



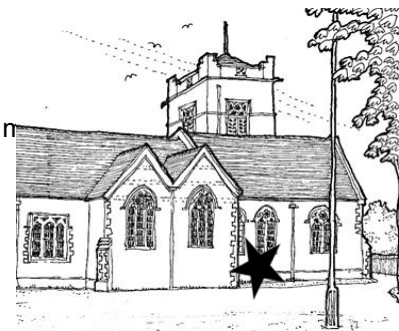
HURST GREEN NEWS

July 2025

It's a fine line!

Many years ago, when on holiday in Kenya, I visited a village that sits on the equator, where a line is painted on the road marking the equatorial position. Like many other tourists, I stood there with my feet either side of that line, one in the northern hemisphere and the other in the southern hemisphere. Years later, I did a similar thing at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, where the Prime Meridian, the zero-degree longitude, is also marked by a line on the ground. This time, I had one foot in the eastern hemisphere, and the other in the western hemisphere.

Although I was aware that the Meridian passes through our area, it is only recently that I have discovered, thanks to Google maps, that every time I go from my house in Home Park to St John's Church, I travel from the eastern to the western hemisphere. However, if you live in Tanhouse Road or Woodhurst Lane, or even next door to the church at number 9 Church Way, you do not have to make this transition on your journey because you are already in the western hemisphere. But once inside St John's, should you then go into the clergy vestry, you would pass into the eastern hemisphere. This is because the Prime Meridian runs right through St John's Church!



I don't have the correct tools to determine its exact position inside the church, but it seems to run along the altar. Perversely, I find it most that when I am standing at the altar during a service, I could be standing on the Prime Meridian! Yes, my feet upon this line of unique importance to the world - important because every other place on this earth is measured in terms of its angle east or west of the Prime Meridian.

In the drawing of St John's, the co-ordinate: 0.000000 lies within the superimposed star – that's the position of the Prime Meridian!!!

So, St John's Church has a claim to fame! I wonder how many other churches are situated on this significant global feature? As Anglicans, we like to think that we are a part of a global church. My research on the Prime Meridian in Hurst Green reveals that in one way, St John's is, without a doubt!

Every blessing,

Mary Seller, Assistant Priest, St John's Church, Hurst Green

Help shape a stronger future for Surrey

The Government wants areas like Surrey to become Strategic Authorities — led by an elected Mayor. To do this, Surrey must first reorganise into unitary councils, which combine county and district & borough services into a single level of government. Surrey currently has 12 councils. They are proposing these are reorganised into two new councils — East Surrey and West Surrey.

Central government is holding a consultation about the proposed plans for devolution and local government reorganisation. This will run until Tuesday 5 August 2025. This will help government to understand what residents, businesses and other stakeholders think about the changes in Surrey. They will use the results from the consultation to help them make a final decision on which option is best for Surrey.

You can complete the Consultation here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-surrey>.



**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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 20th September,
12.30-4pm

Hurst Green Village Fair

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St John's
HURST GREEN

**Sunday 6th July at 9.45am
St John's Church**

ALL AGE SERVICE

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

**Tea on the Green with Charity Raffle
at St AGATHA's HALL, HURST GREEN
SAT 19 JULY, 2pm – 4.30pm.**

POLLARDS OAK (local WI in Hurst Green) are supporting the ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY and invite you to come along for refreshments and to support the CHARITY RAFFLE with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Society.

TEA, COFFEE and CAKES will be on sale. There will also be some fun games to take part in (e.g. Guess the number of sweets in jar, weight of cake, 'Buy a Memory Square' & others).

(N.B. - Cash only on the day)

Please contact 07776 310093 with any queries.



**New Church service
for little ones
St John's Church
Sunday 20th July**

Third Sunday of the month –

Bubble Church 9am. Bubble Church is a puppet packed, Jesus centred, coffee-and-food-fuelled, 30 minute kids and family adventure. Come for coffee and food at 8.45am 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. Coffee served from 8.45am.

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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
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

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Dungeons and Dragons



Tuesdays during the Summer Holidays, 29/07/25 - 26/08/25, from 7PM - 9PM at Hurst Green Community Centre
First session free, then £2pp each week. Over 13s only, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. No upper age limit.

We welcome players with no experience! Players must book with Kelly, on 07504 104 084 and have confirmation of a seat. Thanks to the "East Surrey Community Budget" and the "Hurst Green Community Association" for supporting this event.

