

NEWSLETTER-JUNE 2026

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

Welcome to St John's!

As we head into June, the Church calendar leads us into the season after Pentecost, which is a time of growth, encouragement, and learning what it means to follow Christ in everyday life.

Our Sunday readings remind us that God is at work in the ordinary moments of community, kindness, and faithfulness.

We hope you will come and join in with the services and events going on this month.

Everyone is welcome. With every blessing, Sue

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 7 June: Trinity 1

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service (*below*)

Sunday 14 June: Trinity 2

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 21 June: Trinity 3

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)

9am: Bubble Church 10am: Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 24 June 12 noon (*Every 4th Wednesday*)

Communion in the Lady Chapel. All welcome to stay for a homemade soup lunch in St John's Room afterwards.

Sunday 28 June: Trinity 4

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Confirmation Service 23 May

Congratulations to Gwenda, Pat and JJ who were confirmed at Southwark cathedral by Rosemarie Mallett, the Bishop of Croydon.



Family friendly All Age Service

Sunday 7th June 9.45 -10.30am
The story of Joseph



with a craft workshop, bible story, songs and prayers
Followed by  Big Brekkie

Everyone is welcome



St John's Church
Church Way, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA



BIG BREKKIE, SUNDAY 7 JUNE

Immediately after the All Age Service (so around 10.30am). It will be a lovely opportunity to connect with one another over breakfast. As well as the usual teas and coffees, there will be bacon rolls, vegan options and other dietary requirements catered for. You can make a donation to Christian Aid on the day.



MUSIC SUNDAY, 14 JUNE

On Sunday 14 June the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) invites everyone to celebrate the powerful role of music in worship and the hard work, dedication and talents of all church musicians. Look out for the theme of music in our hymns today!

*The Newsletter covering July and August will be available on Sunday 28 June.
Please send anything to be included by Sunday 21 June 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

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COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, 10.30am - 12 noon
Thursdays 11 and 25 June



If you need a lift, please ring Barbara: 715636.

CALLING ALL PCC MEMBERS! Mary wishes to 'image' you on Sunday 31 May for the 'rogues' gallery' in the porch. Please make sure you do not miss her! Thank you.

APCM REPORT: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Sunday 10 May after the 9.45am service. Barbara Richards finished her term of office on the PCC, but will carry on with her many other roles at St John's: organising the fortnightly coffee morning, overseeing the letting of the church rooms and Electoral Roll Officer (with apologies if I have missed some!) Sue Fox was elected as a 'new' (returning) member. Liz Parker and Janet Harman were re-elected as Deanery Synod representatives.

There was a long discussion on the vision to open up the west end of the church, which focussed on moving the font. After the meeting, Henk van den Berg, churchwarden, and Revd Sue gave a great deal of thought to what had been said during the discussion. Henk has written an open letter to the PCC to share his thoughts on the way forward and copies are available in church.

Janet Harman, PCC Secretary

STEVEN COX: Many of you will remember Steven and his wife Margaret, who led Hurst Green Evangelical Church until early 2020, when they moved to Nottingham to live near one of their daughters. Sadly, Steven died on 19 April and there will be a thanksgiving service in Nottingham to celebrate his life. This will be streamed live at **11am on Monday 1 June** at Hurst Green Evangelical Church and you are very welcome to attend.

LILY ZAHNER: On Saturday 6 June Lily is taking part in a 13-mile fundraising walk in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. If you would like to sponsor her, please speak to Lily or add your name to the sheet which should be in the church on Sunday. In case you were wondering, this is the same Lily who was nominated in the May Hurst Green News as neighbour of the month. She was spotted litter picking in Boulthurst Way and the Boulthurst playing field.

BUBBLE CHURCH takes place at 9am on the third Sunday of the month, with refreshments from 8.45am; the next one is on 21 June (taking a break in August). Bubble Church families and helpers are invited to tea, cake and play in the Vicarage garden (indoors if it's raining) on **Saturday 6 June, 2 - 5pm**. RSVP Sue 07553 305087. The application to display a Bubble Church banner on the church wall has been approved.

A REQUIEM FOR THOSE WHO HAD NONE: Ché Ramsden is singing a concert at Southwark Cathedral on **6 June at 7.30pm**. This is a Pride concert commemorating the thousands of people who were executed for being in same-sex relationships between the 12th and 19th centuries. See poster in the porch for details.

A NIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY: Lumos are bringing a candlelight jazz experience to St John's on Friday 12 June, with the music of Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Ray Charles, Nat King Cole and many more; swinging rhythms, rich harmonies, and beloved melodies that transport you to another era. Tickets can be purchased online.

FLUTE CONCERT: Sunday 14 June 2.30 - 4pm at St John's Church, in aid of church funds and Cancer Research UK. A classical selection performed by Claire Bentley, Rachel Kamm and Catherine Whitehouse, followed by tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION: On Thursday 18 June this will take place at St John's in the church and grounds. The Diocesan architect Sue Kent will be accompanied by Chris Johns. An inspection is required every 5 years to ensure the building is kept in good repair. We are very grateful to Chris (our Fabric Officer) for using his expertise to look after this aspect of our church so well.

ROGER LUGG: On Friday 29 May, our former churchwarden, Roger Lugg, celebrated his 85th birthday with a party in the rose garden at Chiddingstone Castle. David Butlin, a previous Vicar, and his wife Judith were also there.



BISHOP CHRISTOPHER: will preside and preach at the 9.45am Eucharist on **Sunday 5 July**, shortly before retiring as Bishop of Southwark. He will present the Lancelot Andrewes Medal to Mary Seller, in recognition of her 'godly service and zeal for the gospel'. Mary was nominated by Revd Lotwina (former curate at St John's).

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 5 September: Church Open Day
Friday 16 October: Beer and Chilli evening

Other Notices

AFFORDABLE DOG CHECK-UP: Two local vets are offering a check-up for just £10 for Tandridge residents receiving benefits or state pension. Please note you must book (07380 814519) by Monday 1 June. See poster in the porch for more details.

TANDRIDGE DEANERY PICNIC: Sunday 21 June, 12.30 - 3pm in the Glebe Field, near St Peter's Church, Tandridge, RH8 9NN. Games and fun for all. Challenge - each parish group to bring a vegan cake to share. Get to know others in the Deanery. Come prepared for the weather and bring something to sit on. Parking in the Glebe field, toilets at the church, more details from Susan Gibbin sgibbin@btinternet.com. All welcome, including dogs.

CROWHURST SUMMER FETE: Saturday 27 June at The Village Hall, 12 - 4pm, supporting St George's Church. Includes live music, BBQ, cakes, plant stall, afternoon teas, stalls, dog show, competitions and much more.

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