



HURST GREEN NEWS

May 2022

Where are we now?

In these strange times I wondered 'Where are we now?' As I thumbed through some recent issues of Hurst Green News I noted that in February Lotwina Farodoye, Curate at St John's, wrote about a period in the church year called Ordinary Time. This instantly caused me to reflect on the fact that we are certainly not living in ordinary times. How we long to feel that life is back to normal, but Covid and Ukraine, still suffering from the Russian invasion, mean that ordinary times are not back with us yet and to be honest, we are not sure how long it is going to be before they are. So we have no alternative but to endure it.



I say, 'no alternative' but of course we can always endeavour to make every day as good as it can be in whatever situation we, individually and the country as a whole, find ourselves.

So, what can we do? Thinking about it, the words that came to mind were 'love and kindness.' I believe that since March 2020 love and kindness amongst families, friends and neighbours have been very obvious. We can take a deep breath now and look realistically to the time ahead knowing that God is with us and ever present and love and kindness will not go away. Perhaps the well-known phrase of Julian of Norwich 'All shall be well and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well' should be our mantra in these unusual times.

What will we most remember? I am sure if we think about it carefully there will be both good and bad. If we think about bad, there was lockdown and being confined and out of face to face contact, but there was good also as lockdown didn't prevent love and kindness showing itself, and the phone and helping out with one another's shopping seemed to come naturally.

Anyway, enough about the not so good time we have been in, by the time you read this Easter will have come and gone, with its story and promise of new life and hopefully families and friends met freely and exchanged Easter eggs and a good time was enjoyed. Perhaps you still have an Easter egg tucked away, I like to make mine last but I know not everyone is of the same mind. There is much to look forward to now, some will be planning holidays, plenty of Jubilee celebrations to join in and most churches and organisations are planning special events to recognise the 70 years our Queen has reigned. How well she has and is still serving our country, an amazing example of duty and commitment.

This year daffodils have been so prolific and we have indeed been able to see 'A host of golden daffodils' and very soon we will be able to see a host of bluebells in Staffhurst Wood. Hope you can all take time to enjoy the gifts of spring and a lift to the spirits.

A spring quotation by *Algernon Charles Swinburne*: 'Blossom by blossom the spring begins.'

Monica Fenton, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary St John's

Christian Aid Week, 15 - 21 May

This year Christian Aid Week will focus on the plight of drought, faced by numerous countries around the world. It recognises that droughts have become more intense and more common because of the changing climate. There will not be door-to-door collections around the parish of Hurst Green as in the past.

Instead, on Sunday 15 May at St John's Church there will be a bucket at the back of church at the end of the 9.45am service for donations. A Big Brekkie will follow, with everything from bacon sarnies to pastries and avocado toast. All are welcome!



All proceeds will go to Christian Aid. A card reader will be available, and envelopes if people wish to Gift Aid their donation.

It is also possible to donate via the Christian Aid website: www.christianaid.org.uk

Regular events at Windmill Manor for all the local community to enjoy

Windmill Manor Weekly Memory Café 11am

Each Tuesday at 11am we invite you to come to our Café and enjoy company and refreshments with people living with dementia and their carers. You can expect a variety of sessions including our Singing for the mind, Dementia Specialist talks, quizzes and hobbies.

Healthy Joint Lifestyle and Exercise Class 4pm: Stretch at Four!

Every second Thursday of the month we welcome Frances Lamberth and the team from Fairhand Physio to host this amazing informative and interactive session to improve our lives.

Tea at the Manor 3pm

On the last Friday of each month, Windmill Manor invites you to a 'Tea at The Ritz' style afternoon including chef's notorious Manor Gateaux, Windmill Prosecco and a superb variety of entertainment!



Events are all held safely within Covid guidelines.

Spaces are limited, so please contact us now to book yours! **01883 718120** or windmillmanor@barchester.com

HURST GREEN CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

At St John's Church there are services of Holy Communion on Sundays at 8.30am (said) at 9.45am (sung) and at 12 noon on the 4th Wednesday each month, followed by lunch. The 9.45am service is available via Live Stream. The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm. For updates and the latest information, please check websites below.

