

# NEWSLETTER-MAY 2026

## St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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### Welcome to St John's!

*On Sundays this month, we continue to journey through the Easter season, encountering the risen Christ in moments of uncertainty, recognition, and renewed calling. These passages remind us that resurrection is not only an event to remember, but a reality to live, shaping how we love, serve, and bear witness each day.*

*On 10 May, at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, we will look back our life together as a church, by giving an account of the past year and praising God for the opportunities we have had to live out our faith.*

*At the Sunday service on 24 May, we will celebrate the day of Pentecost and give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who will lead and guide us as a church in the year to come.*

*With every blessing, Sue*



### Services at St John's this month

#### Sunday 3 May: Easter 5

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service

#### Sunday 10 May: Easter 6

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist  
11.10am: Annual Parochial Church meeting - see over

#### Friday 15 May, 1.45pm

Funeral of Brenda Batchelor - more information overleaf

#### Sunday 17 May: Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension day)

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)  
9am: Bubble Church 10am: Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 24 May: Pentecost

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 31 May: Trinity Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

The wildflower garden has been extremely pretty this spring - see photos on the right. It has been a delight to follow the changes as the weeks have rolled on. Have you looked at it recently?

**Wednesday 27 May, 12 noon**  
**Midweek Communion in the Lady Chapel**  
followed by a simple lunch of delicious  
homemade soup and bread in St John's Room



*Usually the 4th Wednesday of each month*

### St John's wildflower garden in April



*The June Newsletter will be available on Sunday 31 May.*

*Please send anything to be included by Sunday 24 May 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 14 and 28 May



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

**BRENDA BATCHELOR RIP:** We have been saddened to learn of the death of Brenda Batchelor. She and her late husband, John, were regular worshippers with us for many years. Brenda took a particular interest in maintaining the grounds, both practically, by organising our annual leaf clearing, and financially, by paying for gardeners to keep the north side of the grounds neat and tidy for many years. Brenda was a most knowledgeable plantswoman, and chose the shrubs for planting on the bank behind the York Rooms with care. She was a great organiser, marshalling us all when we undertook gardening in the grounds together, and very organised herself, always having the correct tools for the job. We thank her for all her hard work over the years. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We send our condolences to her two daughters, Christine and Gillian and her grandchildren. Her funeral will be at St John's on Friday 15 May at 1.45pm followed by a reception in the York Rooms.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** The 2026 APCM will be held on **Sunday 10 May at 11.10am** in the church. Notices and nomination forms for the PCC and Deanery Synod are now on the porch noticeboard, also a copy of last year's minutes. Leaflets on the Deanery Synod are available in the church. A booklet with reports from the various areas of church life will be available nearer the time and there will be a few hard copies of the agenda and financial statements for the year to 31 December 2025. Please speak to one of the current PCC members if you have any questions; names with photos are displayed in the porch. The meeting will be over within 30 minutes and will end with a slideshow put together by our churchwarden, Henk, showing what's been happening at St John's during the past year!

**CONFIRMATION AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL:** There are three candidates from St John's being confirmed at **4pm on Saturday 23 May:** Pat Forster, Gwenda Wilkie and James (JJ) Conroy. Please remember them in your prayers as they take this important step in their Christian journey. You are also very welcome to support them by coming to the service. Due to a bus replacement service that day, the suggestion is to catch the 2.30pm train from Redhill which arrives at London Bridge at 3.07pm. Lifts to Redhill can be organised, leaving Hurst Green at 1.30pm. If you are thinking of attending the service, please contact Revd Sue, see details below, or at [revdsue@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto:revdsue@stjhurstgreen.co.uk)

**HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO BUBBLE CHURCH!** We started Bubble Church a year ago last April. During that time, we have met 18 families who had never been to a service at St John's before. On average 15 families come every month. The team (shown above, next column) has grown too, with 12 adults and 3 children who are regular members of the team. Bubble Church has been a wonderful way to share Bible stories and worship with young families, and both young and old enjoy it very much. In January the first Bubble Church baptism took place as we welcomed baby Theo into the church.



**GOSPEL RISING** is a South East London based choir, committed to sharing a global message of love, hope and peace. They perform a variety of gospel music to raise the human spirit, at churches, weddings, funerals, festivals and graduation ceremonies, as well as prisons and food banks. We are delighted to announce that they are coming to St John's on Saturday 23 May, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets, £15, will be on sale soon, possibly with some available free or at a nominal price. There will be a 20-minute interval to enjoy a glass of wine or free squash. Thank you to Chris Johns and Vanessa Fowler for making this possible!

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PRESENTING  
**GOSPEL**

**23<sup>RD</sup> MAY** **RISING**

TICKETS  
**£15**

Ticket sales:  
[stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk](http://stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk)

DOORS OPEN	LOCATION
<b>6:30<sup>PM</sup></b> for a <b>7:00 start</b>	<b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b> CHURCH WAY, HURST GREEN, OXTEA, SURREY, RH8 5EA

Proceeds to St John's, Hurst Green

## Other Notices

**HURST GREEN SINGERS' SUMMER CONCERT:** Saturday 16 May at 7.30pm at The Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Wolfs Hill, Limpsfield RH8 0QU. The programme consists of Haydn's 'Inसानae et Venae Curae' and Mozart's 'Requiem', both exquisite pieces of music, with soloists and orchestral accompaniment. Tickets cost £20 (this includes refreshments after the concert) and can be bought online at [www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk](http://www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk). Do come along for an evening of wonderful music.

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