

NEWSLETTER-SEPTEMBER 2026

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

Welcome to St John's!

Recently, a family came into church to ask about a baptism for their child. They said that St John's brings their family together at important moments in their lives. When they have celebrated a wedding, welcomed a new member of the family at a baptism or mourned and cried at the loss of a loved one, St John's Church has been there for them.

It's a joy and an honour to serve the people of Hurst Green. We also have a responsibility to make sure that the church is here for future generations too.

St John's will need the help of the local people for our fundraising campaign to restore the church organ. If you would like to support 'Pull out the Stops', our organ campaign, we would be so grateful.

On Saturday 5 September, there is an open day at St John's. There will be many different displays, including old photographs and registers, a fact-finding treasure hunt and much more, as well as teas and homemade cakes. I hope you will be able to come along. Every blessing, Sue

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 6 September: Trinity 14/Festival of Creation in Christ - see below for more information

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service
1pm: Baptism of Nieve, Riley, Finley and Rosie Carley

Sunday 13 September: Trinity 15

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 20 September: Trinity 16

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

Wednesday 23 September 12 noon

Communion in the Lady Chapel. All welcome to stay for a homemade soup lunch in St John's Room afterwards.
(Every 4th Wednesday)

Sunday 27 September: Trinity 17

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

The Festival of Creation

On 12 July the General Synod approved a new annual **Festival of Creation in Christ**, to be celebrated on the first Sunday in September. This offers an opportunity for Christians to give thanks for God's creation and reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and pray for its renewal.

St John's Church Open Day Saturday 5 September

A festive poster for St John's Church Open Day. It features a central photograph of the church building, flanked by colorful balloons (blue, red, yellow). Above the photo is a string of triangular bunting. Below the photo is a white banner with the text 'ST JOHN'S CHURCH OPEN DAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026 11am - 3pm'. The background is green with a subtle floral pattern. At the bottom, there is a list of activities and the church's contact information.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
OPEN DAY
5TH SEPTEMBER 2026
11am - 3pm

LOTS TO SEE AND DO FOR EVERYONE

**TOWER TOURS, BELLRINGING,
TREASURE HUNT, PARISH REGISTERS AND PHOTOS,
FLOWER ARRANGING,
UNVEILING OF THE CROSS ARTWORK AT 2PM
TEAS AND CAKES.....AND MORE**

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HURST GREEN

The October Newsletter will be available on Sunday 27 September.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 20 September 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

facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen

COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursday 3 September



On Wednesday 16 September there will be a trip to Knights Garden Centre for tea at 3pm (instead of meeting on Thursday 17th at 10.30).

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

ST JOHN'S OPEN DAY, 5 SEPTEMBER: See the poster overleaf for details. It is also proposed to launch the organ fundraising campaign today: *Pull out the Stops*. The current organ was installed after the devastating fire at St John's in 1988 and is well past its anticipated life expectancy. The target is £50,000. In addition to regular services at St John's, including baptisms and funerals, the organ is used by many visiting musicians for concerts and other events.

If you can help to serve refreshments or bake a cake for the open day, please add your name to the list in church or contact Janet Fearn: 07484 114213 or janetelizabethf@gmail.com Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours to come along!

ON 5 JULY the Bishop of Southwark presided at our morning service, at the end of which I was honoured by him presenting me with his Lancelot Andrewes Medal. This is in recognition of 'godly service and zeal for the gospel'. Thank you to everyone who came and supported me and helped to make it such a memorable and enjoyable morning. *Mary Seller*



BISHOP CHRISTOPHER: The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, 10th Bishop of Southwark, retired soon after his visit to St John's. The Bishop of Croydon, Rosemarie Mallett, will become acting Bishop of Southwark until a new bishop is appointed.

Bishop Christopher has shared his reflections on more than forty years of ministry, serving at Southwark for 21 years. Speaking movingly with great honesty about his journey to ordination and beyond, he offers advice, and wisdom. The 14-minute video is available at bit.ly/4fKutiO or by scanning the QR code at the top of the next column.

Lancelot Andrewes Medal



Scan for Bishop Christopher



BOB AND CAROL EVANS celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday, 7 August. We congratulate them, and wish them well. We thank them too, for all that they contribute to our community life. They celebrated their special day by going on a rave in Redhill in the morning, travelling on the 410 bus, doing some shopping, and then having a quiet and restful afternoon and evening.



FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, BACK AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER:

All Age Service: Sunday 6th, 9.45am, theme - Noah's Ark
Yo Yos playgroup: Wednesday 9th, 9.15 - 11.15am (York Rooms)
Bubble Church: Sunday 20th, 8.30 (refreshments) for 9am start
More information on the website: www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S:

Beer and Chilli Evening, Friday 16 October, 6.30 for 7pm
More details to follow.

Autumn Craft Fair, Saturday 31 October, 11am - 3pm

If you're a craftsperson and would like to book a table to sell your products, please let us know. Previously we have had a great range of crafts, including jewellery, toys, cards, Christmas decorations, pottery, paintings, photography, and knitted and sewn items. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Sue Fox or e-mail office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

Other Notices

HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR: Saturday 19 September, 12.30 - 4pm, this year with a nautical theme. St John's will provide a bouncy castle as previously and offer tea and cakes in Aggies. Bubble Church cards will be given out and the puppets have promised to make an appearance. Please sign up to help if you can, when the lists are available. The Fair is always a great way for members of St John's to engage with the local community.

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