

NEWSLETTER-NOVEMBER 2026

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

November is a time for remembrance and thanksgiving, as we pause to remember those who have died and give thanks for their lives and all that they meant to us.

*On 1st November, we hold our **All Souls' Service**, offering an opportunity to remember those in our parish who have died recently, as well as loved ones who remain dear to us, whether their loss is recent or many years ago.*

*On **Remembrance Sunday**, 8th November, we join our local community at a service hosted by St John's. Together, we honour the memory of the military personnel and civilians who lost their lives in the two World Wars and in more recent conflicts.*

The Act of Remembrance expresses so poignantly why we gather together, as we recall these familiar and moving words:

**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."**

As we remember those who have died, may we give thanks for their lives, hold their loved ones in our prayers, and renew our commitment to peace.

With every blessing, Sue

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 1 November: All Saints' Day

8.30am: Said Eucharist

9.45am: All Age Service - *the story of David and Goliath*

1pm: Baptism of Jessica Alice Lily-Ann Bazell

3.30pm: All Souls' Day Service - *more details overleaf*

Sunday 8 November: Remembrance Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist (3 before Advent)

10.15am: Service of Remembrance (*not communion*) will start in the church. The Act of Remembrance and wreath laying will follow in the churchyard, with two minutes' silence at 11am.

Sunday 15 November: 2 before Advent

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)

9am: Bubble Church 10am: Parish Eucharist

2pm: Baptism of Paige Leek

Sunday 22 November: Christ the King

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

2pm: Baptism of Mabel and Frederick Chilcott

Wednesday 25 November 12 noon (4th Wednesdays)

Communion in the Lady Chapel. All welcome to stay for a homemade soup lunch in St John's Room afterwards.

Sunday 29 November: Advent Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

St John's Church, Hurst Green Organ Appeal



HELP US reach the £50K target to restore the church organ! On 11 October it was revealed that £12,000 has been raised! There will be a special 'unwanted gifts' stall at the Autumn craft fair with other fundraising events planned. **Scan the QR code to give if you can:**



The December Newsletter will be available on Sunday 29 November.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 22 November 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
Thursdays 12 & 26 November



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

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE: Sunday 1 November at 3.30pm. We will remember by name all those from this parish known to us who have died during the last two years, and other loved ones you would like to be remembered. Please stay after the service for refreshments in St John's Room. Names can be added to the list which will be in the church until 11am on the day of the service.

MR AND MRS PAUL NOBLE, 71 YEARS WED: We congratulate Mr Paul and Mrs Jean Noble who, at the end of last month, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary.

St John's has always been important to them. In the 1940s, Paul served as an altar boy there. In 1955, he and Jean were married there, and subsequently it was there their children were baptised. Paul and Jean spent the first seven years of their marriage living in Laleham Cottage on the Green, then they had four years in Limpsfield and the last 60 years back in Hurst Green.

An anniversary evokes memories. Laleham Cottage had three bedrooms and cost £1,750. The couple's mortgage was just over £8 per month, and their total annual expenditure was £459. Paul's pay was £10 a week, and his boss gave him £5 as a wedding present. Their weekly grocery bill from Mr Biggs of Hurst Green Stores was a few pence over a £1, and was delivered to the Cottage. However, they could not afford meat, so they had mince instead, and they had to wait three years before they could afford to buy a car.

We thank Paul and Jean for sharing these remarkable memories with us, and wish them well for the years to come. *Mary Seller*



HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR: Thank you again to all involved in the Fair in September, helping to raise a significant amount for St John's: The bouncy castle raised £359; refreshments at Aggies, £850; and Karina's knitted nativity raffle, £85.

BUBBLE CHURCH: On Tuesday 20 October St John's hosted a networking and training day for Bubble Church South East Region. Bubble Church teams from Surrey, Kent and as far away as Guernsey attended. Ideas, experiences and prayers were shared for all the Bubble Churches, their families and the teams. So far there are 100 Bubble Churches across the UK!

REMINDER! AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR: Don't forget to come along on **Saturday 31 October between 11am and 3pm** to support this annual event. Thank you so much for all the offers of help on the day. It's not too late to get involved; look at the sign-up sheets at the back of church. We also want donations of books, raffle prizes, and unwanted gifts to raise funds for the organ appeal. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the porch and choir vestry. Contact Sue Fox 07968 128105 with any queries.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S IN NOVEMBER:

Beer & Chilli Evening, Friday 20 November, 6.30 for 7pm start

Enjoy an expert talk on the brewing process and taste a variety of beers; followed by a delicious home cooked chilli and dessert. Tickets £15 must be bought in advance as places are limited.

Please scan the QR code.



Steam Railway: Saturday 28 November, 10.30am - 4.30pm

A local miniature railway club is organising the event in aid of the organ appeal. Entrance £5 per adult, children under 10 free, to be accompanied by an adult at all times (live steam trains get hot!) Refreshments available in St John's Room for a small charge.

Other Notices

HURST GREEN SINGERS are hosting a '**Come and Sing**' Mozart **Requiem on Saturday 7 November** here at St John's Church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn one of the greatest choral pieces ever written. Registration is at 1pm with a rehearsal from 1.30 to 4.30pm (and a tea break with cake at 3pm), followed by an informal performance for family and friends at 4.45pm. All of this is under the expert baton of Dr James Meaders, with Richard Hammond-Hall at the piano. All singers welcome!

Tickets are available from the Hurst Green Singers website **www.hurstgreensingers.co.uk** and cost £20 for singers (including loan of scores) and £5 for audience.

REPAIR SHED AND CAFÉ: If you have something you want repaired for just a donation, bring it to our volunteers on Sunday 15 November, 12 - 3pm at Hurst Green Community Centre.

HOME-START VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE: This local charity based in Redhill, helps families with young children who are experiencing emotional or practical difficulties. Parents and grandparents with a few spare hours a week to support vulnerable families in the local area, are invited to sign up for a new 9-week volunteer training course starting in January. Call 01737 770220 for a chat or email info@home-starteastsurrey.co.uk See poster on the board in the porch for further information.

THE CROWHURST YEW was one of ten trees nominated for The Woodland Trust's 'Tree of the Year' award this year. The winner, announced on 8 October, was the Bendy Tree, a wych elm on Newcastle's sea front in County Down, Northern Ireland, but the Crowhurst Yew was the runner up.

Said to be 4,000 years old, it is possibly the oldest tree in England and dates back long before the church it is next to, which is itself thought to be the oldest St George's Church in England. In 1820, villagers discovered a cannonball embedded inside the trunk, thought to result from a wayward shot at the opposite farm, which may have been a target for Oliver Cromwell's troops during the 17th century English Civil War.

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