

# HURST GREEN NEWS

## October 2023

Harvest, Autumn and seasons of fruitfulness have crept up on us again. Paul Laurence Dunbar born Ohio 1872 wrote a much-loved October poem:

'October is the treasurer of the year,

And all the months pay bounty to her store; The fields and orchards still their tribute bear, And fill her brimming coffers more and more.'



In the years following his death aged just 33, Dunbar's standing as the foremost Black American poet seemed assured. He writes of living Autumn life joyously, caring not when 'Frost stalks o'er her way and turns her auburn locks to grey.'

I wonder as I write what sort of Autumn we will have after our roasting days in early September.

This year has seen many examples of the disaster of Climate Change, fires in Hawaii, Canada and Europe, hurricanes/floods in US, China, Europe, India. Penguin colonies have been lost, vast swathes of Antarctic ice melted, leaving young chicks to drown because their downy feathers are not yet waterproof.

St. John's Hurst Green might currently have lost our vicar to the Bishopric of Ripon and our Curate to be Vicar of Christ Church West Wimbledon, but we have not given up! We are keen to work with you, our Community to play our part, to challenge and change. A talk by A Rocha (a global family of conservation organisations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise) will take place in the main church building at 7pm on Monday 16 October. Karen Park is an Authorised Lay Minister and Eco Church Champion in Horsham with great experience in motivating us to play our part. She will speak on "Churches and Communities Tackling Climate Change Together". There will be time to ask questions with refreshments on completion to give everyone a chance to network and chat.

'Do you feel the world is broken – we do.' runs a song by Andrew Peterson that we sing occasionally at Café Church. What can we do? How can we tackle this issue? Andrew sings - 'Do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through'. Come and listen, come and see what steps we can make as a Community. Let's see the light of God shine through and live our lives out joyously as Dunbar writes. Wendy Hewitt, Reader, St John's Church

CHURCH Tackling Climate Change Together A talk by A Rocha UK Speaker, Karen Park, with questions, answers and discussion Monday 16 October 2023, 7-8.30pm St John's Church, Church Way, Hurst Green

Christmas Fair on behalf of Cancer Research UK Venue: The Barn at Botley Hill, Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9QH

Preview Evening: Tuesday 7 November 6 - 8.30pm, £17 advance tickets only through Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmasfair-preview-evening-tickets-666379477957 Main Day: Wednesday 8th November

#### 10am - 3pm, £5 pay on door.

The Barn is a luxury rustic events barn with three distinct spaces. There will be around 50 stalls, a dedicated foodhall selling locally produced goods, stalls selling festive gifts, homeware and gardening goods, artisan ceramics, men's & women's clothing and accessories, toys and books for babies and children, soaps and skincare and much more.



YoYo's Toddler Group

Every Wednesday in term time 9.15-11.15am St John's Church, Church Way A friendly group for babies and toddlers for a stay and play session

with crafts, snacks and songs.

SAVE THE DATE!

## St John's Autumn Fair Saturday 11 November, 10am-4pm

The St John's Autumn Fair will be taking place on Saturday 11 November from 10am in St John's Church, Hurst Green.

It promises to be a lovely event with handmade crafts, cards, toys, pictures, cakes, pottery, books, jewellery and much more. There will be creative workshops for all ages plus a raffle, face painting and tea and cakes.

Admission will be £1 (free to the under 18's) and money raised will contribute to local community-based projects.

We hope to see you there!

#### POPPY APPEAL

Every poppy shows you care about the lives of our Armed Forces community.



Without volunteers and without you, the Royal British Legion wouldn't be able to continue supporting serving and ex-serving men and women, and their families.

Volunteers are needed to help raise donations on the Poppy Table at Morrisons in Oxted. If you can help, even for a short amount of time please contact your local Poppy Appeal Organiser at oxted.rbl.membership@gmail.com or on 07423 573899.



#### 15 October - 19 November - 10 December

Join us for a Community Brunch at 11am followed by a relaxed, informal service for all ages, at 11.30am, where children and adults can flow freely around the church, enjoy crafts, learn about faith and chat with friends over coffee.



Harvest Festival, Sunday 1 October, St John's Church At both our 8.30am and 9.45am services, we will give thanks to God for our bountiful harvest. But, as in previous years, rather than bringing produce to church, we ask you to come prepared to donate some money so we can share our good fortune with Third World families. A card reader will be available. Through the charity, 'Ripple Effect' (formerly 'Send a Cow') we will have the opportunity to contribute to buying chickens, goats, beehives or super seeds for these people so that they can 'Grow Themselves Out of Poverty'.

