HURST GREEN CHURCHES PEEWSHEET
St John’s and the Methodist Church and other members of CHURCHES TOGETHER IN OXTED & DISTRICT
WELCOME!

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2014
If you are a newcomer or visitor, please introduce yourself!
Ministry at David Gresham House - short service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 12 noon
Ministry at Windmill Manor - short service at 11.30am on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and 2nd Thursdays of the month
Activities/Groups in our separate churches are open to members of both churches

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT, YEAR A

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world’s salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings*
Zephaniah 1.7,12-18 (OT page 909)
Psalm 90.1-12 (OT page 577)
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (NT page 220)
Matthew 25.14-30 (NT page 30)
*page numbers refer to pew bibles

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS of any Church are invited to receive Holy Communion in our churches; others are invited to come at that time for a blessing.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION BREAD is available at St John’s. Please speak to a Sidesperson before the service if you require this.

WE PRAY FOR those who are ill, in need and those who care for them: Anastasia Gibb, Roger Perryman, David Jordan, Betty Cowell, Frank West, Mig Ford, Jo Starmer, Joyce Jones, Lillian Hoadley, Sam Collis, Shirley Bates, Arthur and Susan Cormier, Andrew Coppin, Alan Dilnot, Audrey Browne, Tony Gillam, Innes Stent, Margaret Evans, Doris Daigle and Marion Breton.

RIP: Betty Allington

ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS we remember: (17) Janet Mankelow; (18) Rachel Chalmers, Sylvia Russell; (21) Alexander Pickett, Kevin Roberts,

Names & dates for this birthday list to Janet Harman’s pigeonhole please, or to office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

HURST GREEN METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2014
10.30am Morning Worship led by Alan Coombe
Junior Church

THE WEEK AHEAD
Wed 19 2.30pm: Women’s Fellowship with Bring & Buy
8pm: Local Arrangements meeting
Thurs 20 8pm: Bible study at 86 Home Park
Sat 22 10am: Prayers

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2014
10.30am Morning Worship led by Jill Gradon

ST JOHN’S CHURCH
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER
Second Sunday before Advent, Year A
8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist - crèche, children’s groups in the York Rooms: Pebbles (4-7) and Rocks (8-10 years)

THE WEEK AHEAD
Mon 17 9.15am: Morning prayer
10am: TIC TOC meeting in Church and St John’s Room, extras welcome
(see details under General Notices)
2pm: Art Group, York Rooms
7.30pm: PCC Standing Committee, York Rooms
Tues 18 10am: LINK, York Rooms
11.15am: Funeral of Daphne Neville, Crematorium
8pm: Hurst Green Singers rehearsal, Church
8pm: Book Group, Vicarage
Wed 19 12 noon: Eucharist
7.50pm: Choir practice, choir vestry
Thurs 20 11am-3pm: TVSC Network Lunch, York Rooms and St John’s Room
Fri 21 Hurst Green News deadline
11am: Funeral in Church - Betty Allington
(see separate notice)
Sat 22 2 - 6pm: Make, Do & BBQ, Church, St John’s Room and York Rooms

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER
Christ the King (Sunday before Advent), Year A
8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist - crèche, children’s groups in the York Rooms: Pebbles (4-7 years), and Rocks (8-10 years)
METHODOIST NOTICES

BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE: If you would like to donate to ALL WE CAN Methodist Relief and Development this Christmas and are able to do this online please read on. All you have to do is make your donation at 10am on 4, 5 or 6 December 2014. All donations made at that time will be matched through the challenge and it is hoped that £35,000 will be raised to assist the people of Burundi with sustainable farming equipment. As usual there will be an opportunity to display one Christmas card for all your church friends and to donate money you will have saved to all we can. This is a chance to make your donation double in size.

The website is as follows: www.allwecan.org.uk/biggive

For more information please speak to Margaret Bamford

GIFT SERVICE: 7th December As well as our gift tubs, we will be donating Christmas food to the Caterham Food Bank. If you would like to donate, they are requesting, mince pies, savoury snacks, eg. crisps, chocolate logs and biscuits.

POSADA: Once again, during December we will be sheltering Mary, Joseph and the donkey each night. Please sign the list in the church hall if you would like to help.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENT SERVICE: We are having a meeting to discuss our next Local Arrangement Service at 8pm, on Wednesday 19th November at the church. All are welcome to discuss ideas. You do not have to take part.

THE CRUSH HALL AND VESTIBULE: It has been decided to remove the bookstand. If you would like any of the books please help yourself. The book case is also available. Please speak to Karen or one of the stewards.

JUNIOR CHURCH: From October Junior Church will be led by Chris and Amanda Blackburn, on the second and third Sundays of each month.