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, 07553 305087

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:

Monica Fenton, 715769

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 712017, Pastor@hgec.org.uk
www.hgec.org.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

All Saints' Church Chichele Road, Oxted - 627762

St Ambrose Church Warren Park, Warlingham

Parish Priest Fr Stephen, 713776

www.oxtedandwarlinghamparish.org

OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God

21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, 730406

oxtedurc@gmail.com

Minister: Graham Dadd, 07894 507467

www.oxtedurc.org.uk

Eastertide: Stations of the Resurrection

This year St John's Church is hosting a 'Stations of the Resurrection' which is a community artwork project, similar to the 'Stations of the Cross' project in 2018. As previously, schools, care homes, churches and other groups have been invited to create an artwork for different moments following Jesus' resurrection as the story unfolds in the Bible.

The artworks will engage with the 'mood of the scene' as before and help us all connect Jesus' resurrection to our lives and the world today. They are gradually being revealed in St John's from Easter Day and people are welcome to come and visit any time.

Station No 1 is 'Release' based on The Earthquake: Matthew 28: 2-4. You will see this in the church grounds as you enter from the road looking towards the church. Further stations will be revealed over the next few weeks, the final one being in time for Pentecost (5 June) and entitled 'For All'.

A community project
with a wide range of styles!



Hurst Green Gardening Club

I go away for a few days and what do I find? The garden has changed and managed without me. Maples are dressed with fresh leaves, spring bulbs are having to make way as pushy bluebells take over.



My organised chaos is becoming disorganised, and now some intrusion on my part is required. Do our gardens reflect us, free flowing, or is yours reflecting a need for order and control?

I have today just read about health improvements one can make, like eating beetroot, and gardening. But to include digging for health is, to me, suspect. Unless you are planting a tree or potatoes, digging has no place in the garden! All you need is compost and worms, who will do it for you while you find a pleasant sunny spot and enjoy.

I missed our spring competition with Godstone - I hope you didn't! Next in my diary is a trip to the nursery of Rosy Hardy on 7 May, followed by our meeting on 11 May to learn about growing vegetables from Barry Newman.

Brian J. Parrott



SUMMER CONCERT

*in memory of Michael Barlow
former Music Director of Hurst Green Singers*

Following the success of their previous concert last November, Hurst Green Singers is delighted to announce a special performance of beautiful music dedicated to the memory of Michael Barlow, the choir's former Music Director, who sadly died in August 2020. Michael was a talented pianist, organist, accompanist and performer who led the choir for 33 years. Under his direction he enthused both singers and audiences with his love for music, producing outstanding concerts. His musical accomplishments included composing pieces especially for the choir and he was much loved and admired by its members for his patience and kindness.

The Summer Concert will feature a selection of contrasting pieces including Rutter's Requiem, Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine and Haydn's Te Deum plus one of Michael Barlow's last compositions, Two Shakespeare Songs, written for the Hurst Green Singers and performed at his farewell concert in May 2018.

The performance will be held in the Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Wolfs Hill, Limpsfield, Surrey RH8 0QU on Saturday 14 May at 7.30pm. James M Meaders will conduct the choir of over 65 singers including soloist Laura Fowler accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

Tickets are £15 and available from hurstgreensingers@gmail.com or on the door. Refreshments will be available to purchase after the concert. This promises to be a superb evening of musical entertainment, so do please come and join us.

Open Gardens Sunday 29 May, 2 - 6pm

This year the Oxted One World Group's annual event has been switched to a Sunday to avoid clashing with any Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend. Five gardens of all shapes and sizes in the local area will be open for people to look round. Plants will be on sale at one, with teas and scrumptious cakes available to buy at one or more of the others and raffle tickets at another.

Tickets, £10, will cover entry to all the gardens. These will be available online from Ticket Tailor, Knights Garden Centre, Limpsfield Community Stores, Paydens, the organiser, Paul Belok paul.belok@gmail.com, Valerie Adamson, 01883 714859 or from any committee member.

The Oxted One World Group is a local charity, founded in 1983. Organised by volunteers, its small overheads are covered by subscriptions from its nearly 400 members.

It raises around £40,000 a year for overseas aid projects and is well supported by local churches and schools. Donations to the Oxted One World Group may be made online via JustGiving.



