



HURST GREEN NEWS

January 2025

New Year Resolutions

"I can't be bothered to make New Year's Resolutions, anymore," a friend told me recently, "I never keep them, anyway." I can remember many resolutions I've made and never kept but still believe New Year's resolutions are worth making.

Even though it's very hard to admit that we need to change something about ourselves, it's the first step on the way to be freed from bad habits, repeating mistakes and hurts.

One of my heroes in the Bible is Saint Paul. Throughout his life he was opposed, persecuted, shipwrecked, deserted by trusted co-workers and scorned. Sometimes it seemed that every plan he made went wrong. I like the way that he was always honest about himself and about his failures. When he prayed to God, he always received God's kindness, strength and guidance. His motivation came from his faith in the love and goodness of God who he believed came to be with us in his son Jesus Christ.

He didn't just pray for himself, but for others too, giving thanks for them and praying for God's encouragement in hard times. He often prayed:

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all' - that's a great way to begin.

At St John's we see the New Year as a great time to welcome new members into our church. If you have been thinking about coming along for a while, we would love to see you and your families at any of our services, coffee mornings or YoYo's playgroup. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to get in touch please email me at revdsue@stjhurstgreen.co.uk.

Happy New Year to you all. *Revd Sue Bosley, St John's Church*



Hurst Green Cubs & Scouts - New Beavers Colony



The 1st Oxted Scout group are hoping to restart a Beavers colony at the Scout Hut location in Holland Sports ground in Hurst Green to run alongside the thriving Cubs and Scouts pack there. They will be hosting local school assembly roadshows in January to speak to the children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 about the fun activities available at Beavers, Cubs and in the future, Scouts in Hurst Green.

Following the school roadshow, there will be a fun activity filled open evening for parents and prospective beavers to attend and then taster sessions after the February half term.

Please keep your eyes out for fliers sent home with the children, emails via school newsletters and local Facebook groups for dates or email scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com for further information.

Choral Evensong for Epiphany

Epiphany plays a very important role in the Christmas story as the 6th January is the date when the star led the Three Kings or the Three Wise Men, as they are sometimes called, to visit baby Jesus after he had been born. This special date is called Epiphany. In Greek the word means 'to reveal' and this is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world. Sometimes people say 'I've had an epiphany' when they've had a good idea or a realisation and this is where this originates from.

On Sunday 5 January at 6.30pm in St Peter's Church, Tandridge Levante Chamber Choir will lead the music, which includes 'The Shepherd's Carol' by Chilcott, Warlock's 'Bethlehem Down' and well known Epiphany hymns for the congregation.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this traditional service!

ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE



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Thursday 23rd January

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10.30am - 12noon

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Walking is simple and free

Walking is sometimes overlooked as a form of exercise but walking has many health benefits such as lowering your risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes, strengthening your bones and muscles, it helps you maintain a healthy weight, boosts your mood, improves cardiovascular fitness, reduces excess body fat and reduces your risk of developing conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis.

We are lucky to be surrounded by such lovely countryside and walking in a group is a great way to start walking, make new friends and stay motivated.

If you are interested in walking visit the East Surrey Walkers Group at www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk where you will find full details of their walking programme for 2025.



Our mission is to encourage more adults in our community to be:

MORE ACTIVE MORE OFTEN

FREE training sessions, stretching and health advice.

2pm Monday Session

2pm Friday Session

Join us at Mill Lane Recreation Ground, Hurst Green RH8 9DF

GET FIT



YoYo's Playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am
Every Wednesday in term time.

A friendly group for babies and toddlers for a stay and play session with crafts, snacks and songs.

HURST GREEN & OXTED CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

At St John's Church there are services of Holy Communion on Sundays at 8.30am (said) at 9.45am (sung) and at 12.30pm on the 4th Wednesday each month, followed by lunch. The 9.45am service is available via Live Stream. The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm. For updates and the latest information, please check websites below.

ST JOHN'S, HURST GREEN

Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087
Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675
Reader: Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

All Saints' Church Chichele Road, Oxted, 01883 627 762
St Ambrose Church Warren Park, Warlingham
Parish Priest Fr Stanislaw (Mycek), 01883 713776
www.oxtedandwarlinghamparish.org

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 01883 712 017
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Claire Harris, 01883 730
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Located in Drewshearne Barn in Oxted, our venue is equipped with essential facilities to ensure a comfortable and accessible experience for all visitors.

