

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2021

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

Welcome to our November newsletter which provides details about our activities to any visiting the church and to those at home who are not on email.

For everyone else, this is an extra which supplements the information in the weekly email.

In this newsletter you'll see a photo of Lotwina and her new Home Communion set which the Oxted Team gave to mark her ordination as priest and secondly a lovely photo of a recent gathering at the fortnightly coffee morning. To me, both these photos represent St John's. First the spiritual communion we share in the Eucharist between those in church, at home and in heaven (which will be especially remembered at All Souls and on Remembrance Sunday).

But secondly, this spiritual communion played out in our physical life together as God's Family in this place, the coffee morning being one beautiful and vibrant example.

So as I go off for a couple of months or so to have the surgery for which I've been waiting for a long time, I go with a smile and a warmth in my heart. Although I'm out of sight, I know I am held tightly in your love as you are in mine. And this love comes from the source of all love, in whom we live and move and have our being - our Father, who holds us all close to his heart and smiles too. Love and Prayers, Revd Anna

Services this month

Sunday 7 November	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist
Sunday 14 November	8.30am: Said Eucharist 10.50am Remembrance Sunday - see below
Sunday 21 November	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Together (Parish) Eucharist - all the usual features of the Parish Eucharist including a sermon but with young people involved in various roles and a special 'in pew' activity for younger children
Sunday 28 November	8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Sunday School



Remembrance Sunday, 14 November

There will be no service in Church this year. Gather in the churchyard from 10.40am to start at 10.50am for a short dedication service with prayers. Names commemorated on the War Memorial and in St John's will be read out, the two minutes' silence observed, and wreaths laid around the wooden cross. There will be coffee afterwards. Everyone is welcome and we hope many will join us to mark this important national occasion.

Advent Carol Service Sunday 28 November at 6.30pm St Peter's Tandridge



Music led by an Oxted Team Choir

The December Newsletter will be available on Sunday 28 November.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 21 November 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

 facebook.com/stjohnshurstgreen
 twitter.com/AnnaRevd

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: Thank you for your magnificent response to our harvest project for this year. We have raised a total of £1,115 (including Gift Aid). This has enabled us to buy (through Send-a-Cow) 27 chickens, 8 goats, 16 packs of climate smart super seeds, 8 top notch trees, and 9 super stoves for Third World families. Thank you for your generosity. The money you have given is in thanks to God for all that he gives us in every way, not only our plentiful food supply. In helping people in this way, we are sharing with others God's gift of life. *Mary Seller*

REVD LOTWINA WITH HER ORDINATION GIFT:



DEANERY SYNOD: Revd Sandra Schloss, Vicar of St Luke's Peckham attended the recent Zoom meeting to consider the Southwark Anti-Racism Charter. Being anti-racist is not the same as simply not being racist. We must actively counter, disrupt and oppose racial injustice. This is not easy and takes introspection as well as continued intentional action. Southwark is ahead of other Dioceses with this. Helen Ainsworth was congratulated on her election to the General Synod. The two other local candidates who had achieved well in the voting were also commended: Jasmine Copp (Oxted) and Anna Eltringham.

MID-WEEK EUCHARIST: We have decided, reluctantly, to suspend the mid-week Eucharist due to Anna's absence for the rest of this year and as a result of low or no attendance recently. The intention is to re-start during Lent, perhaps followed by a Lent Lunch. Thank you for your understanding. All are welcome to join the 11am Eucharist, Wednesdays at St Mary's, Oxted.

TRUSSELL TRUST FOOD BANKS: St John's Church is now a Referral Agency. Food poverty affects millions across the UK and continues to rise, exacerbated by the difficult economic climate created by the pandemic. If you or anyone you know is struggling to provide food for yourself or your family, please contact Revd Lotwina Farodoye who can issue an emergency food voucher. Food parcels can be collected from St Agatha's on Wednesdays, 11am and 2pm, where you will also be welcomed with a cup of tea and a friendly face.

HELP REQUESTED: During lockdown Charles Bradshaw began to look through 40 old diaries with details of his ministry. He would like to create a small booklet telling some of these stories, but needs help with editing. It is all typed up and some payment for help is offered. If you can help, please call 724742.

Other Notices

LOOKING FOR A JOB? Volunteers offer personal experience to support with CV and job applications, interview preparation, deciding career objectives and finding relevant sectors/companies. Contact info@jobcluboxted.co.uk.

HURST GREEN SINGERS will perform The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins on **Saturday 13 November 2021 at 7.30pm** in the Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Wolfs Hill, Limpsfield. Dr James Meaders will conduct a choir of 65 singers, soloist Laura Fowler and 14 professional instrumentalists including double string quartet and trumpets to regale with fanfares and the solemnity of the Last Post. After 18 months of not being able to perform together, this promises to be a wonderful evening and we would be delighted if you could join us. Tickets £15 on the door.

BISHOP JONATHAN: The Bishop of Croydon, the Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, will leave Southwark in March 2022 after 10 years, to move to Orkney with his wife, Alison, who will be continuing her creative and academic work. The Bishop, meanwhile, will be writing, teaching, leading retreats, and mentoring clergy. He will also be acting as Episcopal Commissary for the Falkland Islands which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby. Serving the islands' population of less than 3,000, Christ Church Cathedral in Port Stanley is the most southerly Anglican cathedral in the world.

COFFEE and a CHAT

11 and 25 November, 10.30 - 12 noon

Fortnightly on Thursdays in St John's Room, St John's Church. Please come and join us!

If you need a lift, ring Barbara, 715636



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