

# NEWSLETTER-MARCH 2026

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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### Welcome to St John's!

*As we step into March, we find that the days are growing longer, the spring flowers have appeared and we are reminded of God's faithfulness in bringing new life and fresh hope.*

*For the Church, March is the season of Lent and the time to pause, reflect, and draw closer to Christ. It is an invitation to examine our hearts, to pray more deeply, and to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.*

*Everyone is welcome to come to the services during Lent. You might also like to consider joining in with a midweek Lent course to investigate the themes and readings that help us explore the journey Jesus makes to the cross.*

*Whatever this month holds for you, may you know the peace of God in the ordinary moments, the strength of Christ in the challenging ones, and the quiet encouragement of the Holy Spirit each day. With every blessing, Sue*

### Services at St John's this month

#### Sunday 1 March: Lent 2

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service

#### Sunday 8 March: Lent 3

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 15 March: Mothering Sunday / Lent 4

*A posy of flowers for everyone at all the services today!*

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)

9am: Bubble Church 10am: Parish Eucharist

#### Tuesday 17 March, 2pm

Beryl Perry Thanksgiving Service - *more over the page*

#### Sunday 22 March: Lent 5

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

1pm: Baptism of Sylvie Libby Joyce Gargate

#### Friday 27 March at 2pm: Funeral of Avril (Pat)

Browne - *followed by reception in the York Rooms*

#### Sunday 29 March: Palm Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

### Ladies' Night Out - 4 March

Ladies, please join us for a meal and fellowship at the **Diamond Inn at 7pm on Wednesday 4 March.**

It's a while since we did this, but it has always been fun and you can get to know a few other people from our congregation. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the cabinet at the back of church. You may be asked to make a menu choice nearer the time.

### Fortieth Anniversary of David Gresham House



**Read more over the page!**

*The April Newsletter will be available on Sunday 29 March.*

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 22 March 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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## COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon  
Thursdays 5 and 19 March



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

**THE NEXT MID WEEK COMMUNION** will be on Wednesday 22 April at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel. Everyone is welcome to stay for a homemade soup lunch afterwards in St John's Room. This usually takes place each month on the 4th Wednesday.

**THE LATE BERYL PERRY:** We are sorry to report the death of Beryl Perry. She was a long-term resident of Orchard Way and only relatively recently moved away to Dorset to be near to her daughter, Alison. There are many living in the area who will remember her as their Domestic Science teacher at Oxted County School (as it was then). In her latter years, she would recount meeting adults in Oxted who she did not recognise, towering over her, and telling her that she taught them at school. Beryl was a faithful member of St John's Church from 1963, formerly part of the flower arranging team, and attended the coffee mornings and participated in other activities. May she rest in peace. A thanksgiving service will be held for Beryl at St John's on Tuesday 17 March at 2pm, with refreshments afterwards in the York Rooms

**LENT:** It's not too late to join a Lent Group! St John's is exploring 'The Final Week' of Jesus, on **Wednesdays at 2pm in St John's Room or 7.30pm on Zoom**, from 25 February until 25 March. Contact Revd Sue Bosley if you would like to take part: revdsue@stjohnshurstgreen.co.uk or 07553 305087.

The GIFT group is running the 'Living Hope' course on **Mondays from 23 February at 10am** in The Space, Oxted Community Hall. Contact Janet Harman (contact details overleaf) for more information or just come along on any Monday until 23 March. Tea / coffee and cake on arrival, booklets available!

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** Southwark Cathedral Saturday 23 May at 4pm: If you are an adult or a young person aged 11 or older, you might like to consider confirming your Christian faith. This is a wonderful service of affirmation and blessing, conducted by a Bishop. Preparation sessions will be held with St Mary's Oxted. If you would like to find out more and to book your place, speak to Sue or Mary.

**UPDATE ON HURST GREEN COMMUNITY FRIDGE:** Kelly Kent is taking over from Ché Ramsden as lead for the Hurst Green Community Fridge. As well as being an Oxted Parish Councillor, Kelly works for the Hurst Green Community Centre and is a wonderful advocate and support for all things Hurst Green. She was involved in setting up the Fridge with Revd Lotwina Farodoye (curate) and the core group, and knows it really well. Given her role running the Community Centre, she really understands the complexity of the operation and all the behind-the-scenes 'stuff', as well as the simplicity of it all which makes it work for our community members. Kelly and Revd Sue will meet regularly, and Sue will keep the PCC abreast of developments. (*The Fridge is open every Wednesday, 11.15 - 12.15 at St Agatha's Hall. Join us for a cuppa, biscuit, chat and a free bag of food!*)

**DAVID GRESHAM HOUSE:** On Saturday 24 January, David Gresham House celebrated its 40th anniversary with a party for residents, family members and friends. Some of us can remember Hurst Green before this residential care home was built on a derelict piece of land near the station. Indeed, I remember taking part in a sponsored walk on the Mill Lane playing fields to help raise money for its construction!

It was the brainchild of the late David Gresham who saw a need, not just for a residential home for those in their later years, but for a home that would care for those who are unable to look after themselves. He raised the money to achieve his aim, and later went on to raise more money to build an extension.

The residents are a happy, friendly community where companionship abounds. They live in comfort with their needs met by a first-class group of professional staff who love and care for the residents selflessly, and are supported by volunteers who pop in daily to talk to the residents and serve them coffee and tea.



Sadly, David Gresham died some years ago, but his widow, Mrs Millie Gresham, an ardent supporter from the beginning, was at the party to make a speech and cut the wonderful celebratory cake. We all enjoyed a beautiful, formal tea with many delicacies including tiny sandwiches and chocolate eclairs, followed by a glass of bubbly. The picture on the front page shows Millie Gresham, together with Emese Pomezanski, the Registered Manager, and Andy Fleet, Deputy Manager.

On the last Thursday of each month, throughout this year, you are invited to pop in to David Gresham House from 10am - 12 noon for tea or coffee, and to meet the residents and staff. *Mary Seller*

## Other Notices



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY 6 MARCH:** Services are at 10am at Hurst Green Evangelical Church, and 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Limpsfield.

This year's service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria and it will be celebrated in different time zones and languages around the globe. The theme is marginalisation and is based on Matthew 11:28-30: *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* There will be a retiring cash collection and refreshments after the service. Please come and join this global wave of prayer at a time that is convenient to you.

**PLEASE CONTINUE** to drive carefully in the hours after sunset on the stretches of road leading to the T-junction between Church Way and Oast Road, as local frogs and toads move to and from the pond where they were bred, particularly on mild, damp evenings.

**DON'T FORGET!** The clocks go forward one hour on Sunday 29 March at 1am!

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