Dates for your Diary 2022

- 6 May ...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
- 9 May Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.45- 4.15pm, York Rooms, St John's Church: The Lumberjills, Britain's Forgotten Army - Joanna Foat. Contact: Carol Leach 01883 382031
- 11 May Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall 8pm. Vegetable growing in raised beds Speaker: Barry Newman. Contact: Brian Parrott 723916
- 12 May Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, from 7.45pm: 'Decisions, decisions' Resolutions, discussions and social. More info from Jan Ward, 01883 712143
- 23 May Tandridge Club for Visually Impaired, Platinum Jubilee celebration

St Agatha's Hall

To enquire about booking, contact the

Booking Administrator:

07769 001796

or aggieshall@gmail.com

or complete the form on the website:

stagathashall.weebly.com/contact.html

Criminal Damage to Vehicles

Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team is aware of concerns within the local community around criminal damage to vehicles. We would like to reassure you that this is not a crime trend we are seeing in Hurst Green, but wanted to offer some crime prevention tips.

Criminal damage to vehicles is often committed by thieves trying to get into a vehicle to steal something from inside. This can range from phones or sat navs to loose change or even umbrellas. You can lower the risk to your vehicle by making sure all valuables are removed when you park up. If you cannot take items out, please lock them away out of sight in the boot or glove box. Leaving items such as your sat nav holder or phone charging cable on display can be enough for a thief to take their chances and try breaking into your car, so make sure these are hidden too.

In the case of vandalism, there isn't a great deal that can be done to prevent someone from damaging your vehicle other than parking it off the street in a secure place, like on a private driveway or in a garage. We know that this isn't realistic for everyone, so please ensure your car alarm is working and you park as close to your property as possible. You can also consider investing in CCTV for your front door or driveway, to act as a deterrent or to provide vital evidence if your car is then damaged.

If you have any topics you would like us to talk about in next month's newsletter, please email us at Tandridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Sunday 5 June at St John's Church

- 9.45am A Platinum Jubilee service with special prayers and music - for All Ages with puppets!
- 11.15am Platinum Praise - grab a coffee or glass of fizz and enjoy an informal half an hour singalong concert including Coronation and Jubilee music.



North Downs Community Orchestra

Do you play an orchestral instrument? If so, NDCO would like to hear from you! Established in 2016, NDCO is a fun, friendly amateur orchestra open to all musicians aged 18+, from beginners to maestros alike. Members have a shared love of music, fun and playing in an orchestra.

NDCO meet in Oxted on Wednesday evenings for rehearsals 2/3 times a month, led by musical director and conductor, Sara Young. Members have varied backgrounds and include musicians who played at school but have not picked up their instruments for several decades; musicians who are just starting out; musicians who want to practise a second instrument and experienced musicians who do not want the pressures of a professional orchestra. All are very welcome!

The ethos is very much one of inclusivity, mutual respect, consideration and support for all. In 2019, NDCO became a registered charity to help further their goal of giving music back to the community. Funds come from weekly subscriptions, donations and concert takings and give NDCO the ability to invest in projects such as buying instruments for musicians to borrow and to run occasional workshops. This is all organised by chairman Pam Deverill and a committee of volunteers.

This term, NDCO are performing a Platinum Jubilee concert on Sunday 26 June in Bawtree Hall at Hazelwood School, Oxted. The repertoire includes a medley from 'The Sound of Music'; William Walton's 'Crown Imperial - Coronation March' and a specially commissioned piece by local composer Nick Drewe. Tickets will be on sale from mid-June via the website, www.thefunorchestra.co.uk which also has full details for musicians wanting to join the orchestra.

Tandridge Handicraft Society

www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk

Monday 9 May, 2pm

Woodhouse Centre

Hoskins Road car park, Oxted

'Royal School of Needlework and Beyond'

Talk with examples by Jenny Beal

New members and visitors welcome -

£5, including tea and biscuits

Meetings are on Mondays, 1.30 - 4.30pm

More info: Jenny Beal, 01883 620730

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of God's Church:

- 24 April George John Saunders
Jack Walter Saunders
Samuel Anthony Saunders

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends:

- 12 April Joyce Feasey
26 April Ruby Head

St John's Book of Remembrance

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

St John's Church Mid-week Eucharist, 12 noon on the 4th Wednesday each month

Following the success of our shared lunches after the Wednesday Eucharist during Lent, we have decided to have a ONCE A MONTH Eucharist on the FOURTH Wednesday of the month followed by a simple lunch kindly organised by Pearl Stephens and June Reed.

So do join in on the 27 April (if you receive this in time) or the 25 May, which will be the next one.

Come and join us for COFFEE and a CHAT

Where? St John's Room
St John's Church
When? Fortnightly on Thursdays
5 & 19 May and 2 June
10.30am - 12 noon

Need a lift? Ring Barbara, 715636



Evening of Brazilian-themed Jazz Saturday 21 May, 7.30pm Hazelwood School's concert hall

Renowned jazz band leader and percussionist Pat Davey returns to Oxted with his quintet to perform an evening of Brazilian-themed jazz.

