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

SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018

Mothering Sunday / Lent 4

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Lent 4* (8am Eucharist)

Numbers 21.4-9 (OT page 150)

Psalms 107.1-3, 17-22 (OT page 588)

Ephesians 2.1-10 (NT page 205)

John 3.14-21 (NT page 100)



Readings for Mothering Sunday**

Exodus 2.1-10 (OT page 52)

Psalms 34.11-20 (OT page 538)

Colossians 3.12-17 (NT page 216)

John 19.25-27 (NT page 122)

*page numbers refer to pew bibles

- Mon 12 9.15am: Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel
Tues 13 1.30pm: Hurst Green School visit to Church
8pm: Hurst Green Singers' rehearsal, Church
- Wed 14 9.15am: Yo Yos Baby & Toddler Group
York Rooms and St John's Room
12 noon: Eucharist
2.15pm: Trip to Alaska, York Rooms
- see separate notice
7.30pm: St John's Men's Drinks, The Haycutter
7.50pm: Choir practice, choir vestry
- Thurs 15 2.30pm: Wives' Fellowship Meeting,
York Rooms - see separate notice
7.30pm: Alpha 'Try it and see' - see notice
- Sat 17 11am: Baby Broadway, Church - see notice
- Sun 18 8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am: Parish Eucharist
with crèche and children's groups
11.30am: Café Church with coffee and
refreshments from 11am
6pm: Youth Group, York Rooms

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE, 9.30AM: All welcome to this special service, not only to say thank you for our Mums and to our Mums, but to celebrate the caring and nurturing heart of God through the church. Also known as 'Refreshment Sunday' (mid-Lent) there will be posies for children to give to Mums and others to say thank you plus simnel cake and sherry to enjoy after the service.

MY AFTERNOON IN ALASKA IS THIS WEDNESDAY, 14th at 2.15pm. Please come and enjoy the pictures of my trip to this beautiful place, and then a cup of tea and cake in the York Rooms, and help to raise some money for church funds. Minimum donation £5 per person. For catering purposes, please let Mary know if you hope to come.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT COSTS to keep St John's running? Here are some of the bills we paid in February: Parish administration £578; Mission £205; Our parish share to the diocese £5,135; Organist £350; Insurance £420; Gardener £224; Remedial painting to kitchen; 2 WCs & window in the York Rooms £312; Internal repairs to West Wall of church required by the Quinquennial inspection £756; Gas & electricity £1,622 (including money owing from last year); Bank charges £60; Deanery Synod dues £6.

Thus, we paid £9,668 in February in order to keep going and to meet some necessary repairs. Remember: 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.

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE OFFER: We have just renewed our insurance with Ecclesiastical and we obviously asked for the £130 donation to be made to St John's. Our quote was very competitive (even beating John Lewis with my discount). It was easy to complete on the website and any questions were quickly answered by a charming young man at the office. **AND** St John's gets £130, so in our opinion WIN WIN!! **Debbi Harris** (To find out more, go to www.ecclesiastical.com/foryou/insurance/homeinsurance/trust130/index.aspx or call ☎0800 7830130.)

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 Mothering Sunday
- Methodists** 10.30am: Service led by David Booth
- St George's** 11am: Mothering Sunday Service, All Age

WE PRAY FOR those who are ill, in need and those who care for them: Violet Rodbar, Phoebe Lollar, Derek Ridout, Kelly Thomassen, Terry Marnell, Kathryn Bardouveau, 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.

ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS we remember (12) Amy Ambridge, Gemma Bailey, Shirley Dare, (14) Lucy Evans, (17) Barbara Harling.

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HOLY WEEK POSTERS: Nigel Eltringham has kindly purchased a stack of 'This is Holy Week' posters. Some of you will have seen these in people's windows in years gone by. The idea is that as many people as possible from the church display a poster prominently during Holy Week (it's a gentle way of reminding local people what the days leading up to Easter are all about). Then when Easter Day arrives the flap at the base of the poster is unveiled and reads 'He is Risen!'. Please do help yourself to a poster for Holy Week (25 March onwards). Thank you to Nigel for making this possible. And please note - you can re-use the poster again next year.

THE CURRENT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL met for the last time on Monday and outgoing members were thanked - Diana Bush, Anna Graham, Cathy Hyde and Cathy Booth (who may rejoin with a new role!) We were asked to think about and encourage potential new members to stand for election. Barbara Richards will also finish after 6 years as churchwarden, having guided the parish expertly through some major changes. The annual accounts were approved for presentation at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). These anticipate a loss of £20,000 if things do not improve. The APCM, on Sunday 22 April, will take a radically different form this year - details to follow! Cathy Booth and Amanda Starr were thanked for producing a plan, required by the diocese, in the (very unlikely) event of a major incident at St John's, and new key safes have been installed. The 'Stations of the Cross' have been very well received, attracting visitors to the church and Sue Fox was thanked for her part in it. Chuck Lugg was thanked for her many years managing the Hurst Green News advertisements and Jane Smith was welcomed as her replacement. Last year's popular 'Big Brekkie' will return in May, to raise money for Christian Aid. *Janet Harman, PCC Secretary*

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to donate money towards Easter lilies and flowers in memory of a loved one, please sign the sheet on the table at the back of church. Please give monies direct to Sue Farrell or Hilary Dilnot, or put in the slot for flowers in the wall, provided you have marked it 'Easter' and most importantly, with your name! Many thanks. *Hilary Dilnot ☎717401*

WIVES' FELLOWSHIP MEETING: On Thursday 15 March at 2.30pm in the York Rooms Stephen Barbor will speak on the work of the charity ChildAid in former Soviet Union States. Anyone who would like to come and listen is most welcome. For more information or to notify your intention of coming (helpful but not essential) please contact *Joy Moore ☎713552 or contactjoymoore@aol.com*.

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 **THIS 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.

BABY BROADWAY, SATURDAY 17 MARCH, 11AM: If glitz, glamour and razzle dazzle are your thing you'll be pleased to know Baby Broadway is coming to St John's. Fun filled concert for parents, babies and children. Show tunes performed by West End performers. There is a lively mix of tunes from a variety of musicals, appealing to adults and children alike. Each is performed by a small group of singers, accompanied by a piano. For more details please visit *babybroadway.co.uk*.

St George's Notices

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk/st-georges

Sun 18 March 11am: Parish Communion
Sun 25 Mar 11am: Palm Sunday service

Methodist Notices

Wed 14 2.30pm: Wednesday Fellowship,
Members' Meeting, *to be arranged*
Fri 16 3pm: Funeral of David Jordan
led by Revd Karen Bell
Sat 17 10am: Prayer Group
Sun 18 10.30am: Communion Service
led by Revd Kathy Flynn

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The artworks placed around St John's Church 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.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: Join All Saints' Church, Oxted on Thursday 15 March from 8-9pm to reflect on the Way of the Cross, with image, word and music as we continue our Lenten journey following in the footsteps of Jesus to his crucifixion.

CONCERT AT ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE: English Folk singer-songwriter Kathryn Williams, will perform 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 ☎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 18 March by 9am on Wednesday
14 March please to office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk
or in Janet Harman's pigeonhole at St John's Church**