

NEWSLETTER-NOVEMBER 2024

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

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 remembrances with fireworks and bonfire parties?

In church, however, our remembering begins on the very first day of the month with All Saints' Day, followed by All Souls' Day on the second. At St John's we shall be celebrating both these days on Sunday, 3rd November. At our morning services we shall remember and give thanks for the lives of holy men and women throughout the ages who are an inspiration to us. In the afternoon, at 3.30pm, there will be our popular All Souls' service, to which all are invited to come and remember loved ones no longer with us, and to light a candle for them.

The 10th November is Remembrance Sunday, a national day of remembering the service and sacrifice of all who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

At 10am, St John's will welcome everyone, including uniformed organisations and local Councillors, to a nondenominational service of reconciliation and commitment, followed at 11am by an act of remembrance and laying of wreaths in the churchyard.

Although November can seem to be a somewhat cold and dismal month, with Nature apparently shutting down and going to sleep as leaves tumble from the trees, on Saturday 16th St John's offers us its Autumn Fair, in church, from 11am to 3pm, with an array of enticing stalls and activities. Then, the end of the month reminds us of excitements yet to come. The last Sunday, 24th, is known as 'Stir up Sunday'. It is the final Sunday of the church's year, and one of the prayers set for the day reminds us to 'stir up our wills to bring forth the plenteous fruits of good works'.

Traditionally, this is also the day when we should make our Christmas puddings, giving them a good 'stir up'. With that completed, the countdown to Christmas begins. Oh, no! So soon?!!

With my love and blessings, Mary

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 3 November: All Saints' Sunday

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

Saturday 9 November, 1pm

Wedding of Amanda Starr and Michael Saunders

Sunday 10 November: Remembrance Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 10am: Remembrance

Sunday 17 November: 2 before Advent

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Saturday 23 November:

12 noon: Baptism of Sophia Violet George

Sunday 24 November: Christ the King

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist



The December Newsletter will be available on Sunday 24 November.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 17 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](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen)

ALL SOULS' SERVICE: On Sunday 3 November at 3.30pm we will remember by name those we know of who have died in the last two years. Other names can be added to the list which will remain on the table in church until 11am on the day of the service. The service will last about 45 minutes, with hymns, prayers, readings and the opportunity to light a candle. It will be followed by a cup of tea in St John's Room. The collection will go to the upkeep of the Memorial Garden.

Wednesday 27 November

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



Usually every 4th Wednesday of the month - next one on Wednesday 22 January

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. If you can help with organising the raffle, please contact Cathy Booth 715748. Do come along and see what's on offer!



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CHURCH WAY, HURST GREEN

**Saturday 16th November
11am - 3pm**

**AUTUMN
Fair**

CRAFTS • CARDS • TOYS • PICTURES • PHOTOGRAPHS
POTTERY • JEWELLERY • CANDLES

PLUS RAFFLE • FACE PAINTING
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES
TEA, COFFEE AND HOMEMADE CAKES

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Money raised will contribute to supporting
several local projects

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COFFEE and a CHAT

**St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 14 and 28 November**



If you need a lift, please ring Barbara 715636

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL: Please join us at 5pm on **Sunday 1 December** in St John's Church, for a 45-minute service of readings and reflective music as we enter the season of Advent. The music will be led by Levante Chamber Choir and will include traditional Advent music: some well-known carols, such as Peter Warlock's *Bethlehem Down*; *This is the record of John* by Orlando Gibbons; and a beautiful new arrangement of the familiar Basque carol, *Gabriel's Message*, by Jim Clements, plus Advent hymns for the congregation. There will be a collection for St John's Church.

Other Notices

ALL ARE WELCOME CAFÉ: Every Tuesday 10am - 12 noon until the 3 December at the United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted. Come by yourself or with a friend for a free coffee, cake and chat.

BENEDICTINE INTRODUCTIONS TO ADVENT: At Worth Abbey on two Saturdays, from 10.30am. Each session will conclude with Midday Prayer at 1pm and a light lunch (£5). Talks are as follows:
23 November - Abbot Mark Barrett: *Isaiah, the prophet of Advent*
7 December - Fr David Jarmy: *Longing for God*
See the poster on the porch noticeboard for more information.

JOHN BELL, A WORLD FIT FOR OUR CHILDREN: Please come to the Oxted URC on Friday 15 November at 8pm to hear John Bell, well-known Christian writer, broadcaster and speaker, as well as prolific hymn-writer. An increasing number of young people fear the future will not be safe. How, in troubling times, do we create a better world? (He spoke on this at the Greenbelt festival too). John Bell is a minister of the Church of Scotland and has been closely involved with the Iona Community for over forty years. A former student activist, he is passionate about social justice and inclusion.

Refreshments will be for sale (cash only) on the evening. All proceeds will go to the Iona Community www.iona.org.uk

It is hoped this will be of interest to many, including parents and grandparents of children and young people. Tickets are £10 and booking is online at www.wegotickets.com/event/633520 (booking fee), or directly via the URC. For further information, see the poster in the porch or contact Jane Damesick on 01883 714541.

MUNCH WITH MUSIC: St John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham Valley, Wednesday lunchtime 6 November, 12.15pm: coffee, tea, biscuits; 12.45pm: Hannah Wozniak, flute and Daniel King Smith, piano, performance approx 45 minutes. Free admission, donations welcome. You are invited to bring your own 'Munch'.

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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