

NEWSLETTER-JULY/ AUGUST 2026

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

Welcome to St John's!

Summer is a time for families and school staff to rest and recharge after a busy year. As many people will be away on holiday, there will be no All Age Service or Bubble Church during August.

*During the summer at St John's we will be exploring a new Sunday series called **Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives**. Each week, we'll discover the story of a Christian saint who helped shape the faith in ancient Britain, and reflect on how their example can inspire our lives today.*

We'd love you to join us as we journey together through these remarkable stories.

Everyone is welcome. Every blessing, Sue

Summer Services at St John's

JULY

Sunday 5 July: Trinity 5 (Proper 9)

9.45am: Special Parish Eucharist - *details overleaf*
2pm: Baptism, Dottie-May Patricia McClean Jones

Sunday 12 July: Trinity 6 (Proper 10)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service

Wednesday 15 July: 2 pm

Funeral of Shirley Fricker

Sunday 19 July: Trinity 7 (Proper 11)

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

Sunday 26 July: St Columba (Trinity 8)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

AUGUST

Sunday 2 August: St Cuthbert (Trinity 9)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Saturday 8 August: 12 noon

Baptism of Lucas Anthony Bazell

Sunday 9 August: St Brendan (Trinity 10)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 16 August: St Hilda (Trinity 11)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 23 August: St Augustine (Trinity 12)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 30 August: St Thomas Beckett (Trinity 13)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

PILGRIM PLACES, Holy Lives

*Journey through history. Discover faith.
Find encouragement for today*

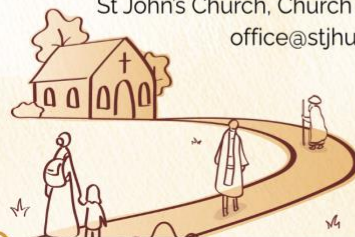
**A summer series of Sunday services
26th July - 30th August 2026
at St John's Church**

Hear the inspiring stories of the people who brought Christianity to ancient Britain.

Discover how their faith still speaks to us today.

Come as you are, everyone is welcome.
Services are at 8.30am and 9.45am
and include Holy Communion.

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St John's
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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Wednesday 22 July, 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 every 4th Wednesday, but not in August

The September Newsletter will be available on Sunday 30 August.

**Please send anything to be included as soon as possible 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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SUNDAY 5 JULY: The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, will preside and preach at this special Parish Eucharist at 9.45am. There will be no 8.30am service on this day. During the service, the Bishop will present the Reverend Professor Mary Seller with the Lancelot Andrewes Award, given in recognition of 'godly service and zeal for the gospel'. Mary was nominated for the award by Revd Lotwina Farodoye. We are very fortunate that Bishop Christopher is able to join us shortly before his retirement; he was appointed as Bishop of Southwark in 2011.

SUNDAY 12 JULY: The All Age service will move from the 1st to the 2nd Sunday: **12 July**, when we will hear Part 2 of the Joseph story. The next specific All Age service will be on 6 September.



SUNDAY 19 JULY, BUBBLE CHURCH, 9 - 9.30am with refreshments from 8.45am.

After a break in August, Bubble Church will return on Sunday 20 September (and usually every 3rd Sunday). If you are at the Hurst Green Village Fair on 19 September (see Other Notices), you may meet some of the puppets there!

YO YOs: Playgroup for parents/carers with babies and pre-school children on Wednesdays, 9.15 - 11.15am (term time only) in the York Rooms at St John's. Tea, coffee, cake and snacks for the little ones. The last session before the summer break will be on 15 July, starting again on **Wednesday 9 September**. (This year there will be a 2-week break for half term on 21 and 28 October.)

A FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON is taking place at St John's Church on Wednesday 29 July. Further details from Lucy Kay.

COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 9 & 23 July; 6 & 20 August
If you need a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636.



FUNDRAISING:

Congratulations to Lily Zahner who completed a 13-mile fundraising walk in aid of St Catherine's Hospice on Saturday 6 June, finishing at 7 minutes past midnight! Lily raised over £500 in memory of her grandad.

A fundraising flute concert took place at St John's on 14 June. Thank you to the flautists, Claire Bentley, Rachel Kamm and Catherine Whitehouse, also to Geoff and June Thompson for organising the refreshments after the concert. More than £300 was received in donations, to be divided between St John's Church and Cancer Research UK.

The Gospel Rising Choir came to St John's on 23 May and treated us to a powerful evening of gospel music, singing with so much heart and joy of their love for God. Many people from the local community came along and the proceeds of £770 will go towards church funds. See photo at the top of the next column.



BEE INVASION OF THE CHURCHYARD: On 18 June, a swarm of bees alighted on Janet and Richard Fearn's patio, at 9, Church Way next to St John's, and they then flew off over the fence into the churchyard. They rested on the camelia bush on the left of the drive. We are extremely grateful to Janet and Richard, who arranged for a beekeeper to come with a hive and take the swarm away. He was absolutely delighted to receive it. Bees swarm when a hive gets overcrowded. Thousands of bees leave with the old queen and search for a new home.



SAVE THE DATE: Open Day at St John's, Saturday 5 September, 11am - 3pm. Lots to see and do for everyone: tower tours, parish registers and photos, flower arranging, teas and cakes, with unveiling of the cross artwork at 2pm.

Other Notices

AFTERNOON TEA AT WINDMILL MANOR: Don't be alone, join us for a free afternoon tea on **Friday 3 July at 3pm**. Contact Deb 07592 610449 or Alan 07985 112260 for more information and to secure your place. We are happy to arrange lifts if needed.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, LIMPSFIELD CHART is celebrating 130 years! See poster on the porch noticeboard for details.

- Every Sunday in August: August teas, 3-5pm
- Sunday 16 August: Songs of praise service, 5.15pm
- Sunday 13 September: Pet service, 10am
- Saturday 3 October: Celebration concert, 7.30pm. The concert includes harpist Margaret Watson, cellists, organists and singers. Complimentary drinks in the interval. Tickets £15 from www.lttm.org.uk/standrews

HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR is on Saturday 19 September this year, 12.30 - 4pm, with a nautical theme. St John's will provide a bouncy castle as in previous years.

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