

# NEWSLETTER-JUNE 2025

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

### Welcome to St John's!

*During the month of June, the Church marks some important occasions in the Christian faith.*

*The Day of Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June. Pentecost happens fifty days after Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year, when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.*

*The following Sunday is Trinity Sunday which commemorates the Christian doctrine of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

*For school pupils and students, June marks the ending of a school year and is a season of exams and assessment. For teachers too, this is a busy and demanding time.*

*For others, thoughts turn to the summer and holidays. Whatever June brings for you, may you know the empowering love, welcome and embrace of God.*

*Every blessing, Sue*

### Services at St John's this month

#### Sunday 1 June: Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist

#### Sunday 8 June: Pentecost

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### Friday 13 June: Memorial Service

12 noon: For Pamela and Patrick Mills, followed by interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden

#### Sunday 15 June: Trinity Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 22 June: First Sunday after Trinity

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

**Wednesday 25 June, 12 noon:** Eucharist, followed by a soup lunch - usually every 4th Wednesday

#### Thursday 26 June, 2pm:

Funeral of Stephen Mills, followed by reception in the York Rooms - see next page

#### Sunday 29 June: Peter and Paul

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist



### ART IN JUNE

#### OPEN STUDIOS

13-15 June 2025

20-22 June 2025



A Churches Together celebration of 7 artists

### At St. John's, Hurst Green

Come and meet the artists, have a chat and, if you so desire, take part in one of our workshops. Look out for the FREE guide; or visit our website to learn more about the artists and events.



W: ArtAtStJohns.weebly.com  
IG: @artinjuneatstj

**Friday & Sunday 2 - 6pm**

**Saturday 10 - 6pm**

**FREE Workshops Saturday 2 - 4pm**

**St. John's, Church Way, Hurst Green, Surrey RH8 9EA**

**See next page for more information.**

*The Newsletter covering July and August will be available on Sunday 29 June.*

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 22 June 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://facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen)

**RIP STEPHEN MILLS:** Sadly, Stephen Mills, one of our faithful church members, died on 12 May after a distressing illness. Gentle, quiet and unassuming, and such a lovely person, Stephen's regular presence at our services was a reassuring constant. Many years ago, he and Janet moved from their beloved Blackheath to Oxted, to be near his mother. On her passing, they chose to move to Orchard Way, and it has been a joy to share their company ever since. An accountant, Stephen typified the very best of that profession - scrupulous, loyal, upright and honest, altogether a good citizen and friend. Stephen loved walking in the countryside and sailing, and was a longtime member of the Hurst Green Singers, who will be singing at his funeral at St John's on Thursday 26 June at 2pm. We offer our condolences to Janet, and Ed, Katie and Susie and the rest of the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon  
Thursdays 12 & 26 June. If you need  
a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636.



**PAINTING ON SILK WORKSHOPS** will be run at St John's Church as part of 'Art in June', on Saturdays 14 and 21 June. Drop in between 2 and 4pm and stay as long as you like. Perfect for beginners to get a feel for silk painting; suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 7+. Everything is supplied free of charge; but donations are welcome if taking the artwork home. Please pick up a brochure for details other Art in June venues in Kent and Surrey including The Bull Inn, High Street Limpsfield.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** At the APCM on 11 May we thanked Cathy Booth for all her work as Churchwarden; also Geoff Booth who has stepped down from his role as payroll adviser. We are so grateful to them for their dedicated service to St John's. Henk van den Berg was re-elected as Churchwarden - please support him in this demanding role! Chris Johns was re-elected to the PCC and we also welcome new members, Sue Batley and Chris Long, both members of the Bubble Church team!

There was an update to the Giving part of the **Belong | Grow | Give** campaign. From the financial pledges returned: 9 people would like to increase their giving; 2 plan to decrease; 4 people who currently give by the Parish Giving Scheme will opt to increase yearly by inflation; 10 people intend to start regular giving. We estimate the monthly increase to be around £356 extra per month, which is £4,200 per year. We are very grateful to be able to make progress towards reducing the anticipated deficit of £10K. Thank you so much to everyone who responded and to everyone who contributes to St John's in so many different ways. The PCC will continue to look at our costs and fundraising initiatives.

The meeting was followed by a slideshow of photos taken by Henk throughout the past year. Please send Henk any pictures of church events you are involved in for next year's show!

**MARY'S LENTEN DIVERTISSEMENT:** Thank you to all who attended and supported Mary's Slide Shows during Lent. A total of £509.60 was raised (with Gift Aid, £637) from our visits to Iceland, The Galapagos, the Amazon, Alaska and New York/Cape Cod. That is a wonderful result, to go to church funds, and reflects an extremely generous response. Thank you so much.

**TALK ON CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISES:** On 21 May Ian Christie gave a very interesting talk on 'What is demanded of the affluent in the climate and nature crises of our time?' See the full version on St John's website: [stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk](https://stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk) (go to What's On, then Recent Events) or type [bit.ly/4kyM7FN](https://bit.ly/4kyM7FN) into your browser. Ian's conclusion: We need a carefully orchestrated coalition of leadership by example from the affluent in the West. This says ENOUGH...IS ENOUGH.

**VE Day, 8 MAY:** Oxted Parish Council wanted to mark the day, but because the War Memorial in Hurst Green is sited on very dangerous crossroads, it required a low key event on safety grounds. Mary led prayers at the War Memorial at 11am, with a Parish Councillor and representatives of the Royal British Legion laying wreaths.



## Other Notices

**THY KINGDOM COME:** This global ecumenical prayer movement celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, with the theme 'Light up the world in prayer'. Southwark Diocese invites you to join a family-friendly celebration on Pentecost Sunday, **8 June, 3 - 5pm at Southwark Cathedral**. Hear the story of Pentecost in an interactive storytelling session using song and movement, created for the wriggliest and chattiest among us. Explore and celebrate the many meanings of Pentecost together across different sensory stations: touch, taste, smell, sight and hearing. The event is free and open to all, with refreshments provided. Please book at: [tinyurl.com/2m7uf6xj](https://tinyurl.com/2m7uf6xj) For more information or help booking, please speak to Janet Harman or email [office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto:office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk)

**DEANERY PICNIC:** All welcome! Contact Susan Gibbin for more information: 07976 758104 or [sgibbin@btinternet.com](mailto:sgibbin@btinternet.com)

## Picnic in the Field

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025



**All welcome**  
**Bring and share food and drink**  
**Join in Games and Fun**  
**Get to know others across the Deanery**

Glebe Field, near St Peter's Tandridge Church  
From 12.30pm till 3pm

Tandridge Deanery Picnic: More details contact Susan Gibbin: [sgibbin@btinternet.com](mailto:sgibbin@btinternet.com)

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