

NEWSLETTER-JULY/AUGUST 2024

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

Welcome to St John's!



For several weeks I have watched a pair of thrushes taking turns to collect food from the garden and then fly off into the bushes, presumably to feed their young. Again and again they come, all day long. I have admired their dedicated and diligent rhythm and attentiveness to their task.

The Church has begun a long season of 'Ordinary Time'. It's a time of 'getting on' with our faith; finding a rhythm of worship. reading the bible, praying and worshipping which feeds and grows our relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

There are plenty of other things going on this summer; the General Election on 4th July and a whole feast of sporting competitions as well as the Olympic and Paralympic games.

However, we remember too that the long summer holidays can be very challenging for many households. Thank you to all involved in ministries which love and serve the community. Some are offering summer outings and gatherings, the Community Fridge will continue each week, and the coffee morning every fortnight. Whatever the summer holds for you, may:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

With love and prayers, Sue

Summer Services at St John's

JULY

Sunday 7 July: Trinity 6 (Proper 9)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist

Sunday 14 July: Trinity 7 (Proper 10)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 21 July: Trinity 8 (Proper 11)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 28 July: Trinity 9 (Proper 12)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
1pm: Baptism of Isla-rose Jean Paskell

AUGUST

Thursday 1 August:

1.30pm (time tbc): Wedding of Katie Lock & Mike Bailey

Sunday 4 August: Trinity 10 (Proper 13)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 11 August: Trinity 11 (Proper 14)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 18 August: Trinity 12 (Proper 15)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Saturday 24 August:

1pm: Wedding of Kelly Charman and Danny Floyd

Sunday 25 August: Trinity 13 (Proper 16)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

**MID WEEK EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel
Wednesday 24 July at 12 noon**

Followed by a simple lunch of delicious home made soup and rolls in St John's Room

No midweek Eucharist in August but this will be back on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 25 September.



CHORAL EVENSONG

**Sunday 30 June at 4.30pm
at Lingfield Parish Church**

to celebrate the Feast of St Peter & St Paul
Beautiful music on a summer's afternoon

COFFEE and a CHAT


**St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 11, 25 July & 8, 22 August**

If you need a lift, please ring Barbara 715636



**The September Newsletter will be available on Sunday 25 August.
Please send anything to be included by Sunday 18 August 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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CAFÉ CHURCH: This is a more informal service with a band and usually takes place on the third Sunday at 11.30am, following Community Brunch at 11am. However, there will be no Café Church in July or August, with the next one on 15 September.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE AND HUB, AT ST AGATHA'S HALL: The Community Fridge will continue every Wednesday throughout July and August, from 11.15am to 12.15pm. The Community Hub will take a break in August but a summer outing is being arranged instead. More information from Pearl Stephens, 722343.

SAFEGUARDING: St John's takes safeguarding very seriously. Our Parish Safeguarding Officers for the church are Charlotte Nicholls and Sam Strolz. Please make sure you know who they are - they should both be wearing a special badge! If you see or know about something which doesn't seem quite right, please speak to Charlotte or Sam, however small or irrelevant you think it may be. It could be part of a pattern or bigger picture. This is everyone's duty.

SIDESPERSIONS: The small group of volunteers, who play an invaluable role of welcoming people as they arrive at church, is getting smaller, for both 8.30 and 9.45am Sunday services. Duties also include counting the collection and helping evacuate the congregation in an emergency. If you would like to try the role before committing, you would be very welcome to shadow the current sidespersons. To find out more, please speak to Revd Sue.

MAGGIE SHORT RIP: Those who have worshipped at St John's for some long time will remember Maggie and Alan, who contributed so much to our life together some years ago, and then moved away in their latter years to Cardiff to be near their daughters. Alan died in 2013. Sadly, Maggie has now died. She passed away peacefully on Saturday, 8 June, three days after her 95th birthday. We give thanks for their lives and for all that they did for us, sending our condolences to Elizabeth and Vivienne, and all Maggie and Alan's many friends.

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. Could you join our small team? Most 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.

HELPERS FOR YO YOs: In September our parents, carers and tots group needs some more helpers. If you can help once or twice a month on a Wednesday morning to set up, tidy away and chat to parents and carers, please contact Liz Sone 713992.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH AUTUMN FAIR: We appreciate that summer has just begun and yet our thoughts are already turning to autumn as we start the initial planning for our Autumn Fair! This will be on Saturday 16 November, 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, 715748.

PICTURES FROM ICELAND: While Surrey had a brief heatwave recently, Mary Seller, on holiday in Iceland, was experiencing much cooler, wetter weather, but having a good time still. She saw lots of puffins and nesting Arctic terns, and sent these photographs:



Other Notices

REFUGEE TALES: Join Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG) for an evening of Refugee Tales with readings and live music, 7 - 8.30pm, Saturday, 6 July, at Oxted United Reformed Church - suggested donation £10. Since 2015 the GDWG has organised Refugee Tales walks in solidarity with refugees, people seeking asylum, migrants and those held in immigration detention. This year's walk, from Edenbridge to Westminster, creates a space where everyone is welcome. Leaflets with more information are on the table.

FLOWER FESTIVAL, ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, BURSTOW: Friday 26 - Sunday 28 July (Church Road, Burstow RH6 9RG). There will be floral displays, quarter peals on the tower bells, organ music, handbell ringing and a performance by the Windmill Songmen. The church will be open from 10am to 6pm each day, culminating in Choral Evensong on Sunday 28 July at 4pm. Refreshments will be available in the Flamsteed Hall. Everyone is invited to come along to enjoy the occasion. The event is to raise funds for the restoration of the church spire. See poster on the porch noticeboard.

HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR will take place on Saturday 21 September, 1 - 4pm. By request of the organisers, St John's will once again provide a bouncy castle. There are also plans, still under discussion, to offer a quiet, reflective space, possibly with candles and a prayer tree. More details (and requests for help!) will follow.

OXTED BAND will be playing at Betchingley Village Fair, Sunday 30 June, Glebe Field, Betchingley, 12.30 - 5pm; the Donkey Derby and Fete, 10.30am - 5pm on Godstone Green, Monday 26 August; and of course, the Hurst Green Village Fair (above) as usual.

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The logo for St John's Church, featuring a large red cross above the text "st John's" in a stylized font, with "HURST GREEN" in a smaller font below it.