



HURST GREEN NEWS

December 2021

Looking forward

December again and nearly the end of 2021. Will it be a year you are glad to say goodbye to? Perhaps for many the answer will be 'yes' and we can turn our thoughts to 2022 and the hope that life will truly return to life as we knew it before Covid-19 struck in March 2020. So let's turn our thoughts to looking forward to what the last month of the year holds for us.



No doubt a list comes into your mind and probably very much revolving around Christmas. Most importantly though, this year, we hope we can plan for family and friends to be together. We will be in a waiting time until that special date of 25th December, Christmas Day and that waiting time is traditionally called Advent. How we use it will be in different ways depending on our varying situations. I imagine there is a whole range of emotions in the run-up to Christmas, particularly for those full of sadness because of the death of someone they loved and those who will find it a lonely prospect with families far away. The time of waiting and looking forward may be hard.

We look forward to Christmas every year. My research records that the origins of Christmas stretch back thousands of years to prehistoric celebrations around the winter solstice. Many of the traditions we cherish today have been shaped by centuries of changing beliefs, politics, technology, taste and commerce.

The unchanging factor is that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, God's gift to the world and shows how much God cares for us and always will. I am sure we can reflect such care by caring also. Each of us will no doubt think of different ways to show our care and what seems right at the time. An act of kindness or thoughtfulness by giving our time in some way may well lift the spirits of someone in need. I find Christmas quite a reflective time. I have given some thought to what springs to mind when Christmas is mentioned and it's quite a long list and I am sure yours would be similar. Too much to list here, but surely it would include presents, cards, Christmas tree and decorations, Father Christmas, family get-togethers, parties and of course, carol services and children's nativity plays. A priority, not to be left off the list, happily for many, will be going to church, perhaps to the afternoon crib service or the late night service on Christmas Eve, or the morning service on Christmas Day.

Of course, we are all free to celebrate Christmas as we choose, but when you look at that list, then it's easy to realise that it is not possible for everyone to enjoy all that is listed for a variety of reasons. It's good to know that hospitals, care homes and prisons will still function and that those who will be working in them on Christmas Day, missing their own family celebration, do their best to make it a good day for those for whom they are caring.

Let Every Day Be Christmas by Norman W Brooks

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

A poem worth remembering. Christmas may well have a special meaning this year in terms of being able to be together with family and friends and we trust with no restrictions, but the true meaning of Christmas does not change. It is ever present.

Monica Fenton, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary

Christmas Shoe Boxes in aid of Tandridge Family Centre

Sure Start requests Christmas boxes (shoe box sized, but any small box could be used) wrapped festively but so the lid can be opened to check the contents.

Suggestions are - new toiletries, treats, toys, or non-perishable seasonal goodies. Label your box appropriately - adult, child (age) or family. Boxes can be dropped off at the Christmas Market at Hurst Green Community Centre on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December between 12 - 4pm or at the Evangelical Church, 75 Hurst Green Road during the day. Call or text 07815 074236 for more information.



Trustees of Hurst Green Community Centre and The Evangelical Church

Can you help?

We need some volunteers to deliver Hurst Green News each month to Wolfs Wood (odd numbers), Williams Road, Carroll Way, Mill Lane and Mill Shaw.

Any offers would be greatly appreciated.



If you can help or would like to find out more, please contact June Thompson on 716335.

Oxted Team Ministry

**Advent Carol Service
St Peter's, Tandridge**

Advent Sunday, 28 November 6.30pm

My Lord is Coming



Come along to join in with this beautiful service of choral anthems, advent hymns and the experience of ancient antiphons, sung by the Oxted Team Choir

All are welcome

Retiring collection for One World Oxted charity

HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

At St John's there are services of Holy Communion on Sundays at 8.30am (said) and 9.45am.

The 9.45am service is sung (service also available via Live Stream) - you are requested to wear a mask.

The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm. For updates and the latest information, please check websites below.

At Hurst Green Evangelical Church, there are services at 11am on Sundays, with a Family Service on 28 November.

ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

Rector: Anna Eltringham, 712674, 14 Oast Road
(day off - Monday)

Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 715675, 11 Home Park

Curate: Lotwina Farodoye, lotwina@stjohnshurstgreen.co.uk

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:

Monica Fenton, 715769

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 71201, Pastor@hgec.org.uk
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Santa's back in town!

