



HURST GREEN NEWS

December 2025

It's December, so that means that Christmas is coming...

As a nation we certainly put a lot of time, effort and money into this season.

Here are some mind boggling festive stats and facts:

300 million crackers will be pulled, 10 million turkeys will be eaten, a quarter of the UK brussel sprout harvest is sold in the two weeks leading up to Christmas and mid December is peak shopping time; with one major online retailer receiving 41 orders a second! Phew!

During the Christmas season, churches around the world will remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus. A baby, born in a stable, in a small town of Bethlehem. Quietly, unassumingly, with no frills. Amidst all the busyness of Christmas, I welcome the opportunity to be still and to spend a while looking at the stable scene in the church. It gives me a great sense of joy as I think about God coming into the world as a child to live among us.

'And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.' (from the gospel of Luke).

I hope that no one will be left out or alone this Christmas. If you are on your own, there is a wonderful community lunch on Christmas day at the community centre and for everyone there a very warm welcome from all the local churches to join in with services at this special time of year.

Happy Christmas all! *From Sue Bosley, Vicar of St John's Church.*



JOY

Christmas Services St John's Church, Hurst Green

Sunday 7th December

9.45am All Age Christingle Service
Supporting the Children's Society

Sunday 21st December

5.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Supporting The Passage homeless charity
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve

3.30pm and 5pm Crib Service
Supporting Welcare for families
9pm Christmas Holy Communion
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Day

8.30am and 10am Christmas Service

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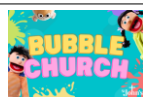
Everyone is welcome.
Christingle service
7th December at 9.45am



Make your own Christingle
and take part in songs and
prayers to celebrate
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St John's
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Church service for little ones - St John's Church, Hurst Green

Every third Sunday of the month: next one
21st December

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Thursday 11th December, 7.30pm

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Christmas Day Dinner

25th December 2025 | From 12:30 pm

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Call Kelly Kent 07732 952227 or Deb Shiner 07592
610449 to book your place. If you are unable to get to
us, we may be able to arrange a lift for you.



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HURST GREEN & OXTED 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 12.30pm 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, HURST GREEN

Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087
Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA
Assistant Priest: Reverend Mary Seller, 01883 715675
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We are a small group of volunteers working together to focus on issues that can make a difference to people living with a disability, estimated to be approximately 15% of the population. We don't receive core funding, so we rely on donations and we are one of many good causes to receive some funding from the Tandridge Lottery.

Tandridge Council allow us to hold meetings in the Council Offices and we appreciate the support that we have from local Councillors and Council Staff to help us to improve Accessibility and inclusion.

Can you help us?

We meet at the Council Offices in Oxted every two months although with notice we should be able to allow people to join our meetings online. We are keen to learn of ideas that can make a difference with our communities and for people who are willing to help work with us on projects as well as helping to raise funds. Sometimes there's a simple solution and we are keen to raise awareness that small changes can make a big difference to people living with a disability.

Would you like to find out more?

Visit our website www.tandridgeaccess.org to find out more about us and to see our access reviews. There is more information which may be helpful to you. You can contact us via the website or by emailing us Tandridgeaccessgroup@gmail.com.



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**YoYo's Playgroup,
St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am
Christmas party,
Wednesday 17 December**

Stay and play session for babies and toddlers.



**Christmas Carols
at the Courtyard**



Come along to Costcutter on Pollards Oak Road for some carols with Creative Community and Oxted Band.

Tuesday 16 December at 6.30pm



*Come and join us for
COFFEE and a CHAT*

**St John's Room, St John's Church
Fortnightly on Thursdays
11th and 18th December 2025
10.30am-12 noon**

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- The Winter Walk along the River Eden
- Results from the water quality testing programme and what they mean
- Learning events and practical volunteering activities
- News of funding bids and new projects.

Our generous donors ensure FREE membership, events and activities are indeed, all free! We look forward to welcoming new members.



Dates for your Diary December 2025

7 December: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
10 December: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month.
 Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.
11 December: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Christmas party.
 Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.
15 December: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, Christmas fun and music, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.
16 December: David Gresham House Open Morning, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10am-12pm.
17 December: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.
22 December: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.
 End of year and Christmas cheer. www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.
Every Wednesday in termtime: YoYo's playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
Every Wednesday: Community Fridge, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
Every Thursday: Hurst Green Community Hub, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
Every Friday: OXTED COUNTRY MARKET – 10am to 12 noon at the Woodhouse Centre - for artisan crafts, produce and a hot drink.



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Santa's back in town!

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Monday 1 Dec – Hurst Green: Mill Shaw/Mill Lane, Warren Lane, Coldshott, Holland Road, Comforts Farm Ave.

Thursday 4 Dec – Hurst Green: Hurstlands, Home Park, Hazelwood Heights, Paddock Way, Meldrum Close.

Friday 5 Dec – Hurst Green: Pollards Oak Shops, Pollards Oak Crescent (S), Greenway, Chestnut Copse, Pollards Oak Crescent (N).

Monday 8 Dec – Hurst Green: Juniper/Bramble Cl., Four Oaks, Roseacre, Meridian Sq, Barnfield Way, Holland Crescent.

Thurs 11 Dec – Hurst Green: Pollards Oak Shops, Wolfs Wood, Hazelwood Road, Boulthurst Way, Pollards Oak Road (from Red Lane towards PO shops).

Santa will be putting a TRACKER on local Facebook groups and the Titsey Rotary Club website www.titsey.org.uk so you can follow his route – and listen out for Santa's bell too!

Santa at MORRISONS

Santa, Rudolph and the Sleigh will be in Morrisons Car Park on Mon 15, Wed 17 and Fri 19 December between 10am and 4pm, and on Tues 16 and Thurs 18 December between 11am and 5pm. Pop over and have a sing-along to Santa's festive tunes! AND – if Santa and his Sleigh aren't passing down YOUR road/street/way/crescent/avenue/lane/court/square, this is an ideal chance to bundle the kids into the car and see Santa at Morrisons!

Last Christmas our Santa's Sleigh elves collected over £8000 for charity. We hope to match or beat that this year.

Thank you for supporting TITSEY ROTARY CLUB'S Santa's Sleigh Christmas Collection.



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Sunday 7th December 2-4pm
Christmas event

Raising money for Tandridge Family Centre.
 Raffle, lucky dip, tombola meet Santa and more.

Neighbour of the month for December

Every community needs a CAROLLE!
 A Mrs Carole Stent, of Hurst Green said Ruth Iravani.

A multi-talented, multi-tasker, and tireless fund raiser for Rotary, Carole still finds time to help neighbours and friends with anything ranging from sewing, cookery, IT problems, community projects, transport and other practicalities. And all this with humour and good grace. This month the neighbour of the month goes to you!

If you would like to nominate someone for being a great neighbour/friend or have witnessed an act of kindness please email us at: hgncompiler@gmail.com.



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