

# NEWSLETTER-JUNE 2024

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

### Welcome to St John's!

*June is an interesting month in 2024, although it only has 30 days, we have 5 Sundays! Trinity Sunday at the end of May followed the giving of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so in the next season we give thanks for our Creator Father God, His Son the Word our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Holy Spirit our Teacher, Advocate and Comforter poured out into all of us.*

*Just as we think of God as a 'Community' of One God in three persons, our Gospel readings this month are from Mark and tell of Jesus' ministry and teaching to those he met. Mark 2:27-28 that we read on 1 June reminds us that the 'Sabbath' that we celebrate on Sundays was made for us, to rest, to acknowledge God at work in us and our Community. Our Crossing The Threshold group hopes to reuse wood from a table in church to create a cross, onto which will be placed the plaques that remind us of all who kindly donated the past chairs. Our new ones are easily moved or stacked to enable the Church space to be used not just on Sunday but throughout the week by everyone.*

*So, in June we pray that God will inspire us with thankfulness for His continuing presence with us and all of Hurst Green, past present and future.*

*Blessings in June, Wendy Hewitt, Lay Reader*

### Services at St John's this month

#### Sunday 2 June: Trinity 1

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist

#### Saturday 8 June 12 noon

Wedding of Mark Gilfrin and Stacey Mccambley

#### Sunday 9 June: Trinity 2

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist  
1pm: Baptism of Rosie Sarah Dalton  
and Gracie Jessica Dalton

#### Sunday 16 June: Trinity 3

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist  
11am: Community Brunch 11.30am: Café Church

#### Sunday 23 June: Trinity 4

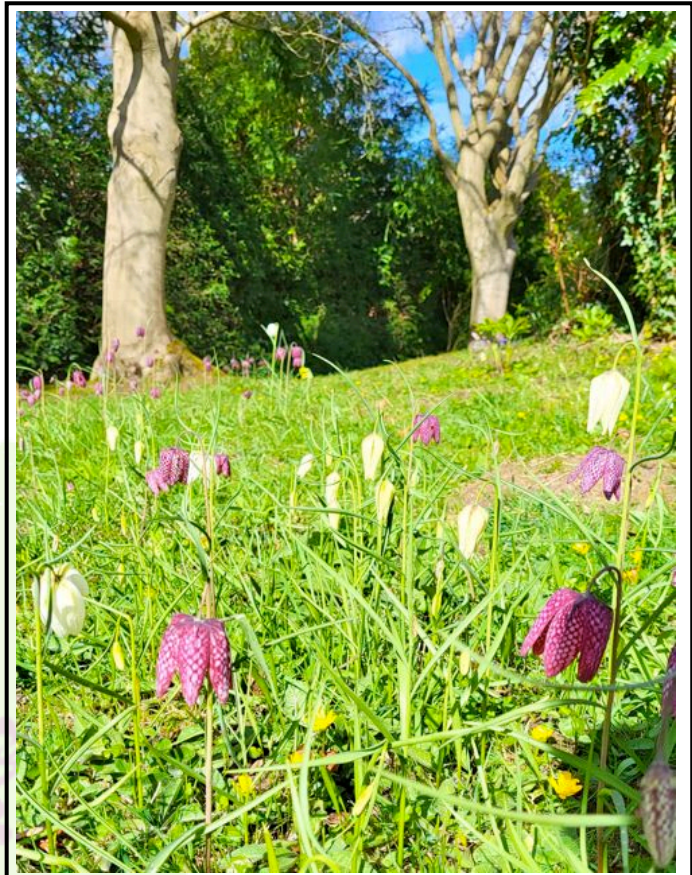
8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 26 June

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

#### Sunday 30 June: Trinity 5

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist  
1.30pm: Baptism of Isabella Evelyn Carol Webb  
and Isaiah Caleb Webb



#### ST MARY'S CHURCH, OXTED

**Come and sing some favourite hymns  
on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7-8pm  
This month on 13 June - All welcome!**

#### COFFEE and a CHAT


**St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon  
Thursdays 13 and 27 June**



If you need a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636

*The Newsletter covering July and August will be available on Sunday 30 June.  
Please send anything to be included by Sunday 23 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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**ST JOHN'S AUTUMN FAIR:** We appreciate that we haven't even started summer and yet our thoughts are already turning to autumn as we start the initial planning for our Autumn Fair! This year it will take place on Saturday 16 November from 11am to 3pm. If you're a local craftsperson and would like a table to sell your products, please let us know. Last year we had a great variety of stalls selling lovely things such as pottery, jewellery, fabric art, toys for children, cards, decoupage and knitted items, all of which made great Christmas presents. If you're interested, please speak to Cathy Booth or e-mail [office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto:office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk).