Enjoy lively music from Brazilian composers iPixinguinha, Antonio Carlos Jobim and Hermeto Pascoal. Pat plays regularly on TV and radio and London jazz hot spots such as Ronnie Scott's and The Vortex. A session musician with many years' experience as a composer and arranger, his career as a drummer has taken him to New York, Hong Kong, Cape Town and Paris.

Members of the Quintet are highly regarded musicians on the UK jazz scene: Pat Davey, drums & percussion; Andrew Wolf, tenor saxophone, clarinet, bass clarinet; Rachel Hayter, flute; Jonny Whickham, bass; and Dave O'Brien, piano

Tickets (£25) and full details:

www.oxtedandlimpsfieldmusicsociety.org.uk

ACCOUNTANT

Tax Returns, Tax Refunds, VAT, CIS, Payroll,
Self Employed, Sole Traders, Businesses,
Partnerships, Ltd Cos

☎ **01883 730314 / 07766 953705**

ALEX JONES FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Renowned Caring Service
Private Chapels of Rest

Day & Night Attention. Monumental Masonry
A totally independent Family Concern
☎ Oxted **730383** or Lingfield **01342 832534**

BERNIE'S CHIMNEY SWEEP SERVICES

Reliable, for more information, please call:

☎ **01883 714832** or mobile **07905 793929**

CAMERON BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES LTD

All aspects of general building undertaken

www.cameronservices.co.uk

☎ Mobile **07855 894426** **715856**

CHARTFORDS TREES LIMITED

www.chartfordstrees.co.uk

Qualified & Insured Tree Surgeons

☎ info@chartfordstrees.co.uk **01883 460160**

CHOWLER DECORATIONS

All painting and wall coverings
35 years experience

☎ info@chowler.co.uk **716450 / 07808 719383**

CLASSIQUE CURTAINS AND DRESSES

Hand sewn curtains; soft furnishings;
dressmaking and alterations

☎ Call Debra on **07535 806308**
www.classiquecurtainsanddresses.co.uk

CLEANING SERVICE

Cleaning: regular / deep / end of tenancy

☎ For more info, please call **07341 558785**

CLEARANCE & HOUSE/OFFICE REMOVALS

Collections & Deliveries / House Removals

Also House, Garden & Garage Clearance

☎ info@psplogistics.co.uk **07850 970278/713807**

DAY'S GARAGE

Bodywork, MOT, Service & Repair, Car Sales
17 Hurst Green Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9BS

☎ **01883 730058**

DEWDNEY LANDSCAPING

Hard & soft landscaping, domestic or commercial

Email: info@dewdneylandscaping.co.uk

www.dewdneylandscaping.co.uk

☎ Contact Robert Dewdney **01959 439818**

FIRST POST FENCING

Complete domestic fencing specialists

Fully insured

☎ **01883 717942** or mobile **07795 455667**
www.firstpostfencing.co.uk

FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER

Reliable professional service in the comfort
of your own home. Melissa Barford

☎ **07885 933032** or **01959 569292**

GardenING Services

Regular maintenance to one-off tidying

Pruning and shaping a speciality

Friendly, reliable and tidy. References available.

☎ Simon **M:07936 285032 H:01883 712090**

GCE ELECTRICAL SERVICES

24/7 Call Out Electrician

Domestic / Commercial, NAPIT Registered

NO JOB TOO SMALL

☎ Call Gary: **07933 392956**

GEORGE NICHOLLS BUILDERS LTD

Building & Roofing Contractors. General
Building - Alterations - Home Extensions - Roof
Repairs - New Roofs. Over 25 years experience

☎ info@gnbbuilders.uk; **07850 850175**

GREENWELLS TREE SURGEONS

All aspects of tree work

E-mail: info@greenwellstreesurgeons.co.uk

www.greenwellstreesurgeons.co.uk

☎ Contact Stuart Rimmington **01959 561101**

GUTTERS

Clearing/unblocking, repairs, new installations

☎ Call John Mulley: **716245 / 07711 747640**

Email John.mulley@virginmedia.com

HANDYDECO LTD

All painting & decorating - Handyman service

☎ Mobile: **07405 408733**

HOTTER HOMES

Central Heating Specialists T: **716116 /**

☎ **07967 324730** E: simon@hotterhomes.co.uk

H2O PLUMBING SERVICES

General plumbing, bathroom installations,
alterations, no job too small. Free quotes.

