

NEWSLETTER-MAY 2025

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

Welcome to St John's!

*Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after
he was raised from the dead. John 21:13-14*

*During May, our Sunday gospel readings come from the Gospel of John.
John tells us about several important encounters between the risen Jesus and his disciples.
Jesus comes among them to show them that he really is alive, to feed them and to restore his
relationship with them. The disciples need every opportunity to grow in faith,
in preparation for the work that lies ahead of them as the apostles of the good news.
We had some wonderful Holy Week services and a joyful Easter day celebration at St John's.
I'm grateful to everyone who was involved in the services which offered us all an opportunity
to encounter the love and grace of Jesus for ourselves.
May we also be encouraged and strengthened in our relationship with God and one another
as we continue our mission and ministry as a church. With love, Sue*

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 4 May: Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist
followed by Big Brekkie - see below

1pm: Baptism of Robyn River Rose-Paulsen

Sunday 11 May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
APCM at 11am - more information overleaf

Sunday 18 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)
9am: Bubble Church 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 25 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 28 May, 12 noon: Eucharist, followed
by a soup lunch - usually every 4th Wednesday



CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE

On Sunday 4 May after the 9.45am service we will have bacon sarnies and avocado on toast, pastries, as well gluten-free options.

Given the proximity to VE day, it will feel suitably celebratory, as well as raising essential funds for Christian Aid. Suggested donation £5 per breakfast.

(Victory in Europe (VE) Day celebrates the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945.)

St John's wildflower garden (photo taken at the end of March)



COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 1, 15 & 29 May. If you need
a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636.



The June Newsletter will be available on Sunday 25 May.

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 18 May 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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CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Congratulations to Lily Zahner, who was confirmed by the Bishop of Croydon, the Rt Revd Rosemarie Mallett, at St Mary's, Oxted, on Sunday 6 April. In a beautiful service, Lily read the gospel, Revd Sue prayed the intercessions and Revd Mary presented Lily to the Bishop.



MESSAGE FROM WENDY HEWITT: *We are beginning to look more like home here by the sea. Today we have used the vouchers to get some lovely garden furniture and cushions so we can enjoy being in the sunshine at this point, in case this is summer! We will be for ever grateful for your kindness and generosity. You will also be glad to hear that I have fallen completely by chance into a community choir that after a short rehearsal went to give a recital of fun songs to a group of dementia sufferers so I felt completely at home and already bedded in! Best wishes and thanks to all again. Yours aye Wendy and Doug (received at the beginning of April).*

TOAD PATROL REPORT: Thanks very much indeed to everyone who helped out with the Toad Patrol this year, and to the drivers who slowed down for us. The migration season took a while to get going because the weather in February was at times quite cold, but in the end we carried out 89 rescues comprised of 36 toads and 53 frogs. This was nearly double last year's total, and fortunately there were very few, if any, casualties. Thanks again. *Adrian*

DISPLAYING CHAIR PLAQUES IN THE LADY CHAPEL: Some time ago, Creative Community came up with a design for the plaques from the old chairs to be arranged in a cross and mounted, using the wood from the table in St John's Room. The table currently in church will be moved into St John's Room with a new cabinet replacing that table. We are very grateful for donations given to finance the cost of the carpenter's work to make the cross and for the new cabinet. The Diocesan Advisory Committee has now granted permission and from Sunday 27 April there will be a notice on the door of the church to advise the parish of our plans. If you have any questions, please speak to Revd Sue or any member of the PCC.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: This year's APCM will be held on **Sunday 11 May at 11am** in the church. Notices and nomination forms for the PCC and Deanery Synod are on the porch noticeboard, and a booklet with reports from all areas of church life will be available. Please speak to one of the current PCC members if you have any questions....and do stay after the 9.45am service for the meeting, last year's only lasted 23 minutes!

ECO TALK, WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, 7.30PM: We are pleased to welcome Ian Christie, Associate Professor at the Centre for Environment & Sustainability, University of Surrey, to St John's Church. His subject is:

What is demanded of the affluent in the climate and nature crises of our time?

A reflection on the uncomfortable inequalities within and between countries as we consider how to respond to the crises of climate disruption and loss of nature. What is required of us as citizens and communities in taking action? How far do our responsibilities extend? And what are we called to do as Christians? This presentation will outline where we stand in relation to climate and nature crises - and what difference affluent people can and should make. The talk includes a reminder of the 'demandingness' of Christ's call to us, and a proposal for a campaign that can bring us together with other people of goodwill in making change.

Please come if you can, and advertise this event to others who may be interested.

ART IN JUNE is being hosted by St John's Church this year. The exhibition will be open to the public on 13 - 15 and 20 - 22 June. You can read more about it at <https://artatstjohns.weebly.com> and meet the seven local artists. More details in the June Newsletter.

WE HAD SOME WONDERFUL SERVICES during Holy Week and on Easter Day. Thank you so much to everyone who was involved, came along and chatted to visitors. It was a very special time of worship together. The flower arrangers are pictured below:



Other Notices

HURST GREEN SINGERS are holding their summer concert on Saturday 10 May at 7pm in Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Limpsfield. The programme includes choruses from Haydn's Creation and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. It promises to be a lovely concert and we hope you can join us. Tickets are £15 (free for under 18s) and can be purchased from the website www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk

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