At our All-Age service at 9.45am we will sing some favourite harvest hymns, and after a very short talk, we will walk around the church to areas where it will be shown how each of these four gifts can help a family just like yours, and you can make your choice as to which one you would like to contribute.

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## HURST GREEN & OXTED CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

At St John's Church there are services of Holy Communion on Sundays at 8.30am (said) at 9.45am (sung) and at 12.30pm on the 4th Wednesday each month, followed by lunch. The 9.45am service is available via Live Stream. The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm. For updates and the latest information, please check websites below.

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Hurst Green Scouting				

Scouting offers fun challenges and everyday adventure to 400,000 boys and girls in the UK. But it's also about fun and friendships for adults too! 1st Oxted Scouts are running a thriving Hurst Green group for Scouts (Tuesday evenings, 19:30 -21:00, aged 10-14) and Cubs (Wednesday evenings 18:30-20:00, aged 8-10) from our Scout Hut at Holland Sports Ground, Mill Lane, Hurst Green.

We would love to make the same provision for younger children in Hurst Green by re-establishing our Beaver Colony. Beaver Scouts are young people aged between 6 and 8 years old, and The Beaver Colony is the first and youngest section of the Scout Group. Since lockdown eased, we have been unable to re-start our Beaver Colony due to a lack of leaders. We are now actively looking to re-establish our Beaver Colony.

Can you help out? If you are a parent or any other local adult with some time to give, please do contact us. There's no better time to get involved. Volunteering with us is easy, fun and flexible - how much time you give is completely up to you. If you can help email: scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com. Volunteers are fully supported by a

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well-established Leadership team.

- Improve your CV and put your skills to good use

- Try new things and gain qualifications

- Become an active member of your community
- See your son or daughter in a different environment

- Fast track your child into the Scout Group

Parents who would like to add their children to our growing waiting list for entry into cubs should contact us at scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com.

Finally, the Scout Hut on Mill Lane is available at reasonable rates for hire for regular club and community activities - enquirers should drop us an email at scoutshurstgreen@gmail.com.

Every September for World Alzheimer's Awareness Month people come together from all around the world to raise awareness for dementia.

One in three of us born in the UK today will go onto

develop dementia in our lifetime. There will be one million people living with dementia by 2025. By raising awareness about dementia, through various events across the UK including in Hurst Green, it is hoped more people will be diagnosed earlier.

Windmill Manor Care Home Barchester Healthcare, was busy raising money and awareness during September for "World Alzheimer's Month". General Manager Ellie Lyons completed the "Great North Run", they participated in the "Hurst Green Village Fair" and had a Charity Quiz night with raffle. They have raised a total of £600 so far.



#### The next round for applications is Monday 11 December at 10am. Is your child starting or joining a new school in September

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2024? Please find dates for open days below:

Limpsfield C of E Infant School: Tuesday 10 October, Tuesday 17 October, Tuesday 7 November 2023, 9.30-10.30am. Contact: info@limpsfield.surrey.sch.uk

St Peters C of E Infant School: Wednesday 11 October, Wednesday 15 November and Tuesday 5 December 2023, 9.15am. Tuesday 10 October and Tuesday 14 November 2023, 5pm-6pm. Contact: info@stpeters.org

St Mary's C of E Primary School: Reception entry: 2, 6, 20 October and 8, 13 November 2023, 10.30am-11.30am. Year 3 entry: 4, 16 18 October and 6, 10, 15 17 November 2023, 10.30am-11.30am. Contact: admissions@stmarvs.org

Holland Junior School: Friday 29 September 2pm, Tuesday 3 October 10am, Friday 6 October 2pm, Tuesday 10 October 10am, Friday 13 October 2pm 2023. Contact: info@holland.surrey.sch.uk

Moorhouse School: Thursday 12 October, Thursday 23 November 2023, 10am-12.30pm. Contact: 01883 712271

Oxted Secondary School: Main School Open Evening - Thursday 5 October 2023, 6pm. Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 19 October 2023, 6pm. Contact: frontdesk@oxted.thpt.org.uk

Hazelwood School: Friday 13 October 2023 - Year 7 & Year 8 Open Morning only. Friday 17 November 2023 - Whole School Open Morning. Contact: 01883 733841





**October, 7.30pm.** Tickets are £30 each, with free entry for under-25s, on the door or via the Society's website: www.olms.org.uk.

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