

NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER 2023

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

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Welcome to St John's!

Welcome to the October edition of this newsletter. Generally, this month epitomises the words that John Keats wrote about Autumn - a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, but, with the resurgence of very hot summer weather in September, there is no telling what October will be like this year.

Notwithstanding, at St John's, things will continue as they always have, with Harvest Festival being celebrated on 1 October. On the next Sunday, we have a special treat when our former Vicar, David Butlin, will be officiating at both our 8.30am and 9.45am services.

The Archdeacon, the Venerable Moira Aston, will be visiting us on 29 October.

All the other church-connected activities will be taking place as usual, so do come and join in.

With love and blessings, Mary

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 1 October: Harvest Festival

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Eucharist
See below for further information.

Monday 2 October:

1.30pm: Roger Fox, Memorial Service

Saturday 7 October:

12 noon: Baptism of Louis and Elizabeth Brinton

Sunday 8 October: Trinity 18 (Proper 22)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
(with Sunday School) *David Butlin officiating at both*

Sunday 15 October: Trinity 19 (Proper 23)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
11am: Community Brunch followed by Café Church

Sunday 22 October: Trinity 20 (Proper 24)

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 25 October

12.30pm: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel - followed by a simple lunch in St John's Room (every 4th Wednesday)

Sunday 29 October: Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist
Archdeacon Moira Astin will preside and preach at 9.45.



Photo above taken from Janet Fearn's garden



The new name for Send a Cow

Celebrating Harvest in 2023


At both our 8.30am and 9.45am services, we will give thanks to God for our bountiful harvest. As previously, rather than bringing produce, we ask you to come prepared to donate some money so we can share our good fortune with Third World families.

A card reader will be available. Through the charity, 'Ripple Effect' (formerly 'Send a Cow') we will be able to contribute to buying chickens, goats, beehives or super seeds so our brothers and sisters far away can 'Grow Themselves Out of Poverty'. There will be a short address at both 8.30am and 9.45am services to allow time to walk around the church to find out how each of these four gifts can help, and you can choose which to support.

The November Newsletter will be available on Sunday 29 October.

Please send anything to be included by Sunday 15 October 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

REPORT FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: James Ashton, Oxted Team Rector, joined the PCC meeting on 21 September. We considered our 2024 'Pledge' for the Diocesan Parish Support Fund, and agreed a figure of £65,500, a slight increase on this year's, but, due to financial uncertainty, less than the 3.3% suggested by Bishop Christopher. Hurst Green Village Fair was very successful and the bouncy castle made a profit of around £150. Sam Stolz was appointed as a second Parish Safeguarding Officer, to join Charlotte Nicholls. Emma Kemp has joined the St Agatha's Committee. Solutions to address the tripping hazard of the plinth under the font are in hand.

TEAM VICAR INTERVIEWS: We are delighted to have three good candidates to be interviewed on Monday 25 September. The Archdeacon has advised that this is due to our strong profile, as there are far more vacancies than potential applicants. After coffee on arrival, the candidates (who must be kept separate according to new guidance) will be shown round the parish, including Crowhurst, the Church and Vicarage, followed by lunch, meeting different church members at each stage. Any successful appointment will not be made public immediately.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE TOGETHER: Monday 16 October 2023, 7 - 8.30pm at St John's Church. Talk by A Rocha UK Speaker, Karen Park, with questions, answers and discussion. Karen is an Authorised Lay Minister and Eco Church Champion at Silver Eco Church, St. Mark's, Holbrook, and Eco Church Lead for Horsham Churches Together. All welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Shirley Dare has been our representative for this event for many years, and is willing to continue, but needs the help of someone else. This is especially important because, in March 2025, it will be the turn of St John's to host the annual event. Please consider if you are the person who could undertake this role – perhaps talk to Shirley to see what it involves. It is not normally an arduous task, simply a meeting in November and then circulating information about the event in March. But in 2025, it will involve a little more around the meeting time.

BRIAN AND JOAN BRACKPOOL: Because of their declining health, Brian and Joan Brackpool are very soon to move into a care home near their daughter in Maidstone. They will have a room together where they will have full time care. We thank them for all they have done for St John's in the past, and for their friendship, and we wish them all the very best in their new home.

AUTUMN FAIR, SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER: The St John's Autumn Fair is fast approaching so make sure you have it in your diary! As for any crafters out there, whether you love knitting, or sewing or crochet or macramé, or something else, we would welcome your donations. If you can make something, please could you let Sue Farrell know as soon as possible on susan.farrell@zen.co.uk or 07966 023908. Also, ideally, we would like to receive any craft items by Wednesday 8 November so we can price them.

As for the bookworms, make room for more books by donating those you've read and those that you have been meaning to read for years. We found out last year that non-fiction books were not very popular, particularly those on niche topics, so please stick to donating fiction or popular non-fiction. To donate books, please contact Cathy on cathy.booth17@gmail.com or 01883 715748.

LOTWINA'S LEAVING PARTY ON 9 SEPTEMBER (see below) was a great success with many people attending from both St John's and the local community. She was presented with a book of messages and a gift of John Lewis vouchers (£250). Lotwina will be installed as Vicar of Christ Church, West Wimbledon on 25 September.



Other Notices

FAMILY RACE NIGHT, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER: 6.30 for 7pm at the Scout Hut, Mill Lane. Alex Kirk is fundraising for a self-funded trip to Vietnam in 2024 to work on projects supporting local communities, organised by True Adventure and Oxted School. Tickets, £8 from louise@louisekirk.co.uk or by text 07711 802529. See poster on the porch noticeboard for further details.

MODERN SLAVERY COURSE: Please join us for four sessions on Mondays, 10am - 12 noon on 2, 16 & 30 October and 13 November at Oxted Community Hall. Learn what you can do to make a difference locally to the lives of victims of slavery. Speak to Janet Harman for more information or contact office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

COFFEE and a CHAT
St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 5 and 19 October
If you need a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636



ORGAN RECITAL SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER, 4PM: by Graham Dixon at Nicholas' Church, Godstone with music by Blow, Sweelinck, Stanley, Bach and others. The recital is followed by wine and snacks. Entry is free. There will be a collection to be shared between Ukraine charities and funds to improve disabled access to the church. More details from 01883 741945 or 07710 096103.

HURST GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE: You are invited to come and share memories of the HGCC pre 2000 on Thursday 12 October from 4.30pm at the Centre, 4 Oak Close, Hurst Green, RH8 0BA, just behind the shops. Tea/coffee, cakes and nibbles available. Please bring photographs or memorabilia if you wish. This is a project to support the planned renovation of the Centre but we need your memories to inspire us! RSVP so we know how many to cater for. Transport to join us can be requested from Carmen: 07815 074236 or c.lambertsinger@gmail.com

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