

NEWSLETTER-MAY 2024

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

The name given to the month of May is the modern-day English adaption of the Latin word Maius, which has origins going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They named the month of May (or Maius) after the Greek goddess of growth.

Hurst Green is certainly springing into life as all around us the trees and flowers are blooming.

On Sundays, in our services, we continue to rejoice in Christ's new life bursting from the tomb, his ascension to heaven and the gift of Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.

We see the effect that all this has in the life of the disciples who are inspired and equipped to live in the power of God's abundant presence and provision. May we discover what that means for our lives and our mission as a church.

Every blessing, Revd Sue

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 5 May: Easter 6

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist

Friday 10 May

1pm: Funeral of Doug Hand in Church followed by reception in the York Rooms

Sunday 12 May: Easter 7

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
11.15am: Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church. Please stay if you can - *see overleaf*

Thursday 16 May

12.30pm: Funeral of Marion Easton - *see overleaf*

Sunday 19 May: Pentecost

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
11am: Community Brunch, Big Brekkie (see below) followed by Café Church at 11.30am

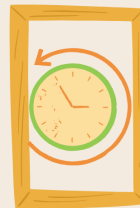
Wednesday 22 May

12 noon: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel - followed by a simple lunch in St John's Room (4th Wednesdays)

Sunday 26 May: Trinity Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
1pm: Baptism of Michael Christopher Tyler

Please contact Janet if you, or anyone you know, would like to come to the event below, but needs transport. Contact details are at the bottom of page.



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Join the St John's Big Brekkie on Sunday 19 May!

Thank you, once again, to Charlotte and Ché for organising yet another delicious brekkie to mark the end of Christian Aid week (12 - 18 May). Donations are invited to support this global movement, committed to challenging the root causes of poverty.

COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon

Thursdays 2, 16 and 30 May


If you need a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636



The June Newsletter will be available on Sunday 26 May.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 19 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

 facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have paused Sunday School and Munch while we have a re-think and a re-look at provision for children and youth. Watch this space for further news!

THANK YOU so much for all the messages, cards and prayers that you have sent me during my little encounter with the NHS. I have been overwhelmed by your love and support, all of which have helped me enormously. I am now over part one. I have always wished to be the biggest and the best in everything, but now realise that this does not apply to kidney stones!!! I am on the urgent list for a repeat cystoscopy for fragmentation of my mega stone, but have no date yet. *Love Mary*

MARION EASTON RIP: We received the news just after Easter that Marion Easton had died. As a very committed and integral part of the church family, she will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory. Her funeral is on Thursday 16 May, 12.30pm in Church, followed by a reception in the York Rooms. A service will follow at the crematorium at 3.30pm.

THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN on the left of the drive as you approach the church, has been thriving this year - see picture below.



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: The APCM will take place in the church on Sunday 12 May at 11.15am, after the Parish Eucharist. Please grab a coffee and join the meeting, which usually lasts about 30 - 45 minutes. This is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the past year and to look ahead in hope and prayer for all that lies ahead. There will be elections for PCC and Deanery Synod; do consider standing. To find out more about the PCC, speak to a current member; names (with photos) are in the porch. Completed forms should be given to Janet Harman.

Your life experience, gifts or skills make a valuable contribution to the life of the church. So too does regular financial giving. Almost all the income for the church comes from the congregation. Thank you for your support. If you don't yet give regularly, you can find information about the parish giving scheme on the table in church. To review your current giving, do speak to Julian Taylor, church treasurer:

DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS - BE THE CHANGE: New Diocesan Synod members are to be elected to serve for three years. There are three meetings a year, two Saturdays and one weekday evening. Pick up a leaflet from the table to find out more and read a message of encouragement from Revd Lotwina Farodoye, Chair of the House of Clergy. To stand for election to the House of Laity, you would need to be proposed and seconded by a Deanery Synod member (Janet Harman and Liz Parker for St John's).

Other Notices

THE HURST GREEN SINGERS' SUMMER CONCERT is on Sunday 12 May at 7pm in Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School. The programme features a traditional and contemporary Mass. Mozart wrote the Missa Brevis in F major when he was only 18 and it is regarded as a pinnacle of his early masses and is sometimes nicknamed 'Little Credo Mass'. In contrast, Missa Deus Nobiscum by Philip Stopford was first performed in 2019 in Belfast and the Kyrie has a noticeable Celtic overtone and the whole piece is a beautiful, melodic work.

Tickets (£15 or free for under 18s) are available via the website www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk or can be purchased on the door (card reader only). It promises to be a wonderful evening of memorable music and we hope you will join us.

SOUTHWARK VISION 2024 - 2035: Southwark Vision is Christ Centred and Outward Focused. Fliers, giving a brief summary of the refreshed Diocesan Vision and priorities, are available on the table in church, together with prayer bookmarks. Please help yourself! There are plans for members of the Bishop's Senior Team to meet every parish over the next two years, starting in September, to listen and understand more fully the joys and challenges in specific contexts, and identify useful additional support.

PRAYER FOR ELECTIONS: This year is being dubbed 'the great election year' as there will be between 42 and 60 taking place across the world. Locally, elections are taking place on 2 May, the same day as the London Mayoral elections and our General elections must happen by 28 January 2025. Remember you must now present a form of photographic identification in order to vote. Southwark Diocese urges churches to be 'election ready' and urges us to pray for all leaders, regardless of what party or personalities are in power: our Government, our capital, our communities and our nation, and that the Holy Spirit will give us wisdom as we head to the polls. See 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'

THY KINGDOM COME, 9 - 19 May 2024 : This global ecumenical prayer movement which began in 2016, invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. You can read more at www.thykingdomcome.global

SINGALONG OF SEASONAL HYMNS: St Mary's Church, Oxted on the second Thursday of each month, 7 - 8pm. All welcome!

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 Faith in Later Life

www.faithinlaterlife.org

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC ABUSE: Women can call the free national helpline 0800 200 247 at any time. Men can call the men's advice line 0808 8010 327, Monday to Friday 10am - 8pm.

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