In addition to our live performances and workshops, we offer a free YouTube learning channel. Here, you'll find a collection of Makaton Friendly content, including our exciting new series – Sensory Squad. For more information visit: www.h2hsensorytheatre.com.



Whats on at the Arts Society Limpsfield

Lectures are at the Church Hall Limpsfield RH8 0UD, arrive at 2pm for 2.15pm. Guest entrance £10, part year membership available.

Wednesday 29th January Henry VII's State Bed by Jonathan Foyle

Dating from 1486 this amazing piece of medieval carving and artwork was found in a hotel in Chester - appropriately enough, in the Honeymoon suite. Discover more about the carving and symbols of this late medieval artwork.

Tuesday 18th February Study Day at the United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane RH8 0AA Starting at 10am, £42 which includes morning coffee, buffet lunch and three lectures. The Changing Face of Fashion from 1890 to 1950 by Andrew Prince. Follow the story and events of the creators of fashion and style.

Wednesday 26th February The History of Art in Wallpaper by Jo Banham

Starting in the 16th century see the beautiful patterns and how they were used in stately or humble homes.



On 20th January 2025 the

Tandridge Handicraft Society is hosting a talk entitled "50 Ways to Tie a Scarf" The talk will be presented by Helen Kendall-Tobias.

Doors open 1:30, talk starts at 2pm.

Visitors welcome, £5 entry incl. tea and biscuits.

The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road, RH8 9HT.

Further details at www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or contact Jenny Beal on 01883 620730.

How to recycle your Christmas tree

If you're a Green Waste Club Member with a real Christmas tree you need to throw away, you can cut up your tree (maximum tree trunk 10cm diameter) and put it in your brown wheeled bin. Please make sure the lid is closed. If you're not a Green Waste Club member, please take it to the community recycling centres at Bond Road, Warlingham or Chaldon Road, Caterham.

You can also cut it up and put it in your home compost bin.

Please don't attempt to recycle wreaths or trees that have been sprayed, painted, or contain wire you can't remove.



Happy New Year to all our readers and advertisers!



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10.30am-12 noon



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Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery

If you're applying for a school place in September 2025 please consider our school which is set in 5 acres of spectacular land. We also have fantastic outdoor learning facilities including school chickens, a wildlife pond and weekly Forest School sessions.

We are small and friendly school, with only one class in each year group and a maximum of 30 children per class. Each of these has a highly experienced teacher with two teaching assistants. We also have a trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant).

At Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery we aim to address the individual needs of every child. All pupils in our school take part fully in the activities that make up the school day and additional school events. Teachers ensure work is differentiated and children receive the necessary support in class to enable them to access the curriculum.

"Hurst Green is a cosy school with a friendly atmosphere, making parents feel valued and respected. The children are treated with kindness and as individuals. I am pleased that my daughter attends this fantastic school." Parent at Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery.

To find out more about the school please come along to our last Open Morning on Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 9.30am or contact office@hurstgreenschool.org.

We currently have two rare spaces in our Reception and Year 2 classes. Please get in touch for more information.



Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society

Julius Drake, piano,
Michael Mofidian, bass baritone
22 February 2025 at
Hazelwood School, Bawtree Hall
Diverse Songs of Travel



Captivating music from Schubert to Vaughan Williams themed around vivid and engaging songs of travel.


For more information and to buy tickets please go to: www.olms.org.uk

Dates for your Diary January 2025

5 January: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
6 January: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Spring Term begins. Woodhouse Centre. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
8 January: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.
9 January: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Friends of the River Eden. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143..
9/23 January: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.
21 January: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.
Every Wednesday in termtime: YoYo's playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
Every Wednesday: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
Every Thursday: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
Every Friday: Starts back after Christmas on 17 January. Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 10am -12 noon, Woodhouse Centre.

St Agatha's Hall

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Westerham u3a

We have been awarded £2800 from the National Lottery Community Fund for a two-year project to encourage more of the local community to become members, to support those of our activities which are struggling to be self-supporting and to help any new Interest Groups or other initiatives to get up and running. Our Interest Groups at present range from Ancestry to Yoga: the full list can be found on our website: www.westerhamu3a.org. Do come and join us – you will be assured of a very warm welcome and lots of interesting activities to explore.

