

# JOINT PEWSHEET

# St John's Notices



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St John's and the Methodist Church  
in Hurst Green and St George's, Crowhurst

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Readings\*

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 (OT page 718)

Psalms 126 (OT page 601)

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 (NT page 220)

John 1.6-8,19-28 (NT page 98)

\*page numbers refer to pew bibles



*Welcome! If this is your first time here we hope you feel at home. If you have children with you we welcome them too. They can sit with you during the service or enjoy what we have on offer for them. Please do not worry about when to sit, stand, speak or sing - we will guide you through. Most of all just relax and enjoy some time apart from busy lives to rest in the peaceful presence of God.*

## IN THE CHURCHES TODAY....

<b>St John's</b>	8am: Holy Eucharist 9.30am: Parish Eucharist with crèche and children's groups. After the service: Decorating the Christmas tree 11.30am: Christmas Café Church with refreshments from 11am 3.15pm: Choir practice, Church 5.30pm: Christmas Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies
<b>Methodists</b>	10.30am: Service led by Brian Brooks 4pm: Tea, followed by Carol and Nativity Service
<b>St George's</b>	11am: Nativity

**WE PRAY FOR** those who are ill, in need and those who care for them: Ken Bush, Kathryn Bardouleau, Sue Cruse, Terry Stent, David Merritt, Steven Thompson, John Mills, Alan and June Coombe, Rose Gabriel, Lucy Jones, Bill and Olive Stewart, Muriel Ryman, Jim Farrell, Audrey Hughes, Robin Parker, David Jordan, Frank West, Mig Ford, Joyce Jones, Andrew Coppin and Margaret Evans.

**RIP** Frank Ferris.

**ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS** we remember (18) Sylvia Carpenter, John Mills, (21) Louise Kirk, Nicholas Hand, (22) Nathan Bradshaw.

## CONTACTS:

**St John's and St George's:**

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**The Methodist Church:**

**MINISTER:** Revd Kathy Flynn 01883 372096

- Mon 18 6.25am: Advent Awakenings, St Agatha's  
9.15am: Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel
- Tues 19 10-11.30am: LINK meeting, York Rooms
- Wed 20 9.15am: Yo Yos Baby & Toddler Group and Pre-Schoolers' Christmas Party, York Rooms, St John's Room and Church - see notice  
12 noon: Eucharist  
(No Choir practice today)
- Thurs 21 10.30am: Fortnightly Coffee Morning - see separate notice  
7.30pm: Carol singing at The Diamond
- Fri 22 9.30am-5pm: Flower arrangers in the Church
- Sun 24 (No 8am Eucharist today)  
9.30am: Parish Eucharist with crèche (no children's groups)  
3.30 and 5pm: Crib Services  
11pm: First Eucharist of Christmas

**MARY** is taking the 11am Nativity service at St George's today.

**CHRISTMAS TREE:** We will be decorating the tree today, after the 9.30am service and before Christmas Café Church. Children are welcome to help!

**NATIVITY SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER:** Sheets are on the table to sign up children to be in the 3.30pm or 5pm Crib Services on Christmas Eve - LAST CHANCE TODAY!

**HANGING RAIL:** For the Crib Services on Christmas Eve it would be helpful if we could borrow a portable hanging rail or 2 for the nativity costumes so we can display and store them more easily in the York Rooms before the performances. If you have one you could lend, please let me know. Thanks, *Revd Anna*

**EPIPHANY PARTY:** Saturday 6 January, 6.30pm onwards at the Vicarage. The Eltringhams would like to invite you to come and enjoy drinks and nibbles, and the Christmas tree for a few more hours, before the decorations come down on this 12th night of Christmas. Such occasions are a great chance to get to know one another. It was a lovely occasion last year so come and enjoy the fun! *Revd Anna*

**SPIRITUAL SPA DAY SATURDAY 13 JANUARY:** Put the date in your diary and pick up a flier for full details (women only). Led by Revd Anna with Suzette Jones (Health and Wellbeing Adviser). Cost £7, payable on the door. Please e-mail [eventsstjohnshurstgreen@gmail.com](mailto:eventsstjohnshurstgreen@gmail.com) to register and help with numbers for catering.

**EASYFUNDRAISING:** With Christmas shopping on the horizon, ahead of any online shopping, please make sure you register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), so St John's can collect FREE DONATIONS every time you shop. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds! This is not limited to online shopping, but also hotels, holidays, insurance etc. Search for 'St John the Evangelist Hurst Green' in the search for a cause box. If you think you might forget to shop each time via easyfundraising, then download the Donation Reminder via the website to help you. Shop as normal, and it provides a little reminder every time you shop online, so you never miss a donation.

**COFFEE & CHAT FORTNIGHTLY COFFEE MORNING:** this Thursday, 21 December, 10.30am - 12 noon in St John's Room. Please come and invite anyone you think would enjoy this event. If you/they need transport, contact *Barbara Richards* ☎715636. We hope to see you there. **2**

**PRE-SCHOOLERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Wednesday 20 December 9.15-11.15am. For the last session of Yo Yos toddler group this term, we will have a little Christmas Party with party food, Christmas crafts and story and songs in church by the Christmas Tree to end. All pre-schoolers and their grown ups are very welcome including those who attend crèche. Children are welcome to come in fancy dress of any kind!