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After missing out on last year's tour, Santa Claus and Rudolf will be back touring Hurst Green, Oxted and Limpsfield in their sleigh starting on **Monday 6 December**. They will visit as many children (and parents) as they can, helped by Santa's elves (members of Titsey Rotary Club and friends) and Santa will be giving sweets to the children while the elves collect loose change for charities supported by the Rotary Club. In 2019 our Santa's Sleigh elves collected over £3,000 for charity.

Santa hopes to visit the following streets in **Hurst Green**:

Monday, 6 December

5.30pm: Comforts Farm Ave (lower), Mill Shaw

5.45pm: Mill Lane, Warren Lane

6.15pm: Holland Road (south), Coldshott

7pm: Comforts Farm Avenue (upper)

Tuesday, 7 December

5.30pm: Juniper/Bramble Close/Hollies

6pm: Four Oaks

6.15pm: Roseacre

6.30pm: Meridian Square, Barnfield Way

Thursday, 9 December

5.30pm: Pollards Oak Road/Pollards Oak Crescent

6.15pm: Chestnut Copse, The Greenway

7.15pm: Pollards Oak Crescent

Monday, 13 December

5.45pm: Wolfs Wood (lower)

6pm: Hazelwood Road, Boulthurst Way

6.45pm: Wolfs Wood (upper)

7pm: Home Park, Hazelwood Heights



Please note these timings are APPROXIMATE. Santa will put a TRACKER on Oxted Facebook and the Titsey Rotary Club website www.titsey.org.uk so you can follow his route, and listen out for his bell too! Santa's looking forward to seeing everyone again. Merry Christmas and stay safe! **Ho Ho Ho!**

Bucket collection for local charities licensed by Tandridge District Council Rotary Club of Titsey & District Charitable Trust - Charity no.1032237

Services over Christmas in Hurst Green

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

(Details of other services before Christmas on next page)

Christmas Eve, Friday 24 December, 9pm

First Eucharist of Christmas ('midnight mass')

Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December

8.30am: Holy Eucharist

10am: Eucharist for Christmas Day -

Family friendly service at a slightly later time

Sunday 26 December - no services today

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday 19 December, 11am - 12 noon

Service for 4th week of Advent and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 23 December, 6 - 7pm

Family Chringle Service

Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December, 10 - 10.30am

Family Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 26 December, 11 - 11.30am on Zoom

Contact Pastor@hgec.org.uk for the link to attend.



Have your say about CCTV in Oxted and Hurst Green



Oxted Parish Council and Limpsfield Parish Council, working with Tandridge District Council, the Oxted Business Improvement District and the Trustees of Master Park, are considering installing CCTV in the shopping areas of Oxted and Hurst Green.

They have set up a short survey to gather residents' views about the proposal to install cameras to cover Station Road East and West, Master Park and the shops in Hurst Green. The cameras would not be monitored on a 24 hour basis, but the recordings would help detect and prevent crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

The CCTV system would be jointly funded, with Oxted Parish Council providing a significant share of the funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy it receives.

To give your views, please complete the survey by 7 January 2022 at www.tandridge.gov.uk/cctv

The Oxted Rotary Christmas PLEASE Campaign



Following last year's success of our Christmas PLEASE campaign, we are running a similar campaign to help those in need this year. To help fund this initiative, we are asking you to 'Give a little' by text and we will once again have a Christmas tree outside Boots, thanks to Knights Garden Centre at Nags Hall, so maintaining our 50-year old tradition of erecting a tree in Oxted High Street at Christmas time.

We have also invited Santa himself to visit Oxted and he has agreed to drop in during the Oxted late night shopping event on Thursday 6 December, where he hopes to meet a lot of children. Elementz have kindly agreed to host Santa outside their shop and you will have the chance to 'Make a Wish to Santa and Give a little' by texting; **PLEASE followed by your donation amount, to 70085**. For example, to donate £2, send PLEASE 2 and your text will cost the amount of your donation plus one standard rate message. PLEASE help us to help others enjoy their Christmas.

