

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2023

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

June sometimes has the epithet – flaming June. Whether June will live up to that this year depends entirely upon what our crazy and unpredictable weather decides to do at the time, it is not in our hands. Nevertheless, June is always a bright month, for it gives us the longest hours of daylight of all the months of the year. Light has a wonderful effect on us for, just by being there, it can raise our spirits. Furthermore, did you know that, according to Icelandic folklore, if you bathe naked in the morning dew on 24 June, you will ward off the ageing process?!!

Light is one of the most ancient and significant metaphors used to help us understand the significance of Jesus Christ. At Easter we proclaimed that Jesus is the light of the world. It is through his life on earth that God's nature is revealed to us. Jesus shows us that God is loving, kind and generous, and seeks only our good, and he offers us fullness of life, not only in this world but also in the next and for eternity. Light is often contrasted with darkness, Jesus leads us from the darkness of our ignorance into the light of knowledge. Like daylight, the light that Christ brings, is very good for us, for it gives us understanding and peace and thereby raises our spirits.

Whether the month of June this year turns out to be 'flaming' or not, it is the month of abundant light. It also gives us all the usual opportunities to bask in Christ's light at services at St John's, and to join in its various activities.

Every blessing. Mary Seller, Assistant Priest

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 4 June: Trinity Sunday

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist

Sunday 11 June: Trinity 1

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 18 June: Trinity 2

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
11am: Community Brunch followed by Café Church

Sunday 25 June: Trinity 3

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 28 June

12 noon: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel followed by a simple lunch in St John's Room (every 4th Wednesday)

St John's Art Group

(2nd Monday of each month)

**Monday 12 June, 10am - 12 noon
in The York Rooms**

More information from Pearl Stephens on 722343

COFFEE and a CHAT

**St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 1, 15 and 29 June**



If you need a lift, please ring Barbara 715636




The mural panel by John Hayward (1929-2007) shown above, is in the Lady Chapel at St John's. It depicts the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, bringing the news that she will be the mother of Jesus: the Annunciation, Luke 1:26-38.

Mary sits with open hands ready to receive the Holy Spirit, which is released by Gabriel and passes from heaven to earth in the form of a dove.

The July Newsletter will be available on Sunday 25 June.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 18 June 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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HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH will be holding their Sunday service in the York Rooms at 11am starting on 4 June, until their new building is finished. They may arrive in time for a cup of tea or coffee with others after the 9.45am service. On the 3rd Sunday of each month, they will join in with St John's Café Church.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETING on 14 May was the date Anna's rector duties officially came to an end. Anna was presented with a copy of John Hayward's Annunciation as a reminder of St John's - see overleaf. Sue Fox was thanked for the support she had given as Safeguarding Officer for many years, during which time the role had grown. Sue will be replaced by Charlotte Nicholls supported by Delphine Cochran, with Cathy Hyde continuing to undertake the role in relation to St Agatha's Hall. Janet Harman and Liz Parker were elected to the Deanery Synod. Outgoing PCC members, Tim Gregory, Emma Kemp, Sara Bartolozzi and Barbara Richards were thanked for their contribution. However, Sara and Barbara were both re-elected, with the welcome addition of Samuel Strolz. The PCC meets next on 19 June and there is a busy time ahead - see the annual reports for details of all that is going on.

FAREWELL PARTY: Everyone is invited to an informal farewell get-together for the Eltringham family on Sunday 11 June at St Agatha's Hall. Please drop in at any time between 4 and 9pm. If it's sunny we'll be outside with some entertainment, (including a silent disco in Aggies and Sarah Newbury singing outside). There will be tables and chairs but picnic rugs would also be helpful. You are welcome to contribute some party food to the bring and share table (not essential). Some drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own too. Anna, Nigel and the girls look forward to saying hello and goodbye to those who can make it from across the community.

COLLECTION: We would like the Eltringhams to leave us with something to remind them of their 9½ years in our parish, so we are organising a collection. If you would like to contribute, there are the various ways you can do this. Cash and cheques, payable to 'The PCC of the Ecc Parish of St John's Hurst Green', should be put in an envelope marked 'Eltringham collection' and placed in the lower wall safe, marked 'Donations', in the church porch. Cheques can also be posted to 26 Orchard Way, Oxted RH8 9DJ. Anna has indicated she would like a significant portion of the collection used to purchase and install a defibrillator outside the church. Due to previous health issues, this is a subject very dear to Anna and it would be lovely if we could honour this request. Please send donations by 6 June 2023.

MESSAGE BOOK: There is a book at the back of church in which you can write messages for Anna and the church is open from 10am - 4pm daily. The book will also be available at the party on 11 June.

ANNA'S CONSECRATION as the Bishop of Ripon will take place at York Minster on Thursday 22 June 2023 at 11am. All are welcome! If you are hoping to attend, please email office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk (or speak to Janet Harman) so that Anna has an idea of numbers for a reception she hopes to organise after the event. Thank you.

OUR NEW VICAR: While we are still processing the news of Anna's departure, we also need to start looking ahead to the future. One thing we have to do is produce a Parish Profile to be used to advertise for a new Vicar and we need to describe the sort of person we would like to find. So what do you think makes Hurst Green such a special parish and what qualities would you like to see in the new Vicar? Email your ideas to cathy.booth17@gmail.com or use a slip of paper and put it in the box on the table at the back of church. Please respond by Sunday 11 June.

CORONATION FUN AT YO YOs: The picture below taken at the meeting in the week before the Coronation. Yo Yos playgroup for parents/carers and pre-school children and babies continues to meet in term time on Wednesdays from 9.15 - 11.15am in The York Rooms at St John's.



Other Notices

RENEWED HOPE - VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT: Renewed Hope www.renewedhope.org.uk is a local charity based in Redhill providing practical solutions and emotional support to the homeless, vulnerable and isolated of East Surrey. They seek to give all who come, a new hope and the opportunity to build a new life. There is also a vacancy for a part-time support worker. Details are on the website or call 01737 886997, Monday to Friday, 9am - 4.30pm.

MUNCH WITH MUSIC: St John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham Valley, Wednesday lunchtime 7 June, 12.45pm. We shall be treated to a piano recital (45 mins approx) by Kyle Nash-Baker, playing works by Schubert, Chopin and Schumann. Free admission, donations welcome. Coffee, tea and biscuits available from 12.15pm. You are invited to bring your own Munch!

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP, SATURDAY 17 JUNE 10AM - 3PM at The Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road, Oxted. Come and learn the basics of hand embroidery with Jenny Beal. No experience necessary, just bring your scissors and your enthusiasm. All materials will be supplied to make a small floral picture using several different embroidery stitches. Full instructions will be given to complete your picture after the course. Light refreshments will be available but please bring your own lunch. To book (£45 per person), contact the Centre on 715189 or thewoodhousecentre@gmail.com.

FESTIVAL EVENSONG, SUNDAY 2 JULY 6.30PM for the Patronal Festival of St Peter and St Paul, Lingfield. Singers are invited to join the choir for this service. Choir practice is on Fridays from 7pm and ideally singers would come along from 2 or 9 June. However, this could be flexible depending on the singer's experience and circumstances. There will probably be a rehearsal at 5pm on the day too. If you are interested or have any queries, please contact the Director of Music Sara Skyrme on saraskyrme@btinternet.com.

OXTED BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Drop in between 1 and 3pm at the United Reformed Church, Oxted every other Thursday, this month on 8 and 22 June. Bereaved people can come on their own or with a friend to meet others and discuss ways of coping. Trained volunteers are on hand. This group is an initiative of CTOD and provides a great way to chat and share experiences.

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