Friends of River Eden Summer Talks

FREE Invasive Non-Native Species Control - Himalayan Balsam Bashing: Tuesday 1st July, Oxted Mill. Contact hellofreesurrey@gmail.com for details.

FREE Summer Tour: Bough Beech Reservoir and SES Water Flow Zone - Wednesday 23rd July 10am - 2pm (limited to 20 people). Contact hellofreesurrey@gmail.com for details.

FREE Summer Walk: "Get To Know Your River" - Saturday August 2nd at 10:00am. Contact hellofreesurrey@gmail.com for details.

Gardening in the Summer July is often one of the hottest months in the year and when people spend more time drinking, eating, sunbathing, playing and relaxing in the garden. You will need to make sure you water your garden in the morning or early evening when it's cooler and remember to dead head plants so you can enjoy a longer display of flowers.

If you are interested in gardening Hurst Green has its own Gardening Club. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. The club welcomes anyone, whether a beginner or an expert, and of any age with an interest in gardening and who would like to meet up socially. Find a full list of their events at www.hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.



PARISH REGISTERS Holy Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church

19 July: Harrison Gareth Michael Perry and Amora Louisa Perry

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends

26 June: Stephen Mills

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered,
Email: office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk



On 14th July 2025 the Tandridge Handicraft Society is hosting a talk entitled "My Life as a Quilter". The talk will be presented by Sylvia Critcher. Doors open 1:30, talk starts at 2pm. Visitors are welcome, £5 entry including tea and biscuits.

The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road car park, opposite Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT (postcode for Sat Nav RH8 9JQ).

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



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Dates for your Diary July 2025

6 July: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
7 July: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.
www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
7/21 July: 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.
9 July: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.
10 July: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Dropping the Habit – Marion Dante. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.
15 July: 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, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
Every Thursday: Hurst Green Community Hub, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
Every Friday: OXTED COUNTRY MARKET – 10am to 12 noon at the Woodhouse Centre - for artisan crafts, produce and a hot drink.



St Agatha's Hall

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Tues 15 July - The Power of Gardening

Talk by Rory Dryburgh, Head Gardener for Titsey Estate
 7pm-8.30pm, £2 per adult

Fri 18 July - A closer look at yellow-legged hornets

Talk by Venessa Jones, Master Beekeeper
 2.30pm-4pm, £2 per adult

Tues 22 July - The Kindest Garden-

Landscape designer & author, Marian Boswall
 in conversation with broadcaster, podcaster
 and author, Julia Parker
 7pm-8pm, £5 per adult

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 emailing oxted.library@surreycc.gov.uk



Dr Richard Cockerill RIP ~ A Tribute

Hurst Green was saddened to learn of the death of Dr Richard Cockerill on May 21st, a hardworking GP who served this area for many years. He was a pillar of the community, highly respected and greatly admired, and is remembered as a kindly, courteous, modest, gentle man, and a devoted family man. At his request, there was no funeral, and he wanted no fuss. But the passing of a man of such stature, who was loved by all, and who bestowed so many blessings on our community, should not go unnoticed or unacknowledged.

Shortly after he retired, Dr Cockerill told me that the worst thing about his new life was that he no longer met people every day, and he missed this more than anything else. He was truly a person of the people, and he epitomised the motto of his Guy's alma mater: Dare quam accipere - it is better to give than to receive. In all that he did and all that he was, he gave generously - of his time, of his professional expertise and his love, not only in tending and treating the sick with compassion, but also by enriching people's lives with his wisdom, warmth and genuine concern for their wellbeing.

Many years ago, he gave a talk in St Agatha's Hall. To a packed audience he recounted his reminiscences of the changes in local primary health care provision during his time in practice. First, he had held surgeries in his house in Greenhurst Lane. Then they were stopped. He held antenatal clinics in the Coldshott flats. They were stopped. Mother and baby clinics took place in Aggies. They were stopped. Everything moved to the Health Centre in Oxted, where, as time went on, he was forced to spend less and less time with patients, and more and more time on paperwork. 'Such is progress', he said, with a wry smile!

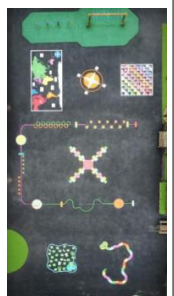
Rest in peace, dear Doctor, your work is done. Thank you for everything. You were the very best of the best.

Mary Seller

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Thank you Alan and Donna for being great neighbours!

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



A community fundraiser where profits will be shared between Hurst Green Community Centre and St John's Church, supported by Titsey Rotary Club.

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