

JOINT PEWSHEET

St John the Evangelist and the
Methodist Church in Hurst Green
SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2018

The Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Readings*

Isaiah 60.1-6 (OT page 717)
Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15 (OT page 563)
Ephesians 3.1-12 (NT page 206)
Matthew 2.1-12 (NT page 1)

*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....

St John's 8am: Holy Eucharist
9.30am: All Age Eucharist for Epiphany
2pm: Baptism of Louis Graham
- see separate notice

Methodists 10am: All Age Service
led by Revd Kathy Flynn

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

RIP Muriel Ryman, June Bird, Charles Kelsey, Philip Barnard, James Mabey.

ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS we remember (7) Phillip Langham, (11) Violet Ford, Chris Zahner, (12) Lily Zahner, (13) Amy Green.

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St John's Notices



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- Mon 8 9.15am: Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel
1.30pm: PCC Standing Committee meeting
York Rooms, followed by meeting of clergy
and churchwardens if necessary
- Tues 9 11am - 3pm: TVA Volunteer Thank You Lunch
York Rooms
8pm: Hurst Green Singers' rehearsal, Church
- Wed 10 9.15am: Yo Yos Baby & Toddler Group
York Rooms and St John's Room
12 noon: Eucharist
7.50pm: Choir practice, Choir Vestry
- Thurs 11 10.30am: Fortnightly Coffee Morning -
see separate notice
3.15 - 4.30pm: Rhyme Time, York Rooms -
see separate notice
7 - 10pm: First Responders' meeting
St John's Room
7.30pm: St John's Men's Group meeting
at The Haycutter - see separate notice
- Fri 12 12 noon (time tbc) Memorial Service for
Muriel Ryman and June Bird
- Sat 13 9.15am: Spiritual Spa Day, see separate notice
- Sun 14 8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am: Sunday Munch
for children aged 10+ in York Rooms
9.30am: Parish Eucharist
with crèche and children's groups

MARY is taking the 11am Service at St George's today.

THANK YOU: On behalf of both my family and all the clergy, thank you so much to all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes! For me personally the lovely messages got me through the busy season intact! With all good wishes for 2018. *Revd Anna*

ALL AGE SERVICE TODAY AT 9.30AM: The festive celebrations continue today as we remember the visit of the three kings and their precious gifts for the baby Jesus. Join this relaxed family friendly service - if you find the crown in the Epiphany cake afterwards you could be crowned the (symbolic) St John's King/Queen for the year!

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

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

COFFEE & CHAT FORTNIGHTLY COFFEE MORNING: this Thursday, 11 January, 10.30am - 12 noon in St John's Room. Please come and invite anyone you think would enjoy this event. If you or they need transport, contact *Barbara Richards* ☎715636. We hope to see you there.

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.

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*

RHYME TIME: Kelly van den Berg and friends from Meridian Square have felt a call to share time with their young children and residents of Windmill Manor. The children are mostly pre-school age. Rhyme Time' will be at 3.30pm on the second Thursday of each month. We will meet alternately in the York Rooms or at Windmill Manor.

The first meeting at St John's will be this Thursday, 11 January, with residents arriving for tea/cake from 3.15pm and Rhyme Time commencing at 3.30pm for 30 minutes followed by interaction with the little children.

At the first meeting at Windmill Manor in November, 8 little children and 8 residents and carers enjoyed singing, action rhymes and familiar dances by the children e.g. Hokey Cokey. Please pray for this initiative. If you could help, or you would like to attend the session at St John's on Thursday with pre-schoolers, please contact *Wendy Hewitt*, ☎07789 680653 or *whotsanemail@gmail.com*.

SPIRITUAL SPA DAY SATURDAY 13 JANUARY: Fed up with the winter and craving some warmth? Exhausted from this busy time of year? Perhaps it's time for a short getaway with God. We'll make time to pamper our prayer life, satisfy our souls and strengthen our relationship with God in the relaxing environment of St John's Church, Hurst Green. Led by Revd Anna Eltringham with Suzette Jones (Health and Wellbeing Advisor). Those who came last time found it hugely beneficial to make just a few hours space for God.

Arrival is at 9.15am with a programme of Calming, Renewal and Mindfulness at 9.45am. To close, a light lunch will be provided at 1pm. This spiritual spa is designed for women only. Cost £7; payable on the door. To register and help us with numbers for catering, please email *eventsstjohnshurstgreen@gmail.com*. More information from *Anna* ☎01883 712674.

HOLY COMMUNION 'TEACHING SERVICE': On Friday 19 January, from 4 - 5.15pm, children and young people are invited to come together to discover more about what our Holy Communion services are all about through an innovative approach called 'godly play' and hands on learning and discussion about the main parts of the service. There will be a drink and a snack as part of the session which is intended both for those already preparing to receive First Communion in February and any others of school age who are interested to find out more. Working with parents and carers, our intention through learning is to help our children worship more fully at our regular Sunday Services. Parents and carers need to stay at the session. For more information contact *Revd Anna*.

YO YOs BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: This starts again this week after the break. The group is going really well, every Wednesday in term time, 9.15 - 11.15am in the York Rooms, with 10-20 children attending each week with their grown up (from Mum, Dad, grandparent to childminder or nanny!).

Extra volunteers are always welcome to help just once a 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 at all, please let me know. Thank you. *Revd Anna* ☎712674 or *revd.anna@gmail.com*.

HOME INSURANCE RENEWAL BONUS: The insurance company Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to the church of your choice when a new home insurance policy is taken out, to celebrate their 130th anniversary. So, if your policy is due for renewal (buildings or contents), do consider getting a quote from Ecclesiastical. This offer is available until December 2018 and is called Trust130. To find out more, go to www.ecclesiastical.com/foryou/insurance/homeinsurance/trust130/index.aspx or call ☎0800 7830130.

Methodist Notices

Sat 13 Jan 10am: Prayer Group
Sun 14 Jan 10.30am: Service led by Curtis Juman

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*.

COVENANT SERVICE: This will be on Sunday 21 January and will be led by Revd Kathy Flynn.

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 LENT GROUPS 2018: Easter is early so the sign-up form is available now until Sunday 21 January, together with an information sheet. It's a unique course 'Exploring the Easter Story through Art' devised by people from our churches and based on works of art. The five sessions will start in the week commencing 19 February and the course will conclude with a final service on Palm Sunday (25 March) at 3.30pm at St John's, Hurst Green. Please do sign up as soon as possible.

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!

BELLS OF CHALDON CHURCH: Ted Howard will present an illustrated talk in Chaldon Church on Saturday 13 January, 2-4pm giving new information from recent research into the story behind the church's bells: two ancient and six 'modern', and the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. £5 entry at the door, teas and cakes on sale after the talk. The proceeds from the event will go to the Friends of Chaldon Church for the preservation of the church building. More info at www.chaldonhistory.org.uk or contact *Liz Bonsall* on ☎01883 340508.

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 *ianet.harman@ntlworld.com*.



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