

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2021

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

Welcome to our September Newsletter. Welcome if you're reading this at St John's and 'lots of love and good wishes' if you have received this at home.

I hope you've been able to rest over the summer. At St John's we've taken things a bit more easily too in preparation for the new term when very soon we'll feel busy again. A few things to look out for are our first All Age service for a very long time on the 5th September at 9.45am; the return of Sunday School on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, a special Climate Sunday service on 19th September followed by the St John's v St Mary's cricket match at Master Park on the same day; Hurst Green Fair on the 25th and hopefully the full return of a number of sociable events such as the fortnightly Thursday coffee morning (which started to meet again in August) and YoYos toddler group.

One important and helpful change is that the mid-week Eucharist will now take place at 12noon on a Thursday so that those who attend the coffee morning can easily stay if they wish.

Finally, although things will start to get busier my sense over the summer has been that we all need to know God's healing after everything that has happened. I hope and pray that whether in the building or at home, through St John's you know the healing touch of Jesus with you.

With love and prayers Revd Anna

Services this month

Sunday 5 September	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist, with music 12.30pm: Baptism of Rory Bear Allen-Monk
Sunday 12 September	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist, with music, Sunday School Sunday Munch at St John's - <i>more information below</i>
Sunday 19 September Climate Sunday	8.30am: Said Eucharist - <i>see over for more about Climate Sunday.</i> 9.45am: Parish Eucharist, with music
Sunday 26 September	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist, with music, Sunday School



Sunday Munch

Munch is a group for youngsters in school year 6 and above, which meets fortnightly alternating between St John's and St Mary's, Oxted. This is their first meeting after a break during August.

More details from John
dadbloguk@gmail.com

Mid week Eucharist

**Every Thursday
from 9 September
at 12 noon**

in the Lady Chapel
at St John's Church

Private Prayer

St John's Church is open for

**Private Prayer
every day from
Sunday 5 September**

Please come and enjoy a quiet
space for prayer and reflection

The October Newsletter will be available on Sunday 26 September.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 19 September to Janet Harman at office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk, or phone 715301 (and leave a message if I'm out!) Thank you.

St John's Notices



STEVEN AND MARGARET COX, former Pastors of the Hurst Green Evangelical Church, are returning from Nottingham to Hurst Green on 4 September, for a celebratory farewell, as the event planned originally had to be cancelled due to lockdown. They made a big contribution to many areas of life during their time in Hurst Green and everyone is very welcome to join them on:

Saturday 4 September, 2pm - 4pm
Hurst Green Community Centre, Oak Close
(behind the shops on Pollards Oak Road)

The event may take place partly in the community garden, but please bring a mask for the inside areas. If you could help by contributing muffins or fairy cakes or by serving refreshments, please contact Carmen at carmen@hgcc-surrey.org.uk or 07815 074236.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT: Spanish and classical music for the guitar with Mark Jennings, Saturday 4 September, 3.30pm at St John's Church, Dormansland. Tickets £12 at the Church or box office 01342 870681. Refreshments available. Proceeds will go to the Centenary Room Roof Repair Fund.

COFFEE and a CHAT! Our fortnightly get-togethers are back! They are primarily (but not exclusively) aimed at those who live alone and are a great way to make new friends and catch up on local news. It could be a good way to start venturing out again after a long time of restrictions. We serve 'real' coffee and tea with biscuits (and occasionally cake if we're lucky!) in convivial surroundings. We will, of course, comply with any remaining covid-related requirements.

We meet in St John's Room on
2, 16 and 30 September 10.30am - 12 noon
If you need a lift, please ring Barbara, 715636.



Climate Sunday

This initiative is calling on all local churches to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference) to be held in Glasgow in November 2021.

St John's has chosen Sunday 19 September as Climate Sunday, and the services at both 8.30am and 9.45am will be devoted to this theme, with carefully chosen readings and music.

The preacher will be Revd Professor Mary Seller, who will emphasise the theological dimension of the subject.



HURST GREEN FOOD BANK - UPDATE:

St John's is now a Referral Agency for Trussell Trust food banks and can issue vouchers for anyone in need, to be redeemed at Caterham and East Grinstead. As these may be too far to travel, food parcels can, by prior arrangement, be collected on behalf of local residents and distributed on Wednesdays at Aggies on the Green. Anyone needing an emergency food voucher should contact Revd Lotwina Farodoye: lotwina@stjhurstgreen.co.uk. You can also phone or text on 07586 863079. If there is demand going forward, St John's may transition into a full-blown food bank.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Brigitte Trust is running free structured 8-week bereavement programmes led by a professional facilitator for anyone in Surrey struggling with their own grief and bereavement. The aims of the programme are to: provide support with focus; encourage mutual support; share experiences; learn new coping strategies and develop some altered thought patterns.

The sessions are limited to 12 people and offered in different parts of Surrey according to need. For more information or to book a place, contact Sarah Pattenden: sarah.pattenden@brigitte-trust.com or 07469 932192.





HURST GREEN VILLAGE FAIR

Saturday 25 September, 1 - 4pm
on the Green by Aggies

The theme this year is
'Staycation', celebrating British holidays
so come dressed for your summer holiday!

Hot food ~ licensed bar ~ ice cream ~ teas, coffees & cakes in Aggies ~ live music from Oxted Band ~ demonstrations of dancing and taekwondo ~ and the scouts will show their axe throwing skills!

St John's is organising a **'St John's on Sea'** area with a sea themed bouncy castle, seaside arts with water/sand trays and possibly other attractions such as a coconut shy, head in hole and puppets! (details to be confirmed)

A dedicated group is arranging the activities but to make it work, we need lots of volunteers to help on the day!
Please sign up on the list in church or e-mail office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk.



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