

JOINT PEWSHEET

St John the Evangelist and the
Methodist Church in Hurst Green

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (9.30am)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings*

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 (OT page 301)
Psalm 89.1-4,19-26 (OT page 575)
Romans 16.25-27 (NT page 176)
Luke 1.26-38 (NT page 61)



Christmas Eve (11pm)

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings*

Isaiah 9.2-7 (OT page 216)
Psalm 96 (OT page 580)
Titus 2.11-14 (NT page 231)
Luke 2.1-14[15-20] (NT page 62)



Christmas Day (10am)

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

Readings*

Isaiah 52.7-10 (OT page 216)
Psalm 98 (OT page 581)
Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12] (NT page 233)
John 1.1-14 (NT page 98)



SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER 2017

The First Sunday of Christmas (9.30am)

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Readings*

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3 (OT page 216)
Psalm 148 (OT page 611)
Galatians 4.4-7 (NT page 202)
Luke 2.15-21 (NT page 62)



*page numbers refer to pew bibles

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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 on 24 December...

St John's: (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

Methodists: 10.30am: Service led by Charlotte Stonehouse

IN THE CHURCHES on 31 December...

St John's: 8am: Holy Eucharist
9.30am: Parish Eucharist (No children's groups)

Methodists: No morning Service at Hurst Green
10am: Service at Warlingham
3pm: Watchnight Service, Other Notices

WE PRAY FOR those who are ill, in need and those who care for them: Ken Bush, Kathryn Bardouleau, Sue Cruse, Terry Stent, 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 Tony Hewitt.

ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS we remember (25) Rod Starmer, (29) Skye Blanchard, Pauline Simpson, (2) David King, (5) Chris Blackburn.

St John's Notices



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Mon 25 8am: Holy Eucharist - Christmas Day
10am: Family Eucharist

Wed 27 (No Eucharist, Yo Yos, choir practice today)

Mon 1 (No Morning Prayer)

Wed 3 12 noon: Eucharist
7.50pm: Choir practice, Choir Vestry

Sat 6 9am: Hurst Green News folding, York Rooms
11am - 2pm: Private party, York Rooms

Sun 7 8am: Holy Eucharist
9.30am: All Age Eucharist for Epiphany
2pm: Baptism of Louis Graham
- see separate notice

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY 25 DECEMBER: Please note that there will be the usual Eucharist at 8am, and a Family Eucharist at the later time of **10am**.

MARY is taking the 11am Service at St George's, Crowhurst on 31 December.

DONATIONS to the Wi'am Conflict Resolution Centre: Following the collection at the Carol Service, we are still able to receive donations in the baskets at the back of church on Sunday 24 December or in a labelled envelope via the donations slot by the glass doors (gift aid envelopes can be used if labelled 'Wi'am'). The Centre helps Palestinian communities in and around Bethlehem through counselling, mediation and reconciliation and by providing an oasis of hope through its community gardens and children's play area. Please give generously.

TO BE SUNG ON CHRISTMAS MORNING:
Because it's Christmas. Please join in with the chorus.

Chorus Sing your praises, leave your cares behind
Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.
Everybody, lift your voices high
Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.

Angels told us of the Christmas story,
Leading us to the stable.
Heavens voices singing 'Praise and Glory!'
Helping us to find the Saviour.

Chorus
In the sky a special star was shining,
Leading us to the stable.
Heaven's blessing on a town so tiny,
Helping us to find the Saviour.

Chorus
Ancient prophets had already spoken,
Leading us to the stable.
Heaven's message to a world so broken,
Helping us to find the Saviour.

Chorus
Hear the message through the generations,
Leading us to the stable.
Heaven's hope for every tribe and nation,
Helping us to find the Saviour.

Chorus x 2
Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.

BAPTISM OF LOUIS GRAHAM: Anna and Lalit warmly welcome anyone from St John's to come to Louis' baptism on Sunday 7 January at 2pm to share this happy occasion with them.

YOUTH CLUB: There will be no Youth Club on 31 December. The next one will be on Sunday 28 January at 6pm, when the focus will be on 'Reaching higher', as well as games, snacks/drinks and building a community of faith and friendship with Jesus and each other.

EPIPHANY PARTY REARRANGED: Due to unforeseen circumstances we need to move the Epiphany Party at the Vicarage and instead we will hold a Candlemas Drinks Party on Friday 2 February 7.30pm onwards at the Vicarage. Save the date! *Revd Anna*

ST JOHN'S MEN'S GATHERING: Following the great success of the inaugural Men's Drinks evening in The Haycutter, Nigel and Ian would like to extend an invitation to you all to meet again in The Haycutter at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 January.

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 to register and help with numbers for catering.

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 are not able to commit to 2 hours on Wednesday mornings, we would also appreciate anyone who could spare about 30 minutes before each session (either on the Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning) to help set up. If you could help, please let me know. Thanks, *Revd Anna* ☎712674 or revd.anna@gmail.com.

Methodist Notices

Mon 25 Dec 10.30am: Christmas Day Service
led by Revd Kathy Flynn
Sat 30 Dec 10am: Prayer Group
Sat 6 Jan 10am: Prayer Group
Sun 7 Jan 10am: All Age Service
led by Revd Kathy Flynn

SPIRITUAL SPA DAY: See St John's Notices above - Methodist ladies are very welcome to join in! For a flier with full details, please e-mail office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk.

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

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.

AGGIES-ON-THE-GREEN the Community Coffee Shop will re-open on Wednesday 10 January at 10am with light lunches from 12 noon. An additional helper is needed who could provide a cooked item for lunch (reimbursement made) once a month. Please contact *Pearl* ☎722343 or *Margaret* ☎714804 to help us!

TIC TOC is an informal fellowship group which meets on Mondays in term time. usually at 10am. The next meeting is on 8 January at Mary Cook's house, 30 Barrow Green Road, Oxted. We will 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.

**Items for Sunday 7 January by 9am on Wednesday
3 January please, to office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk
or in Janet Harman's pigeonhole at St John's Church**