**St John’s Notices**

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Mon 8  9.15am: Morning Prayer

Tues 9  8pm: Hurst Green Singers rehearsal, Church

Wed 10 12 noon: Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

8pm: Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

Thurs 11 11am - 4pm: Oxted & Limpsfield Inner Wheel Club, York Rooms, St John’s Room

Sun 14  8am: Holy Eucharist

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with crèche and children’s groups

12 noon: Baptism, Church

**TODAY** is Day 355 of Cover to Cover.

**AT TODAY’S ALL AGE CANDLEMAS SERVICE** we welcome 13 children to Holy Communion for the first time, together with their families, and welcome back all those baptism families with their candles who wish to join us.

**TO CONTINUE THE CANDLEMAS THEME** Jane Lynch will be selling beautiful candle holders after the 9.30am service (which she has made) for the charity ‘Action Against Hunger’. This is to help her daughter Louise who is fundraising for the charity which educates and helps desperate families in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, South Sudan, Nepal and West Africa with nutrition, sanitation, food security, clean water and hygiene. The candle holders are excellent value so please be generous!

**HURST GREEN NEWS:** The bundles of Hurst Green News are in the porch ready for deliverers to collect.

**PALM CROSSES:** Please leave your palm cross from last year on the table in church to be made into ashes, to be used in the services on Ash Wednesday to mark a cross on the forehead as a sign of penitence.

**ST JOHN’S EVENTS 2016:** We are thinking about the Summer! It’s important for us to enjoy fun, friendship and fellowship as a Christian family. There are three ideas as to how we might do that over the summer and I would love to have your views as to how much you might want to get involved. The events are a day out in Margate (possibly Monday 2 May); Greebelt Christian Arts Festival (August bank holiday 26-29); and a Community Picnic on the Green for the Queens Birthday (Sunday 12 June). Please take the time to let me know your thoughts on feedback on the sheet at the back of church OR by answering 3 questions online at this link www goo gl/forms/9AHfmVkGu1 Revd Anna

**GRANT RECEIVED:** St John’s has received a grant of £1,802.40 from Surrey County Council via Mr Nick Skellett’s Members’ Allocation, to smooth out the curve at the edge of central reservation at the top of the drive (this work has almost been completed), and to restore external lighting to the tower. We are most grateful to SCC and Nick Skellett.
SALLY CRANHAM, YOUR HOUSE: a songwriter’s tour in association with the charity Compassion. An evening of live music, the story of Compassion, and an exploration of the greatest song ever written! Thursday 25 February, doors open 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. £3 entry; tickets available in advance by email events@stjohnshurstgreen@gmail.com or from Sarah Newbury.

We are delighted to welcome Christian singer-songwriter Sally Cranham to St John's for an evening of live music. Sally led a workshop and sang at Make, Do & BBQ two years ago, just after launching her debut album Your House. Now she’s back with a new album, Leave To Return, and will be providing an evening of acoustic music as well as telling us more about the work of the charity Compassion. Tickets are just £3, but please bring your wallets with you; there will be opportunities on the night to donate to the work of Compassion, to do some 'ethical shopping' with jewellery and gift stalls from Eden Ministries and Preditos, and to purchase refreshments!

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT: On 25 January the PCC agreed unanimously to introduce some exciting new more contemporary forms of worship, in addition to the weekly core communion services at 8am and 9.30am. This new pattern will include a monthly Café Church and the launch of ‘Sunday Munch’ for 10 years+ and will run for a 6-month trial from May. It was agreed in principle to start a weekly Parent and Toddler group at St John’s. Work is required to address damp in the clergy vestry and other areas of the church and the servers’ vestry is to be thoroughly sorted out to create a more usable space, particularly for the servers! A new Mission Action Plan (MAP) was agreed with priorities for the coming year to include: children and youth, social exclusion, welcome, outreach and belonging. A community picnic on the Green is planned for 12 June for the Queen’s birthday weekend.

NEXT SUNDAY’S PEWSHEET: See Other Notices.

The clergy are generally available after most Sunday services unless they are travelling to take another service somewhere else.
St John’s churchwardens Barbara and Roger and SPAs (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries) Monica and Pearl, are also available should you need someone to speak to.

Methodist Notices

Wed 10 2.30pm: Women's Fellowship, Pauline Simpson - swan upping on the Thames
Sat 13 10am: Prayers
Sun 14 10.30am: Service led by Marion West

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BOOK CLUB: Our first book will be Billionaire by Peter James. All are welcome to read and join us later in the year when we meet to discuss.

LIFTS TO CHURCH: Is there anyone who could help bring Mig and David Jordan to church when John Bamford is away? He estimates that this will be about 9 times this year.

VISION DAY FOLLOW UP: There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 27 February, from 10 to 11.30am. Invitations will be sent shortly.

Other Notices

NEXT SUNDAY’S PEWSHEET will cover two weeks, 14 and 21 February and the weeks following. Please make sure you don't miss the deadline for material, Wednesday 10 February at 9am.

BABY CAFÉ: for new mums, their babies and partners every Monday in term time 1.30 - 3pm at The Kings Church Centre, 33 Amy Road, Oxted - hot drinks and homemade cakes, free of charge. Breastfeeding support and information will also be available. Further information from: office@kingschurchoxted.com or 734805.

FAIRTRADE EVENT Saturday 27 February 12.30pm - 4pm at the United Reformed Church. A twist to the normal Fairtrade Fortnight Traidcraft Big Brew held in previous years, this time it will include lunch, talk and tea. All proceeds to Traidcraft Exchange. Tickets, £8 for the whole event or £5.50 for lunch and talk only / £3.50 for talk and tea only. Available from 730406, oxtedurg@gmail.com, on the day or the Crush Hall (Methodist Church) together will full information.

WOMEN WITH ALTITUDE: A talk by Clare Walker CRAEs. The story of the pioneering pilots (aviatrix) who led the way in promoting aviation in the early 20th Century. Tuesday 16 February at 2pm in the York Rooms, St John’s, Hurst Green. Admission £5 (for charity). Advance booking, call David Brooks on 01883 715424. Organised by Westerham University of the Third Age (U3A) Aviation Group.

TIC TOC is an informal fellowship group which meets at 10am on Mondays in term time. Our next meeting is on 8 February at Helen Kemp’s house, 21 Park Road, Limpsfield, for Week 1 of the CTOD Lent course (starting a week early!). Extras, both adults and children, are always welcome to join us. More information from Janet Harman, 715301, janet.harman@ntlworld.com.

Items for the next two Sundays by 9am on Wednesday 10 February please, to office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk or in Janet Harman’s pigeonhole in St John’s Church