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St John's Notices



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St John's and the Methodist Church
in Hurst Green and St George's, Crowhurst
SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2018
The Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings*

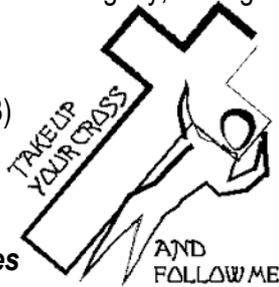
Genesis 17.1-7,15,16 (OT page 13)

Psalms 22.23-31 (OT page 531)

Romans 4.13-25 (NT page 165)

Mark 8.31-38 (NT page 47)

*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: Parish Eucharist with crèche and children's groups
1pm: Burial of ashes - Geoffrey Haskins
6pm: Youth Club - see separate notice

Methodists 10.30am: Service led by Brian Brooks

St George's 11am: Parish Communion

WE PRAY FOR those who are ill, in need and those who care for them: Phoebe Lollar, Derek Ridout, Kelly Thomassen, Terry Marnell, Kathryn Bardouleau, Sue Cruse, Terry Stent, Steven Thompson, Alan and June Coombe, Rose Gabriel, Lucy Jones, Bill Stewart, Jim Farrell, Audrey Hughes, Robin Parker, Frank West, Mig Ford, Joyce Jones, Andrew Coppin, Margaret Evans.

RIP David Jordan.

ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS we remember (26) Olivia Danaee, (28) Katherine Saunders, Eve Wiltshire.

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Mon 26 8.30am Southern Lightning working in grounds
9.15am: Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel
2.30pm: Aggies-on-the-Green Coffee Shop Meeting, St John's Room

Tues 27 8pm: Hurst Green Singers' rehearsal, Church

Wed 28 9.15am: Yo Yos Baby & Toddler Group York Rooms and St John's Room
12 noon: Eucharist
7.50pm: Choir practice, Choir Vestry

Thurs 1 11am: Parish Support Fund Information Morning, Church, York Rooms and St John's Room
7pm: Film Club, York Rooms - see notice

Fri 2 Women's World Day of Prayer - Other Notices

Sat 3 9am: Hurst Green News folding, York Rooms

Sun 4 8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am: Sunday Munch for children aged 10+ in York Rooms
9.30am: Parish Eucharist with crèche and children's groups - see separate notice

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

YOUTH CLUB, TODAY 25 FEBRUARY, 6PM: for 11 - 18 year olds at St John's. The focus will be on 'In the mix: every part is necessary', and building a community of faith and friendship with Jesus and each other; with games, snacks/drinks.

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 MARCH: We will welcome our Archdeacon The Reverend Canon Moira Astin to preach and preside at our Eucharist. I encourage you to come along to that service if you can to join with me in giving her a warm (and hopefully numerous) welcome! *Revd Anna*

CALLING NEW INTERCESSORS - READ ON! Our intercessor rota (people who prepare and lead prayers during our worship) has become somewhat depleted! I am looking for some new people who may feel moved to lead the prayers during our services. You may be cautious or unsure but please be bold. It can be such a blessing both to the person leading as well as the whole church. So speak up! Talk to one of the clergy or an existing intercessor to find out more. Take a step of faith and get involved. Once I have a longer list I will get everyone together to learn what's involved and be guided on how to do it! Please don't assume someone else will volunteer because they'll be thinking the same! Thanks, *Revd Anna*

PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR: This gives suggestions for prayer throughout the month and has just been updated. Please take a copy from the table.

FILM CLUB, THURSDAY 1 MARCH, YORK ROOMS: 'Notes on Blindness' (2016. duration: 86 mins). A documentary focusing on the audio diaries of British theologian John Hull where he recorded his experience with blindness, having gone blind in the middle of his career, just before the birth of his first son. A poetic account of loss, rebirth and renewal. With drinks and nibbles provided from 7pm and the film starting at 7.15pm; there is a charge of £3 per head. *Chris ☎713690*

RHYME TIME THURSDAY 8 MARCH, 3.30PM: Since November Windmill Manor residents have been joined by local parents with their babies and toddlers for Rhyme Time. Sessions are relaxed and include songs for both young and old, led by Wendy Hewitt and her banjo! After the singing and dancing is a biscuit / snack and time to chat to other parents, little ones, residents and carers.

Sessions take place at 3.30pm on the second Thursday of every month at Windmill Manor. For more information or if you would like to come along with your pre-schooler/s, to the next session on Thursday 8 March, please contact *Kelly, kellyvandenbergh@hotmail.co.uk*.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS SESSION for the St John's community, Friday 9 March, 10.30am, St John's Room. I've recently become a Dementia Friends Champion. I would like to run a trial session with a small, friendly group to help me become more confident with the material so I can run more sessions in the future. The session takes approximately 1 hour with the opportunity to become a Dementia Friend at the end. *Sarah Randall*. Register at: www.dementiafriends.org.uk/WEBSessionDetails?id=a050J00000WTVkpQAD#WoCmwujFKUn or contact *Sarah Randall* for more information ☎07843 606642 or sarahrandall001@gmail.com.

