

# NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER 2024

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

### Welcome to St John's!

**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.**

*We begin the month of October with a celebration of Harvest at both the 8.30 and 9.45 services. It's an opportunity to thank God for the wonders of his creation, to restore a sense of awe and wonder at the miracle of all that grows to feed us, and to worship God, the creator of life.*

*We also remember our calling as a church to challenge the injustices of a world in which there is increasing food poverty and hunger, financial pressures on farmers and crops affected by adverse changes in the climate.*

*The readings from the Gospel of Mark for the rest of the month challenge us to consider where our values really lie. Do we hold on to the temporary things of this world, or do we seek the eternal gifts of love, healing and God's hospitality?*

*God's desire for us is that we give him our 'humble, thankful hearts'*

*(From the hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter')*

*Every blessing, Sue*

### Services at St John's this month

#### Sunday 6 October: Harvest Thanksgiving

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service

#### Thursday 10 October: 11am Funeral of Carol May

#### Friday 18 October

2pm: Thanksgiving Service for Joan Brackpool followed by reception in the York Rooms

#### Sunday 13 October: Trinity 20 (Proper 23)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 20 October: Trinity 21 (Proper 24)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 23 October at St John's and every 4th Wednesday of the month



**Eucharist in the Lady Chapel at 12 noon followed by a simple lunch of delicious homemade soup and bread in St John's Room**

#### Sunday 27 October: Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist  
1pm: Baptism of Caleb, Bethany and Alexis  
Thomas-Morris



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
A FAMILY FRIENDLY CHURCH SERVICE

## Harvest Festival with Pizza making\*

SUNDAY | 6th October | 9.45am  
St John's Church, Hurst Green

Donations of dried and tinned food will go to the Caterham Foodbank.

\*Let us know if your child has food allergies  
[revdsue@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto:revdsue@stjhurstgreen.co.uk)

*The November Newsletter will be available on Sunday 27 October.*

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 20 October 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

[facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen)

**HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR:** Thank you to all who helped, baked or came on the day. The sun shone and there was a great community spirit. The bouncy castle raised a total of £323.70 for St John's, the castle hire cost being met by a kind donation. The adjacent quiet space was very popular, as were the teas and cakes in Aggies, which raised £553.50.

## COFFEE and a CHAT

**St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon**  
**Thursdays 3, 17 and 31 October**



If you need a lift, please ring Barbara 715636

**ALL AGE HARVEST SERVICE, SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER:** Children are invited to make a pizza; do let Sue know if your child has any food allergies. You are invited to bring donations of dried food and tins for Caterham Food Bank. Currently the most needed items are tinned meat, tinned or packet soup, long life milk, tinned pulses, cereals, long life fruit juice, tea bags (40 or 80) small (100g) jars of coffee, shampoo, shower gel or soap.

**REPORT FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:** The PCC met on 16 September and began with a discussion in pairs on our foundational values; who we are as a church. The vision of our Mission Action Plan (MAP) is 'To be a church without walls at the heart of the community.' The PCC adopted the Finance Committee's suggestion to increase our 'Pledge' to the Diocese by 0.5%, bringing the total for 2025 to £65,830. Ideas to attract new members included Alpha courses and 'Bubble Church' [www.bubblechurch.org](http://www.bubblechurch.org). The memorial plaques removed from the old chairs will be mounted on a wooden cross to go in the Lady Chapel.

**NEW NOTICEBOARDS:** A big thank you to Chris Johns who has been updating our noticeboards, with special thanks to Chris and Jon Macartney for erecting the new one at the bottom of the church drive (saving the £700 fee quoted for this work). This has two large spaces (still to be filled) for adding and changing posters with details of what's happening at St John's. The revamped board at the Woodhurst Lane crossroads (see photo below) gives a clear direction to the church and a new one is coming to Aggies soon.



[www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk](http://www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk)  
Revd Sue Bosley 01883 712674 / 07553 305087

**Small Changes, BIG IMPACT:** Please speak to Sue if you would like to join her at this youth & families ministry conference on Saturday 9 November at St John's, Waterloo (poster in the porch).

**DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY:** Have a look at the events and courses offered by the Diocese; 'to deepen your knowledge and love of God and encourage you to share the Good News' There are brochures on the table in church.

**FRIENDS OF THE RIVER EDEN ECOSYSTEM:** The Environment Agency has designated the River Eden Ecosystem as poor. Come and listen to how local volunteers are trying to improve the quality of our local river and the surrounding riverbanks, with particular reference to what is happening in Hurst Green, on **Thursday 24 October at 7.45pm** in the York Rooms at St John's Church.

**AUTUMN FAIR, SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 11AM - 3PM:** This will take place in the church. Previous fairs have been a great success in generating much needed funds and in bringing lots of people from the wider community into our lovely church. Sign-up sheets are now on the table at the back of church, to help with setting up, clearing away, making cakes, serving refreshments, manning the admission desk, book stall, and selling raffle tickets on the day. Please do sign up and help if you can.

We also need someone to organise the raffle. This involves taking a letter to various local shops and eateries and asking for raffle donations. We have been fortunate in raising a lot of money in the raffle in previous years and it would be great to do this again. If you can help, please speak to Cathy Booth 715748.

We will also be running a book stall so if you'd like to clear your shelves, spread the joy of reading and stop your books going to landfill, we'd love to receive your donations. Please leave your books in bags in the porch.

**ALL SOULS:** Sheets to add names to be remembered at the service on 3 November at 3pm will be out on Sunday 20 October.

## Other Notices

**CTOD - A CELEBRATION IN STORY AND IMAGE:**



**Sunday 29 September, at 6.30pm**

Oxted United Reformed Church - All are welcome to join this informal gathering for sharing, conversation, worship and prayer.

**OXTED BAND AUTUMN CONCERT:** Saturday 12 October, 7pm at St John's Church. Tickets, £10, are available on the door (children under 10 free). More details: [secretary@oxtedband.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxtedband.co.uk)

**MODERN SLAVERY:** Come to Reigate Methodist Church on **Saturday 19 October 10am - 3pm** to find out more. The event is organised by Southwark Against Modern Slavery (SAMS), previously called RASJF but now working across the Diocese. Some exciting speakers are confirmed including Bishop Rosemary, Bishop Alistair Redfern, Chair of the Clewer Initiative, Bishop Richard, the Roman Catholic lead on modern slavery and DCI Kerry Lovelace from Surrey police. See poster in the porch.

**DON'T FORGET:** The clocks go back one hour on Sunday 27 October when British summer time ends.

**st John's**  
HURST GREEN