

# NEWSLETTER-JULY/ AUGUST 2025

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

### Welcome to St John's!

*I recently spent some time with my brother, who lives an hour away from Los Angeles.*

*We drove through some of the neighbourhoods that had been devastated by the wildfires in January. The clean-up operation was still going on.*

*All that remained of so many homes was twisted metal and burnt-out cars in the driveway.*

*We also came across a large population of displaced squirrels who had fled the fires and made a new home in Santa Monica by the coast. I thought about the importance of having a place to call home; somewhere to live, to belong, to be safe. We see many parts of the world where this is not the case; where war and conflict continue to take away people's basic needs.*

*My hope for the Church is that it is a place where everyone can belong, be welcomed and be a safe place to enjoy the peace and love of God. I think of St John's as a family of many diverse people, who embrace the newcomer and gather to worship God and grow in love and faith together.*

*As we do so, may we become a family who discover that our true belonging is found in the eternal home of God. Every blessing, Sue*

### Summer Services at St John's

#### JULY

**Sunday 6 July: Trinity 3 (Proper 9)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist

*See invitation to young families overleaf!*

**Sunday 13 July: Trinity 4 (Proper 10)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

**Saturday 19 July: 12 noon**

Baptism of Gareth, Harrison and Amora Perry

**Sunday 20 July: Trinity 5 (Proper 11)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)

9am: Bubble Church 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

**Wednesday 23 July, 12 noon:** Eucharist, followed by a soup lunch - *usually every 4th Wednesday*

**Sunday 27 July: Trinity 6 (Proper 12)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

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**STOP PRESS: CALLING ALL MEN!**

**Join us for Men's drinks at 7.30pm  
on Tuesday 1 July at The Haycutter.**

#### AUGUST

**Sunday 3 August: Trinity 7 (Proper 13)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

**Sunday 10 August: Trinity 8 (Proper 14)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

**Sunday 17 August: Trinity 9 (Proper 15)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

**Sunday 24 August: Trinity 10 (Proper 16)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

**Sunday 31 August: Trinity 11 (Proper 17)**

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

2.30pm: Baptism of Louis Thomas Jeremy Briant

**Please note: No Wednesday Eucharist in August. The next one is on 24 September.**

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**Piano Concert with Ralitsa Penkova**

Saturday 5 July, 7 - 9pm at St John's Church. Music by Scarlatti, Chopin and Schubert, wine and refreshments.

Tickets £15 from [events@hgcc-surrey.org.uk](mailto:events@hgcc-surrey.org.uk) or call 07815 074236. Profits will be shared between Hurst Green Community Centre and St John's Church.

*The September Newsletter will be available on Sunday 31 August.*

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 24 August 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

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**LUNCH IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN:** An invitation to young families to come for an informal lunch on Sunday 6 July at 12 noon, and get to know each other better! Please let Revd Sue know if you are planning to come.

**DURING THE SUMMER:** At St Agatha's Hall The Community Fridge will continue weekly on **Wednesdays from 11.15 - 12.15** and the Community Hub on **Thursdays from 1 - 3pm**. (The Hub may take a short break, please look out for information.)

**YO YOs:** Playgroup for parents/carers with babies and pre-school children on Wednesdays, 9.15 - 11.15am (term time) in the York Rooms at St John's. Tea, coffee, cake and snacks for the little ones. Last session on 16 July, starting again on 10 September.

## COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon

Thursdays 10 & 24 July; 7 & 21 August

If you need a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636.



**BUBBLE CHURCH** is a relaxed, welcoming, fun, yet explicitly Christian, initiative for young families. Services last 30 minutes, with some repetition of songs, prayers, a simple Bible story, a confession and actions, the familiarity helping children to engage, and of course the puppets are a key aspect, loved by all children. We had no idea who would come, but each month new people arrive, with a total of 20 families so far. It has a very spiritual feel as we end by waving 'goodbye' to the puppets, followed by the reminder that Jesus doesn't say goodbye, but is always with us. Keli Bolton from Bubble Church 'HQ' will join on 20 July to see how we are getting on and to support us going forward. There is no Bubble Church in August, with the next one on 21 September.



**PCC REPORT:** The new Parochial Church Council met for the first time on 26 June and welcomed the new members Sue Batley and Chris Long, both part of the 'core' Bubble Church team. After the formal appointments of people to particular roles, always done at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting, there was a long and wide ranging discussion on the governance structure and missional focus of the PCC and sub committees. It was noted that we are still waiting to hear the results of the applications to move the font and mount the cross with the chair plaques in the Lady Chapel.

**HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR** will take place on Saturday 20 September this year, 12.30 - 4pm. It has become traditional for St John's to provide a bouncy castle, but this year it will be bigger and better! Information on activities run by St John's will be available with helpers wearing the green T-shirts used for Bubble Church. The puppets may make an appearance too!

**ART IN JUNE:** St John's Church hosted this annual event for the first time this year with seven local artists exhibiting their work, displaying amazing talent and great diversity. They were happy to chat to visitors, giving more information about how and where they worked, and the challenges they faced. The free 'painting on silk' workshops were very popular, particularly with children. Many thanks to Nadeem Qureshi from St Mary's, Oxted, for organising it. You can still view the works at [artatstjohns.weebly.com](http://artatstjohns.weebly.com). Sam Strolz from St John's was one of the artists, see below:



**ASSISTED DYING:** 'Without proper palliative care, there is no choice'. Please pick up a sheet from the table which contains a copy of a letter sent by the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun to all MPs with constituencies within Southwark Diocese.

## Other Notices

**MOIRA ASTIN:** After 9 years as Archdeacon of Reigate, the Venerable Moira Astin, is leaving to become the next Bishop of Crediton, Devon. Her consecration service will be on 3 July at St Paul's Cathedral. During the vacancy, Helen Cook (Rector at St Peter's, Limpsfield) will become the Acting Archdeacon for Reigate and Tandridge Deaneries, covering day-to-day matters, including pastoral issues, safeguarding queries, and parish conversations. You can contact Helen at [helen.cook@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:helen.cook@southwark.anglican.org)



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