf*

Tuesday 7 November 2pm: Funeral of Brenda Cole

Sunday 12 November: Remembrance Sunday

8.30am: 3rd Sunday before Advent

10am Service of Remembrance (not communion)

Collection shared between the British Legion and St John's followed by the Act of Remembrance in the churchyard with 2 minutes' silence at 11am

Sunday 19 November: 2 before Advent

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
11am: Community Brunch followed by Café Church

Wednesday 22 November

12.30pm: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel - followed by a simple lunch in St John's Room (every 4th Wednesday)

Sunday 26 November: Christ the King

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon

Thursdays 2, 16 and 30 November

If you need a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636



Churches Together Fifth Sunday Service
29 October, 5.30pm, Oxted URC: Theme of HOPE

With beautiful hymns, collection for One World Group Oxted and refreshments afterwards

Autumn Fair

10am - 4pm, Saturday 11th November
St John's Church,
Church Way, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA

Handmade crafts, cards, toys, pictures, jewellery, cakes, pottery, books and much more.

Plus raffle, face painting, creative workshops for all ages, tea and homemade cakes.

A chance to get ahead with your Christmas shopping!

Admission fee: £1,
Under 18s Free

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Money raised will contribute to supporting several local projects.

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The December Newsletter will be available on Sunday 26 November.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 19 November 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

 facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE, SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER, 3.30PM:

This is when we remember by name all those from this parish known to us who have died during the last two years, and any other loved ones you would like to be remembered. Names may be added to the list on the table in church until 11am on 5 November. The service will be followed by a cup of tea and biscuits in St John's Room.

NEW TEAM VICAR: The Service of Licensing and Installation for Revd Sue Bosley will be held on Tuesday 30 January at 7.30pm, with refreshments afterwards in the York Rooms. Sue writes:



I'm delighted to be coming to Hurst Green in the new year to take up the post of Team Vicar for St John's Church and St George's Church in Crowhurst. At the moment I'm living in Horley, where I've been a curate and have loved being part of the local churches and community. Before training to be a vicar, I was a primary school teacher for many years and then the children and families worker for Springfield Church in Wallington. God has often called me to new things! What hasn't changed is that I still love to work with young families and enjoy supporting local schools. My husband Rob and I have three adult children, a daughter in law and our first grandchild was born in June. We will be moving here with one of our children and our dog, a friendly cockapoo called Amber. In my spare time I head for the outdoors,

walking the dog in all weathers, going to exercise classes and playing netball. What excites me most of all is the opportunity to join in with the life of the church and community and to work with you to love and serve Hurst Green and Crowhurst.

DEFIBRILLATOR: A defibrillator has now been installed outside St John's Church in a lockable cabinet by the west door. Anna Eltringham wanted the monies raised from her leaving collection to go towards the cost of this and we're very grateful to her for making it happen. Using a defibrillator within 3 – 5 minutes of a cardiac arrest means the chances of survival increase from 6% to a huge 74%.

HARVEST: There was a wonderful response to our Harvest appeal. Between us, we will be buying 35 chickens, 9 goats, 10 beehives and 21 packs of super strong seeds for families in far off lands to enable them better to feed themselves. In total, £1,325 was raised. What a splendid result! Well done and thank you so much. *Mary*

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Shirley Dare has been our representative for this event (previously called the Women's World Day of Prayer) for many years, and is willing to continue, but needs the help of someone else. This is especially important because, in March 2025, it will be the turn of St John's to host the annual event. Please consider if you could undertake this role – perhaps talk to Shirley (phone number 712304) to see what it involves. It is not normally an arduous task, simply a meeting in November and then circulating information about the event in March. But in 2025, it will involve a little more around the meeting time.

CAKES WANTED FOR THE AUTUMN FAIR! Janet Fearn would welcome donations of cakes for the refreshments at the Autumn Fair. If you can help, please add your name to the list on the table at the back of church, stating what you will produce. Cakes can be brought into the church on the afternoon of Friday 10 November or the morning of the fair, Saturday 11 November. Janet will be in church at both times to receive them. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS! Morrisons will be supporting the Hurst Green Community Fridge again this year by encouraging customers to donate at checkouts. The initiative will run from mid November until Christmas, with the vouchers being issued shortly afterwards.

LOTWINA'S INSTALLATION AS VICAR: Over a dozen people from the Oxted Team attended Lotwina's Installation and Induction at Christ Church, West Wimbledon on 25 September. The service was led by the Bishop of Kingston, the Rt Revd Dr Martin Gainsborough and it was a joyous occasion. Lotwina's new parish gave her a very warm welcome and she was well supported by family and friends. We wish her every success in her new life at Christ Church.



MESSAGE FROM LOTWINA: I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone from Hurst Green and across the Oxted team who came to my leaving party and / or installation. It was so lovely to see everyone and I felt your love and support. Thank you all for your kind messages, gifts, prayers and your wonderful collective gift of £250 which I hope to put towards a new computer / tablet to write my sermons on, or perhaps a bicycle to use on my parish visits in West Wimbledon. We shall miss you all terribly. David, Jemima, Benjamin and I have very much enjoyed being a part of this loving community and the Oxted team of churches. I have learned so much from you which I know will put me in good stead for my first Vicar job. Au revoir! With lots of love and every blessing Reverend Lotwina xx

Other Notices

UNCONSCIOUS BIAS TRAINING: A Deanery Synod training session on unconscious bias will take place at St John's Church on Saturday 4 November at 9.30 for 10am. It will last about 2 - 2½ hours. This is open to all members of churches across the Deanery and there is no need to sign up - please just come along! Speak to Janet Harman (contact details below) if you have any questions.

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