City & Guilds trained MI/RP

☎ Richard - Mobile **07876 450420** **712523**

INDIAN TAKEAWAY IN HURST GREEN

Home cooked meals & events **07506 721318**

www.facebook.com/kaananskitchen

I.T. AIDE

Computer services. Hardware & Software

Installation & troubleshooting. Virus removal.

Wired/wireless networking. Tuition.

☎ Mobile **07799 164993** **714369**

JACKSON-STOPS

National estate agents with local knowledge

☎ www.jackson-stops.co.uk **712375**

JEM HOME SERVICES

General House & Garden Maintenance

Painting, Tiling, Carpentry, General DIY

Pruning, Weeding, Hedge/Tree/Grass Cutting

☎ Call Jon - Mobile **07906 029813** **712905**

KAVBRO BUILD LTD

Units S & T, Lambs Business Park

Tilburstow Hill, South Godstone, RH9 8LJ

☎ All Building Work Undertaken **722100**

KINGSMEAD PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

www.kingsmeadphysio.co.uk

224 Pollards Oak Road, Hurst Green

☎ R Galloway, J Moses **712987**

KNIGHTS GARDEN CENTRES

Betchworth Nags Hall

☎ www.knightsgardencentres.com **742275**

LA BELLE ROOFING COMPANY LTD

www.labelleroofing.co.uk

All Aspects of Roofing Systems - Built-up-felt,

Asphalt, Tiling mail@labelleroofing.co.uk

☎ Jason Mobile **07887 541499**

TO ADVERTISE

Please e-mail: hgnewsad@gmail.com

LEE'S LOCKS

24 emergency locksmith. No call out charge.

Locks fitted to insurance BS3621. OAP discounts

☎ **01883 840042** or **07921 068564**

LLC PLUMBING & BUILDING SERVICES

Refurbishments bathrooms/kitchens; Plumbing

☎ and building maintenance **07903 490333**

Lewisleepumbingandheating@outlook.com

MGBuild

Extensions, Loft Conversions, Kitchens...

Big enough to cope, small enough to care

☎ **07553 264254** **01732 865066**

www.mgbuild.net

MR COMPUTING LTD

Local mobile computer repair and maintenance

No fix, No fee & No Call-out charge

virus, internet, wireless, new PCs/laptops/tablets

☎ Call Mark or Sue **730345**

PAUL'S MOBILE BARBERS

Local barber, enhanced DBS, 30 years experience

☎ bringing the barbers to you **07717 307169**

PIANO TUNER AND SMALL REPAIRS

Mr Kim Cooper A.N.C.M, 48 years experience

☎ **01883 723134** Email kkianco@aol.com

RESIDENTIAL SURVEYORS & VALUERS

Pre-acquisition Surveys/Valuations/Party Wall

Matters. Huxley Chartered Surveyors

info@huxleysurveyors.co.uk

☎ **07834 118601/07725 971256/01883 672055**

RH HEATING AND PLUMBING

Highly recommended local family business

offering installation, servicing and repairs

☎ **712714** or **07580 712714**

SBS HEATING SERVICES

Boiler Servicing/Installation/Repair

Gas Safety Registration No 199283

☎ Mobile **07801 427641**

STEPHEN GEAL

Painter & Decorator

All interior & exterior decorating

Fully insured

☎ Mob. **07714403598** **712727**

STEVEN HAWKINS

PLUMBING & HEATING LTD

Heating & plumbing services, bathroom

installation, tiling, boiler changes, cylinder

replacements. City & Guilds Gas Safe registered

☎ Tel **01732 863183** Mob **07980 607491**

STONEMANS FUNERAL SERVICE

Family owned & run; private chapel;

☎ prepaid funeral plans; home visits **740123**

SYCAMORE COURT

Oxted retirement apartments with services

24 hour staff, alarm call, domestic assistance,

laundry and lunches if required

☎ www.sycamorecourt.co.uk **723500**

T.C.HILLIER, Lawn Mower &

Garden Machinery service and repair

Local family run business

☎ t.c.hillier@btinternet.com **712355**

TLC @ HOME

Local Care at Home provider based in Church

Way, Oxted offering hourly, overnight or

live-in support to older people in the area

☎ tlc4homecare@gmail.com or **01959 528538**