**YO YOs BABY AND TODDLER GROUP:** This is going really well, every Wednesday 9.15-11.15am in the York Rooms. 10-20 children usually attend with their grown up (from Mum, Dad, grandparent to childminder or nanny!). Each term some volunteers need to step down and so we now find we have spaces for 2 or 3 new volunteers next term BUT ONLY NEEDED ONCE PER MONTH. This is a lovely group and those of us who are involved really enjoy getting to know and spending time with those who come. If you could help, please let me know. Thanks *Revd Anna* ☎712674 or *revd.anna@gmail.com*.

## St George's Notices

[www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk/st-georges](http://www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk/st-georges)

Sun 24 Dec	No morning service today 11.30pm: Midnight Mass
Mon 25 Dec	11am: Blessing
Sun 31 Dec	11am: Parish Eucharist
Sun 7 Jan	11am: Parish Eucharist
Sun 14 Jan	11am Plough Sunday - All Age

**JUDY DENCH, MY PASSION FOR TREES:** Several months ago, a film crew came to film Judi Dench discovering and talking about the ancient yew tree at St George's, Crowhurst for a Christmas programme 'Judi Dench: A Passion for Trees' to be broadcast on BBC1 at 8pm on Wednesday 20 December 20. In it Judi embarks on a magical journey to uncover the mysteries about one of her greatest passions - trees. Told through the narrative of the changing seasons and filmed over the course of a year, Judi Dench: My Passion for Trees uses innovative filming techniques and the latest cutting edge scientific technology to unlock the remarkable secret lives of trees. Reflecting on new insights gained, Judi commented: 'I shall never be able to walk nonchalantly through a woodland again without thinking about all of the incredible work that is going on under there. We think we live in a society, but it is no comparison to what goes on between trees, and how these chaps live.'

We believe the footage of the Crowhurst yew has been included. What a lovely programme to sit back and enjoy in the lead up to Christmas Day! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/proginfo/2017/51/judi-dench-trees>

## Methodist Notices

Sat 23 Dec	10am: Prayer Group
Sun 24 Dec	10.30am: Service led by Charlotte Stonehouse
Sun 25 Dec	10.30am: Christmas Day Service led by Revd Kathy Flynn

**SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER:** There is no Sunday morning service on 31 December at Hurst Green. There will be a 10am service at Warlingham. At 3pm there will be a CTOD watchnight service at Hurst Green. See Other Notices.

**CARD TREE:** This is now available in the vestibule for your Christmas cards. The money you save by sending only one card to all your friends at church can be placed in the hole in the wall and will be donated to charity after Christmas.

**CYCLING:** Next year Revd Sue Shortman will cycle from London to Paris for cancer charities. If you would like to sponsor her, there is a form in the vestry.

## Other Notices

**NEXT WEEK'S PEWSHEET** will cover the two Sundays, 24 and 31 December, so anything to be included up to Sunday 7 January 2018, should be submitted by 9am on Wednesday 20 December. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** Wednesday 20 to Saturday 23 December, 4-7pm, United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted. You are invited to join us for this fourth Festival. See all the decorated trees lit up in very subdued lighting, with Christmas Carols playing gently and hot mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled punch for refreshment, as we are about to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The effect on a December evening just before Christmas is quite magical. There is also a Traidcraft stall. Admission £1 for adults (to support local charities and organisations) children free. Do come and bring your family and friends too.

**PAINTINGS & MEDITATION IN ADVENT:** The last session in this series is on Wednesday 20 December at 8pm, All Saints' Church, Chichele Road, Oxted. We invite you during the busyness and rush of Christmas preparations to allow yourself time to listen to the 'still small voice of calm'. Led by Fr. Stephen, each week during Advent before meditation we will reflect on a painting that can help to give us a deeper insight into the gospel message of Advent - 'Stay Awake' and how it can provide a powerful solution to some of our problems.

**THE OXTED ADVENT{URE}:** Each December evening during Advent between 6 and 7pm, a small space in Oxted, such as a garage, porch or forecourt, will open its doors like an advent calendar for an hour's free festivity. Brought to you by St Mary's Church, this year's theme is 'angels', an essential ingredient of the classic Christmas, traditionally seen as messengers between heaven and earth. Pick up a leaflet from your church with full details and the route, or go to [www.oxtedadvent.weebly.com](http://www.oxtedadvent.weebly.com).

**CAROL SINGING AT THE DIAMOND:** Thursday 21 December at 7.30pm. Please wear your Christmas Jumper.

**CTOD WATCHNIGHT SERVICE:** Hurst Green Methodist Church on 31 December (a 5th Sunday) at 3pm. Anyone who might like a respite from Christmas partying, or who would just like to remember 2017 and pray for God's help for everyone in 2018, will be very welcome.

**TIC TOC** is an informal fellowship group which meets on Mondays in term time. usually at 10am. The first meeting after Christmas will be on 8 January at Mary Cook's house, 30 Barrow Green Road, Oxted. We will catch up after the holiday period and plan the programme for the coming term which will include the CTOD Lent Course. We are always pleased to welcome any extras who would like to join us, or find out more about the group. For more information, contact *Janet Harman* ☎715301 or [janet.harman@ntlworld.com](mailto:janet.harman@ntlworld.com).

**Items for Sundays 24 & 31 December by 9am on Wednesday 20 December please to [office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto:office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk) or in Janet Harman's pigeonhole at St John's Church**