

NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER 2025

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

Did you know that that there were originally ten months in the ancient Roman calendar? It was based on lunar cycles and October was originally the eighth month of the year. Its name means "the eighth month" in Latin. In 451 BC the two months of Ianuarius and Februarius were added to the beginning of the calendar, making October the tenth month.

Today, we associate October with Harvest festivals, nights drawing in and the clocks going back an hour at the end of the month.

In Munich, Germany, October is associated with the Bavarian beer festival of Oktoberfest. We have our own version at St John's, with a beer tasting and chilli fundraising evening on Friday 10 October. There is an expert talk on the brewing process, different beers to taste and a homemade chill. Be sure to book your ticket in advance.

We will also be celebrating Harvest on 5 October and donating dried and tinned food to the Caterham foodbank. Everyone is welcome, we hope to see you soon.

Every blessing, Sue

Services at St John's this month

Thursday 2 October, 11am:

Funeral of Derek Say - all are welcome to stay for refreshments in the York Rooms after the service.

Saturday 4 October, 2pm:

Wedding of Joseph Bryant and Evie Beadles

Sunday 5 October: Harvest

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service

Sunday 12 October: Trinity 17 (Proper 23)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
3pm: Memorial service for Brian Brackpool
followed by a reception in the York Rooms

Sunday 19 October: Trinity 18 (Proper 24)

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)
9am: Bubble Church **10am:** Parish Eucharist
6pm: Deanery Worship - more details overleaf

Wednesday 22 October, 12 noon: Eucharist,
then soup lunch (usually every 4th Wednesday)

**Don't forget: the clocks go back by one hour
at 2am on 26 October 2025**

Sunday 26 October: Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

All Age Service for Harvest, 5 October



All Age Service for Harvest

5th October at 9.45am



Family friendly, involving the children
with songs, bible story, activities
and food afterwards

Donations of dried and tinned food
will be given to the Caterham Foodbank



Church Way, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA

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Introduction to Rural Lay Ministry

Wednesday 1 October 11am - 2pm, Oxted Community Hall, RH8 9NB. Open to all, especially those considering a call to serve their parish in a rural context. Led by Revd Alan Bayes (Diocesan Rural Life Adviser) with guest speaker from the Farm Community Network.

Coffee, tea and biscuits from 10.30am and a soup lunch will be provided. There are many ways to use your gifts and time in service to the church.

Come along and find out more!

The November Newsletter will be available on Sunday 26 October.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 19 October 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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COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 16 and 30 October

(There is no coffee morning on 2 October as many people will be going to Derek's funeral.)

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



THE VILLAGE FAIR on Saturday 20 September was a great success. It was wonderful to be able to take part in the event as the parish church. A huge thank you to everyone who helped serve teas, bake a cake or supervise the bouncy castle. Together they raised just over £1,000 for church funds. The Bubble Church team spent the afternoon chatting to families and inviting them to the service. As a result, four new families came to Bubble Church the next day. Let's give thanks to God for this encouragement.

CATHY AND GEOFF BOOTH will be moving from Hurst Green on 10 October having finally exchanged contracts on their house. They will move into rented accommodation initially until their new house is ready, when they will share their new address. In the meantime, their email addresses and mobile numbers remain unchanged. We thank them both for all they have contributed to St John's and wish them well.

OXTED BAND: 'Stars of Brass' concert at St John's, Saturday 18 October at 7pm.

TANDRIDGE DEANERY SERVICE: St John's Church is hosting this service for all the churches in our Deanery. Please come and join in. Everyone is welcome:

Tandridge Deanery Worship

19th October 2025

6pm

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Followed by refreshments, including wine, soft drinks and nibbles

All Welcome,

Focus :- Inclusion and Black Lives Matter



A SCIENTIST'S VIEWPOINT: Mary Seller will give a presentation in the York Rooms on Monday 20 October, tackling topics like What use is the Bible? What is God? What is Life? You are welcome to come to watch, listen and ask questions! There will be tea, coffee and cake from 9.30am with the presentation starting at 10am.

DON'T FORGET THE BEER TASTING AND CHILLI EVENING! Friday 10 October at St John's Church. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Please order your tickets by Friday 3 October. Speak to Sue Fox or e-mail Debbi Harris and let them know how many tickets you require. Enjoy an expert talk on the brewing process and taste a variety of beer styles, followed by a delicious home cooked chilli and dessert. Tickets, £15, must be purchased in advance. Pick up a flyer from the table in church.

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S IN NOVEMBER:

2 November, 3.30pm All Souls' Service: Sheets to add names to be remembered at the service will be out on Sunday 19 October.

9 November, 10am Remembrance Sunday Service

Saturday 15 November, 11am-3pm Autumn Fair. If you're a local craftsperson and would like to book a table to sell your products, please email office@stjohnshurstgreen.co.uk or contact Sue Fox 07968 128105.

Monday 17 November, 6pm: Fostering Film Festival

Join us for a relaxed and inspiring community screening as part of Surrey's Fostering Film Festival Tour.



Just 45 minutes of powerful short films



Free popcorn for all guests



Ask questions and chat with our friendly team & foster carers

Whether you're curious about fostering, want to support your community, or just love a good story, this event is for you. No booking required: just come along and enjoy an evening of film, conversation, and connection.

Pick up a flyer and information booklet from the table to find out more about fostering. Please take a copy to give to anyone you know who might be interested in exploring this subject.

Other Notices

NEW ARCHDEACON: Bishop Christopher has announced the appointment of The Revd Dr Geoff Dumbreck as the next Archdeacon of Reigate. Geoff is currently Vicar of the South Croydon Benefice and Area Dean of Croydon Central. Geoff is expected to take up his new role in early January 2026. He will succeed the Rt Revd Moira Astin, who was appointed as Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter in July.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Join the Diocese of Southwark in a Celebration of Identity & Belonging, at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 4 October, 10.30am - 1.30pm. There will be a service of thanksgiving with a Eucharist celebration, followed by a workshop focused on the theme, "Who do you say that I am?" (*Matthew 16:15b*). All are welcome.

FREE HARP RECITAL by Margaret Watson at St Bernard's Church, Vicarage Road, Lingfield RH7 6EZ on Saturday 4 October, 3pm. A light hearted tour of the harp's history and mechanics interspersed with magical pieces and a complimentary cream tea during the interval. Any donations will be sent to the SVS South Sudan baby feeding programme.

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