Dates for your Diary 2021

- 3 Dec ...and every Friday, Oxted Country Market, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted, 9.30-11.30am
cakes & savouries, vegetables, eggs, crafts. To order in advance, call 01883 623273
- 6 Dec Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.45- 4.15pm,
York Rooms, St John's Church: Club Afternoon. Contact: Carol Leach 01883 382031
- 9 Dec Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, from 7.30pm:
Members' Christmas Meeting. More information from Jan Ward, 01883 712143
- 13 Dec Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, Festive Songs & Carols, Kameo Choir

St Agatha's Hall

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Hurst Green Gardening Club

We come to the end of another challenging year, but can look back with some satisfaction as to what we were able to achieve. Our first plant sale outside Aggies was a great success as we sold lots of plants, made some money and new friends as well. Look out for us again in May 2022. Only two speaker meetings to report, but both excellent evenings. We even managed a garden party with tea and cakes. The welcome return of the Hurst Green Village Fair gave us a chance to sell some more plants and produce.

Our programme for 2022 is underway and the following speakers have been booked: **12 January** - Paolo Arrigo to tell us about Italy from seed to plate with a chance to buy seeds; **9 February** - a talk about what a Victorian Head Gardener would do; **9 March** - Fergus Garrett from Dixter Gardens, and if you've never been there, you really should! **11 May** - Barry Newman talking about vegetables.

Other plans such as social events, visits and other speakers are still being developed so that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Finally my one (and probably only) gardening tip: if, like me, you have a small garden, but very large oak trees and a prospect of tons of leaves, get or borrow a leaf shredder. The reduction in volume is amazing and will speed up the composting.

Brian Parrott

St John's, Hurst Green is now a Referral Agency for Trussell Trust Food Banks

Are you, or is anyone you know, presently struggling to provide food for yourself and/or your family? Well you are not alone, because according to the Trussell Trust, food poverty now affects millions across the UK and continues to rise, exacerbated by the difficult economic climate created by the pandemic.



St John's has recently become a Referral Agency for the Trussell Trust and can issue those in crisis with an electronic food voucher for emergency food. This can be redeemed at any Trussell Trust foodbank including those at Caterham and East Grinstead and the click and collect service in Oxted. For those unable to collect their food, volunteers from St John's Church and Titsey Rotary Club can do so on your behalf and bring it to St Agatha's Hall, Hurst Green on Wednesdays between 11am and 2pm by prior arrangement, where you will be welcomed with a cup of tea and a friendly face.

If you require an emergency foodbank voucher, please email Oxted Team Ministry Curate Reverend Lotwina Farodoye (Tuesdays to Thursdays between 9am and 4pm: lotwina@stjhurstgreen.co.uk)

POP IT SENSORY

(as seen at the Hurst Green Fair)

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Oxted Rotary Group - Community Grant Scheme

Grants of up to £240 are available to help deserving families with children under the age of eighteen or living with a disability. Applications are invited NOW from those in need, so if you believe you could meet the criteria and you live in Oxted or immediate surrounding areas, please send a completed application form to us as soon as possible. For a form, email grants@oxtedrotary.org.uk with 'PLEASE' in the subject line. For a hard copy, send your name and address to Tandridge Voluntary Action info@tva.org.uk or call 722593 / 07741 657191.

Christmas Services at St John's Church

Nine Lessons and Carols - Sunday 19 December 5pm

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Retiring collection for Crisis, the national homeless charity

Crib Services - Christmas Eve (Friday) 3.30 & 5pm

We are not able to accept gifts this year as we have done in the past. Instead there will be a retiring collection for Welcare, a charity working with families and children in this area. A card reader will be available for donations at all services.



Christingle, Crafting and Carols at St John's Church, Hurst Green

on Saturday 18 December, 3 - 5pm

A festive afternoon for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult. A variety of craft stations will be spread around to choose from, including Christingle making. Enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and even a puppet show! Christmas carols in the Church to end.

This is a free event but donations are welcome.



PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of God's Church:

28 November Christopher Peter George

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all his relatives and friends:

17 November Arthur Breton

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered, please email office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

Neville Jacobs

Neville has now moved to Somerset to be closer to his family. His mobile number remains the same, 07776 338560, but Neville says the signal is dodgy, so WhatsApp, text or chat are best. If you would like Neville's postal address, please contact office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk



A selection of
Christmas Carols and Lessons
Sunday 12 December, 7pm
St John's Church, Hurst Green

The choir of approximately 65 singers will be conducted by musical director, Dr James Meaders, accompanied by Alec Crowe, in a festive programme of readings and carols with some audience participation.

Admission is free, with a retiring collection in aid of choir funds. Refreshments will be available afterwards. However, numbers are restricted, so please apply for a ticket by contacting hurstgreensingers@gmail.com
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