TRIP TO ALASKA: Come and spend an afternoon with Mary Seller in Alaska, and raise some money for church funds. Mary will show pictures of her trip to Alaska on Wednesday afternoon, 14 March at 2.15pm in the York Rooms, followed by cup of tea and cake - minimum donation £5 per person for St John's. For catering purposes, please let Mary know if you hope to come.

ST JOHN'S MEN'S DRINKS: The next men's drinks will take place on Wednesday 14 March at The Haycutter from 7:30pm. *Nigel and Ian*

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT COSTS to keep St John's running? Here are some of the bills we paid in January:

Parish administration: £745; York Room admin and cleaning: £150; Organist: £350; Insurance: £421; Gardener: £224; Gas: £539; Electricity: £307; Bank charges: £60; Our parish share to the diocese: £5,135.

Thus, we paid £7,931 in one month just to keep going, and we were lucky, we had no repair bills. Are you surprised? No money comes to us to pay these bills from any source other than from those who come to church, we have to be completely self-supporting.

If you do not yet give regularly to St John's and are able to help us cover our running costs, please pick up a giving form from the table at the back to set up a regular Standing Order.

ALPHA 'TRY IT AND SEE': Alpha is a well established course to explore the basics of the Christian Faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. There will be a 'try it and see' session on Thursday 15 March at 7.30pm to include an introductory film, meal and discussion. At the end we will then explore together how we would like to proceed and who wishes to attend further sessions. We do need to know numbers so if you'd like to 'try it and see', please sign the sheet at the back of church or contact me to find out more revd.anna@gmail.com or ☎712674.

HOST FAMILY / OLDER COUPLE SOUGHT for a German lady who wishes to improve her English. Gudrun is in her early sixties, is a churchgoer and sings in a choir. She would like to come to England in late April/early May and stay as a paying guest in an English home for 10 - 14 days. You do not have to be able to speak German. If you can help or are interested, please let me know as soon as possible and I will give you further details. *Barbara Richards* ☎715636, email: bjrichards@talktalk.net

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You will have seen the artworks placed around the church. These have been created by hundreds of local children and adults from age 4 to 84 in local schools, churches, care homes and other groups. They were inspired by passages from the bible about Jesus' final hours before, during and after his death on the cross. To experience this journey with Jesus fully I encourage you to set aside 30 minutes plus to come to the church during the day and reflect upon it fully, taking the handout of readings at the door and allowing your reactions to the 14 stopping points to become a form of prayer. You will get much more from the experience and I hope sense Jesus journeying with you if you take the time to do this 'properly'. I hope you and others receive something meaningful this Lent through this special gift from the community and the churches for you and all who visit St John's over the next few weeks. Do encourage others to visit too.

St George's Notices

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Sun 4 March 11am: Parish Communion
Sun 11 March 11am: Mothers' Day Communion (All Age)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: See St John's Notices.

Methodist Notices

Wed 28 Feb 2.30pm: Wednesday Fellowship, Mr Bob Evans - Dr John Snow, medical pioneer
Sat 3 March 10am: Prayer Group
Sun 4 March 10.30am: Local arrangement Café Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: See St John's Notices.

RIP DAVID JORDAN: We were sad to hear of the death of David Jordan after a long illness. There will be a funeral service and celebration of his life in the Church on Friday 16 March at 3pm, led by Revd Karen Bell.

EASTER CRAFTS: There will be an ecumenical Easter Craft session at Aggies on Saturday 31 March. Please sign the list in the crush hall if you can lead a craft session.

FLOWER ROTA 2018: Joy oversees the rota ensuring beautiful flower arrangements each week. If you would like to do the flowers or make a donation, please speak to her or sign the list in the Crush hall.

REVD SUE SHORTMAN will be cycling from London to Paris in September to raise funds for 3 cancer charities. Gwen has the sponsor form.

Other Notices

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: On Friday 2 March there will be services at 10am at St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart and 7.30pm at St Mary's, Oxted, with refreshments afterwards. The theme of this year's service is 'All God's creation is very good'. The service comes from the women of Suriname, a very small country on the north east coast of South America. All are welcome.

FAIRTRADE EVENT: As part of Fairtrade Fortnight (26 February - 11 March) the URC are again hosting an all day Traidcraft Big Brew and Great Bake Off event on Friday 2 March, 10.30am-6pm. Browse and buy food, goods and gifts from the Traidcraft stall with refreshments and lunch available. Plus a chance to show off your cooking skills and enter 6 Apricot Muffins into the Great Fairtrade Bake Off - recipe available from office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk.

CONCERT AT ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE: English Folk singer-songwriter Kathryn Williams, will perform at St Peter's Church, Tandridge on Saturday 17 March at 8pm supported by The Effras, in aid of St Peter's Church and Parkinson's UK. Tickets, £18 and £9 (under 18s) can be purchased at www.wegotickets.com or by phone ☎01883 714263 (St Mary's Parish Office).

RISE Theatre are performing their play 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador' at St Joseph's Church Hall in Redhill on Friday 23 March, 7.30pm. RISE always provide an entertaining and thought-provoking evening out! This time they focus on the life and legacy of Oscar Romero, a man who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. More information and tickets available from the RISE website www.risetheatre.co.uk.

Items for Sunday 4 March by 9am on Wednesday 28 February please to office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk or in Janet Harman's pigeonhole at St John's Church