**CLEANING ROTA:** We all appreciate a clean church, and we are currently relying on a very small group of people to help keep our building spotless. Do you feel you would be able to join our small team? Most of our helpers are allotted a month in which they are responsible for the main church, or St John's Room, kitchen and toilets, or the York Rooms. It isn't too demanding and is actually very satisfying. If you feel you could help, please contact Sue Fox on 07968 128105 or [foxsue580@gmail.com](mailto:foxsue580@gmail.com). Many thanks.

**UPDATE:** This is a brief summary of the current activities of the Crossing the Threshold ("CTT") sub-committee. We are in talks with several external organisations to bring community services to St John's. Negotiations are at an early stage so we cannot give details yet, but the services will address local needs as follows:

- services for job-seekers and help generally with benefits claims;
- activities/support for those living with dementia and their carers;
- a health-hub run by NHS services; and
- support for mothers who are breast-feeding.

Some services may operate weekly others fortnightly/monthly. Each would need only one morning or afternoon in any week of operation so would fit around other activities already taking place at St John's. We expect that initially these services would be hosted in the York Rooms but eventually we envisage additional services/activities being in the main body of the church during some parts of the week. Each organisation will pay a hire-fee giving us much needed income.

We continue to work on building projects to improve access to and safety of the nave. After a positive meeting with the Diocesan Advisory Board, we have re-submitted our faculty application for the relocation of the font and the creation of a more distinct baptistry. The new artwork reusing the brass plaques from the old chairs and wood from the limed-oak table (currently under the window) will have a prominent position in the reordered area.

Soon we should also have appropriate quotes from builders for:

- creation of a new access ramp and levelling of the porch floor to give step-free access to the nave; and
- removal of the carpet in the aisles, Lady Chapel and entrance/baptistry and restoration of the original quarry tiled/wooden floor.

Both of these projects will remove trip hazards and provide a more sustainable, hardwearing floor in the main body of the church. Finding suitable (and willing) builders has not been easy but we have now met with some excellent people. Once we have all the quotes, we will report to the PCC and will be ready to submit grant funding applications. More on this next time.

*Sara Bartolozzi, chair of Crossing the Threshold*

**THANK YOU** to all who came to the History of Hurst Green talk on 8 May. The York Rooms were packed out with nearly 80 people. Bob Evans presented a wonderfully interesting talk and Pearl Stephens provided some delicious cakes and tea. Thanks to Liz Parker for organising it all; £215 was raised for the work of the church.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** Revd Sue Bosley chaired the APCM on Sunday 12 May just less than a year after the previous meeting, on which Anna Eltringham's Rector duties ended. Churchwardens Cathy Booth and Henk van den Berg were re-elected for a further year and PCC members Hilary Dilnot and Charlotte Nicholls were re-elected for three years. Revd Sue welcomed them all back, and commented on how encouraging it was to see many people serving the church, both on Sundays and during the week. Barbara Richards said it was lovely to have Sue joining us and thanked the churchwardens and Mary Seller for looking after us during the interregnum. The meeting ended with Mary presenting Cathy Booth with a gift and a bottle of her favourite wine. She said Cathy was the one person who got us through the interregnum and had worked so hard. When the Archdeacon joined a PCC meeting to tell us what to do, we knew already and Cathy had done some of it.



## Other Notices

**OPEN GARDEN AND FAMILY FETE:** Sunday 2 June, 11am - 4pm at Tollsworth Manor (c.1326), Rook Lane, Chaldon CR3 5BQ. Adults £6, children free, dogs welcome, with beautiful gardens and activities for all, to raise much needed funds for St Catherine's Hospice.

**CROYDON ZIMBABWE LINK QUIZ NIGHT** Please join us at 7pm on Saturday 15 June 2024 at Christ Church Purley, next to 861 Brighton Road, CR8 2BN. Tickets, £15 per person (cash or card on the door) include fish or pie (cheese and onion pasty / steak or chicken pie) and chips, but please bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will also be a raffle! Please contact [janevorster@hotmail.com](mailto:janevorster@hotmail.com) to book your team (up to 10 people per team) or to book your place (join with others). At the same time, please also confirm your meal selection; pre-order required for catering purposes.

**REFUGEE TALES:** Join Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group for an evening of Refugee Tales with readings and live music; 7 - 8.30pm, Saturday, 6 July, at Oxted United Reformed Church. Tickets are free (suggested donation £10) and can be booked on Eventbrite. Contact Janet Harman if you would like to go but need help booking a ticket. There are leaflets with more information on the table in church.

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