We usually hold a coffee morning in Westerham Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 in Westerham Village Hall, so come and chat to old friends and make new ones. The first one in 2025 will be on Wednesday 5 February.

Our Open Meeting, to which everyone is invited, takes place also in Westerham Village Hall at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month. Our January speaker, on 9 January, will be Nicholas Owen talking about From Local Newspaper Reporter to TV News Presenter. For more information please go to www.westerhamu3a.org.



Neighbour of the month for January goes to all the post men and women who have worked hard over the festive period delivering our Christmas cards and presents. We are lucky to have such friendly and reliable people who are willing to go above and beyond to deliver our mail.

If you would like to nominate someone for being a great neighbour/friend or have witnessed an act of kindness please email us at: hgncompiler@gmail.com.





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SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY

2.30PM - 4.00PM

DROP IN NO NEED TO BOOK

Limpsfield C of E Infant School is a lovely village school, in a unique position, surrounded by common land, and beautiful views. The school is thriving in its strong partnership with St Mary's C of E Primary school – and in their recent Ofsted report inspectors said “A culture of positive praise enables pupils to thrive in this warm and caring school”. Mrs Lewis, the Executive Headteacher says “Whether we are sharing exciting stories, singing songs, investigating numbers or pulling on our wellington boots to explore the fabulous environment on our doorstep everyone can share in our values of Peace, Joy and Love as we live and learn together. It really is a great place for a child to start their education.” Limpsfield offers a lovely nurturing ‘small school’ atmosphere in which children flourish when taking their first steps into school. We can use the beautiful common land outside our school gates – not only for PE and play in the summer months but also for other subjects all year round. Contact admissions@limpsfield.surrey.sch.uk for further information.



Mrs Lewis is also Executive Headteacher of **St Mary's C of E Primary School** – a school in the heart of Oxted with two classes in each year group in the Infants, but 4 classes in each year group in the Juniors. With 4 big playgrounds, a MUGA, a swimming pool, large climbing and play equipment and a huge playing field, St Mary's is able to offer fabulous outdoor learning opportunities.



Mrs Lewis says, “We find that children who join us in Year 3 are really excited by what we can offer. We are a very sporty school, holding a platinum sports mark, but we also have an Arts Mark Gold award for our provision for the performing and creative arts. All this enriches our varied and challenging curriculum.”

Both schools are delighted to announce that they have appointed a new executive Headteacher, Mr Tim Samuel, to lead the partnership from September 2025, and St Mary's is currently consulting on a revised admissions policy to reflect the strength of the partnership.

Some people don't apply for Year 3 because they think they won't get in but St Mary's expanded its Junior years to accommodate more families. Contact admissions@stmarysprimary.org for further information.

PARKPLAY - STARTS SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 9.30AM AT HOLLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE.

Bored on a Saturday morning just texting? Need some exercise to start off your family's New Year? Everyone is welcome to join for 2 hours at PARKPLAY hosted at your local Holland Junior School's incredible open and safe space. ParkPlay has been tried and tested across the UK. Families of all shapes, sizes and ages are all very welcome.

Could your CV or your wellbeing benefit from fresh air and fun every Saturday? We have ParkPlay Leaders who are supported and trained online and DBS checked. We're looking for more ParkPlay Leaders to share the joy every Saturday.

Saturday 11th January at 9.30am for fun and games for free at Holland Junior School & every Saturday!! Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult. (Sorry no dogs unless assistance dogs of course.) Any questions please contact one of our newest ParkPlay Leaders Carmen on 07815 074236 or go to www.park-play.com. See you there!



Do you have a girl or boy (aged 10 -14) who might enjoy and thrive in Scouts?



We currently have some spaces in our Scout troops that we would love to fill from January 2025 - Oxted on a Monday or Thursday evening at our Hall on Chalkpit Lane or Hurst Green on a Tuesday evening at our Hall on Mill Lane. For more information please complete the enquiry form at <https://www.1stoxtedscouts.com/join>.

WANTED: ADVENTURE SEEKERS!

Join the Adventure, #skills4Life Opportunities to build skills and confidence, make new friends and learn through the fun of doing and exploring new things. Parents / carers / local community - we would love to hear from you as well as our Scout Group is entirely run by volunteers; the more support we have the more we can offer!

Scout Contacts:

Barrow Green Troop (Monday): amanda.doran@btopenworld.com
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