

NEWSLETTER-APRIL 2025

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

Welcome to St John's!

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6 (NIV)

During Holy Week, we share in Christ's journey of suffering and his death on the cross.

His pain and death on Good Friday stand in solidarity with the agony of the world in which so many lives are diminished by war, famine or oppressive regimes.

The world in which God came to dwell and love in his son Jesus Christ.

We also live in the hope of Christ's resurrection and look forward to celebrating his risen life on Easter Day.

In between is Holy Saturday. For the apostles it was a day of loss and uncertainty.

In this sense, Holy Saturday mirrors the place many of us find ourselves in for significant periods of our lives. Let's use this 'in between place' to pray for God's kingdom of justice and peace to come.

As we pray, may we trust and believe that God's grace and life and peace will one day be revealed in all its fullness. With every Blessing, Sue

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 6 April: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 13 April: Palm Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Thursday 17 April: Maundy Thursday

7.30pm: Sung Eucharist

Friday 18 April: Good Friday

9.30am: Liturgy of Good Friday

Sunday 20 April: Easter Day

6am: Sunrise Service outside St Agatha's Hall

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 27 April: Second Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Said Eucharist - **Note: in the York Rooms**

9am: Bubble Church - *more information overleaf*

9.45am: Parish Eucharist

See Holy Week poster for further details

Eucharist at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel

Every Wednesday during Lent: 2, 9 & 16 April

followed by a simple lunch of delicious
homemade soup and bread in St John's Room
in aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal - *see next page*



*Usually the 4th Wednesday of each month
but please note, not on 23 April.*

Holy WEEK

at St John's, Hurst Green

Palm Sunday
Sunday 13th April
Services at 8.30am and 9.45am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday 17th April
Service at 7.30pm

Good Friday
Friday 18th April: Service at 9.30am
Walk of Witness 12 noon
starting at Oxted Library

Easter Sunday
Sunday 20th April
Sunrise Service 6am
outside St Agatha's Hall
Services of celebration at
8.30 and 9.45am in Church

COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 3 and 17 April. If you need
a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636.



The May Newsletter will be available on Sunday 27 April.

**Please send anything to be included by Sunday 20 April 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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THE BISHOP'S 2025 LENT APPEAL is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. This work is being supported in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own Diocese.

MARY'S LENTEN DIVERTISSEMENT

During Lent, Mary has been holding a weekly 'get-together' from 2 - 4pm in the York Rooms showing slides of her travels.

If you missed the previous ones, please come for the remaining two:

Tuesdays 1 & 8 April

On 1 April we will visit Alaska and the British Columbian coast and Vancouver, followed by coffee or tea and lemon drizzle cake.

Admission free, but donations to St John's in the basket provided will be gratefully received!



EASTER LILIES: Lilies are included in the flower arrangements around the church at Easter. If you would like to pay for one or more in memory of loved ones, please write your name and number of lilies you would like on the sheet in church and give the money (£3 for each each lily) to Hilary Dilnot or Sue Farrell by Sunday 13 April.



ELIZABETH HERBERT, former parishioner, was 101 years young on 3 March. Doesn't she look well! Elizabeth headed up our flower arranging team for many years, and did the re-tiling of the kitchen in St John's Room, amongst many other things. She now lives in Sycamore Court, Oxted.

REPORT FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: The current PCC met for the last time on 27 March, before the annual meeting on Sunday 11 May at 11am. There was discussion on a possible new model for PCC meetings; a small group will present a proposal at the next meeting, to include how the PCC interacts with sub committees. Safeguarding will be on every PCC agenda in future. Sue Bosley will meet the Safeguarding Officers, Charlotte Nicholls and Sam Stolz, monthly, to ensure St John's is working through the action plan resulting from the recent Diocesan audit. Sam was thanked for the enormous amount of administrative work he has undertaken. The Year End accounts were approved and Barbara Forrest was re-appointed as the Independent Examiner for the coming year. We are grateful to Barbara and Sue will present her with a gift to acknowledge all the work involved. Cathy Booth is coming to the end of her term as churchwarden and Geoff Booth has stepped down from organising the payroll. Penny Roberts and Jane Smith were re-appointed as Lay Communion Assistants. Thank you to Waitrose in Oxted who provided 500 daffodils for Mothering Sunday posies without charge!

THANK YOU TO SUE FOX for organising the enjoyable Quiz Night on 22 February, raising £1,436. The next fundraising event will be a Beer and Chilli Evening organised by Emma Kemp, with Debby Harris providing the food, on Friday 10 October 2025.

LAUNCH OF BUBBLE CHURCH! Church for little ones, starting on Sunday 27 April at 9am: Bubble Church is a puppet packed, Jesus centred, coffee-and-food-fuelled, 30-minute kids and families adventure. It's perfect for small children. Come to St John's (from 8.45am) for coffee and food and then you will be guided to your bubble at 9am where you and your little ones will share in song, stories, puppets and prayer. You can just turn up on the day.



REMINDER TO COMPLETE THESE FORMS!

The Electoral Roll must be completely renewed this year. Please put your form in the box with the green lid by **Monday 14 April**.

Pledge Forms: Please also consider (or review if you already give) how you can support the mission of St John's by regular financial giving. Put your pledge form in the red envelope, marked confidential, and leave it in the box on the table in church.

THE COOK ISLANDS came to St John's with the World Day of Prayer service on 7 March. The theme was 'I Made You Wonderful,' based on Psalm 139:1-18 and people arriving at the service were presented with a flower to wear.



THIS VIOLET is growing valiantly out of the tarmac by a manhole cover at the east end of the church, a little moth eaten, but still radiant in its beauty, and testament to the wonders of God's creation.

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