ST JOHN’S NOTICES

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk
www.facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen

BETTY ALLINGTON: Betty died peacefully last Sunday. Many will only know her as a name on the sick list, and one which has been there for a very long time. Many others will remember Betty as a lovely, lively lady who, in the days when we did not have church committees, almost ran St John’s single-handedly - flower arranging, Mother’s Union, Young Wives, Baby Crèche, refreshments, cleaning rota, etc, etc. She was a well-loved and vital part of our community for so long until dementia took its cruel grip. Her funeral is on Friday, 21 November at 11am, at St John’s. Her two sons, Martin and Peter, invite everyone to Tandridge Golf Club for refreshments afterwards. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu if desired can be made to St John’s Church Hurst Green. Betty’s special request, apparently made many years ago, is that bright colours are worn, and no black ties. Betty deserves a terrific send off from St John’s, please come along.

FAIRTRADE Christmas Cards and Calendars will be on sale in St John’s Room after both 8am and 9.30am services TODAY (16 November). The Advent Calendars are ‘The Real Meaning of Christmas’ which combine chocolate and the Christian Christmas story.

AWAY DAY FEEDBACK: 8 November at Wyckcroft Retreat House. Thank you to the 25 or so people (aged 8 to 80+) who came from St John’s to pray, reflect and plan our mission focus together last Saturday. It was a very good day of both giving and receiving to and from each other and from God. We enjoyed the warm welcome and hospitality of Chris and his team at Wyckcroft and the beautiful Chapel with a striking painting of Christ the Worker by John Hayward a local artist who painted the two paintings of St Mary here at St John’s. Plenty of ground was covered. We prioritised findings from the questionnaires and groups many of you have fed into, learnt from our own faith journeys and voted for the areas of church life and mission we should focus on in the immediate term. The three main areas for now are 1) work with 0-11 year olds, 2) our welcome to visitors and 3) reaching out in friendship to the lonely and isolated. Each has two champions to begin to move things forward. There is much more we could have covered but this is a clear, manageable way to begin. After all the talking of the day, all was offered to God in a very moving ‘Wordless Eucharist’. Revd Anna

ART GROUP STJ: next session Monday 17 November, 2.30 - 4.30pm in the York Rooms. Just a reminder to bring any paintings you wish to exhibit on 1 December that require mounting. Thank you - see you there! Rachel 717434

BRING, BUY & BUFFET: in Aid of the Ebola Crisis Monday 1 December 2.30 - 5.30pm in the York Rooms. Everyone is very warmly invited to join us for this special event, both to celebrate all we have and enjoy in our group painting sessions, and to raise funds to facilitate methods of healing and the containment of this awful disease Ebola. Books, gifts, cards, decorations and food items will be on sale. There will be a buffet with wine to enjoy, a raffle, an exhibition of paintings and good conversation time with friends!

To help with catering please put your name on the list at the back of church. If you have unwanted gifts or items in good condition you would like to donate which are included in the 6 categories on the list, these will be gratefully received. For further information please contact Rachel 717434/Rachel@cornerstone-arts.co.uk

WRITE A CARD: Next Sunday (23 November) please come prepared to write a card to a Prisoner of Conscience after the service. If you could donate a slice/each to help cover the considerable postal costs, please let Jenifer Ruxton or Wendy Hewitt (whotsanemail@gmail.com or 722556) know. Don’t worry if you can’t cook, just come and enjoy!

A LITTLE REMINDER: Recently I have noticed in the kitchen that people have been buying plastic cups. In the Servers vestry above the cupboards there is a box containing about 250!!

FANTASTIC ACTS: Riding Lights will perform their latest play at St John’s on Monday 24 November, 7.30pm. Posters, fliers and tickets (£10) are available from Sue Fox sus@foxheatex.co.uk or 712680.

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICES: If you would like to be involved in organising this year’s crib services at 3.30 and 5pm on Wednesday 24 December, please speak to Revd Anna who would welcome your help.

MAKE, DO & BBQ: ADVENT: Free event for 8-14 year olds at St John’s Church, Saturday 22 November 2-6pm. Please sign up at the back of church, or contact Sarah Newbury for more info: sarahnewbury1@gmail.com

EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR we pray for one of our 12 Committed Giving recipients named by Amnesty and ACAT.

TIC TOC: An informal fellowship group which meets at 10am on Wednesdays in term time. The next meeting will be on 17 November at St John’s Church, Hurst Green, when Margaret Cox will lead a creative morning ‘Exploring Expression’. Those with small children should feel relaxed about joining us. New members or occasional visitors are always welcome. Further information: Janet Harman 715301 or janet.harman@ntlworld.com

Items for next Sunday to Janet Harman by 9am on Wednesday please: office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk