

NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER 2026

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green

Welcome All | Deepen Faith | Inspire Action

Welcome to St John's!

Praising God as Creator is at the very heart of Christian worship, so we look forward every year to the beginning of October when we have our harvest festival services.

Harvest festival reminds us of God's abundant generosity and our calling to care for the world he has entrusted to us.

In our services on 4 October we will give thanks for the beauty and diversity of creation, for the food that sustains us, and for all who farm the land and on whom we depend for our food.

We will be supporting the Oxted foodbank with donations of dried and tinned food.

On Saturday 31 October everyone is welcome to our Autumn Craft Fair, with lots of stalls to browse and homemade teas and cakes to enjoy.

Every blessing, Sue

Services at St John's this month

Sunday 4 October: Harvest - more information below

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: All Age Service

2.30pm: Baptism of Louie William Calver

Sunday 11 October: Trinity 19, Proper 23

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 18 October: Luke the Evangelist / Trinity 20

8.30am: Said Eucharist (in the York Rooms)

9am: Bubble Church 10am: Parish Eucharist

1.30pm: Baptism of Lily Mary Loraine Tyler

Saturday 24 October: 1pm: Baptism of Esmee Verdi

Sunday 25 October: Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30am: Said Eucharist 9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 28 October 12 noon (4th Wednesdays)

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

At our Harvest services

We will give thanks to God for the beauty of creation, for the food that sustains us, and for all who farm the land.

Donations for Oxted foodbank will be gratefully received as part of our Harvest worship services. This list shows the most needed items.

Please support by donating what you can.

Shopping list

Tinned ham

Long life fruit juice

Tinned or carton custard

Tinned rice pudding

Savoury crackers

Chocolate biscuits

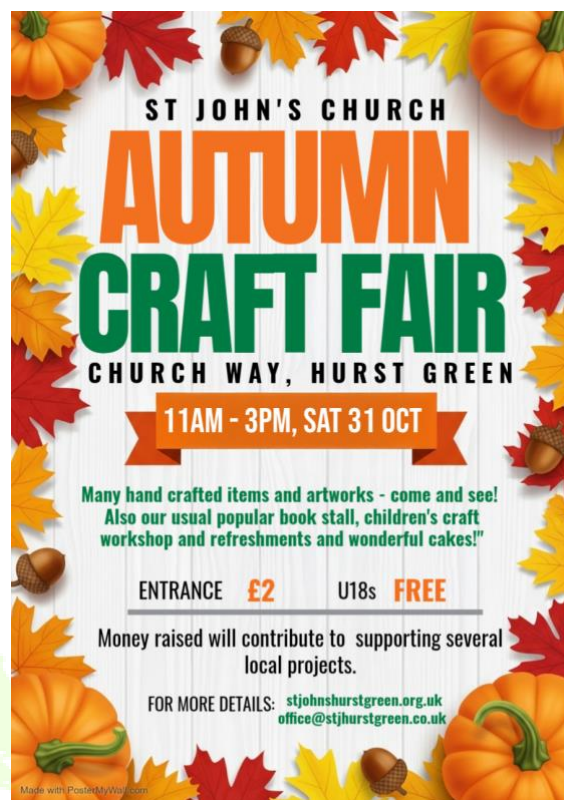
Jam

Jars of pickle

Hot chocolate

Shampoo

Please support the Autumn Craft Fair!
Saturday 31 October, 11am - 3pm



COFFEE and a CHAT
St John's Room

10.30am - 12 noon

Thursdays 1, 15 & 29 October

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



The November Newsletter will be available on Sunday 25 October.

**Please send anything to be included by Sunday 18 October to Janet Harman at
office@stjohnehurstgreen.co.uk, or phone 715301 (and leave a message if I'm out!) Thank you.**

St John's Notices

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REPORT FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: The PCC met on 24 September, and there were good reports of the recent Open Day, which was well attended and enjoyed by local people. St John's members were also involved in Hurst Green Village Fair, with local groups, clubs and charities they belong to, or by baking a cake, serving teas, supervising the bouncy castle and speaking to families with the Bubble Church puppets. Karina, Alison and Pearl wish to thank all who contributed to the huge success (as always!) of the refreshments.

An increase of 3% to the Parish Support Fund (money we pledge to the Diocese) for 2027 was agreed, bringing the new total to £69,840. As we are now taking wine from the chalice again, Colin Porter was elected as an additional Lay Communion Assistant, to join Penny Roberts and Jane Smith.

JANET FEARN: We congratulate Janet Fearn on being awarded the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship after completing a year of study. This course is run by the Diocese of Southwark to help people grow in Faith and Life. Every Saturday over the last year Janet has travelled to Trinity House in London, and studied six different modules comprising lectures, activities and discussions, with homework in between. She certainly put the Vicar and Mary on the spot once when she asked for help!! The course ended with a residential weekend at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocese retreat centre. Janet received her certificate at a wonderful service in Southwark Cathedral celebrating the achievements of all participants.



BISHOP ROSEMARIE, pictured above with Janet, will continue to serve the Croydon Episcopal Area whilst, as acting Bishop of Southwark, exercising all the functions of the Diocesan Bishop until a new Bishop is appointed. This is likely to be towards the end of 2027 and the consultation process is underway. In the meantime, Southwark Diocese has offered this prayer:

God of all times and places, send us a Bishop who will lead us faithfully through days of rejoicing and nights of challenge, with prayer and Scripture, with love and laughter, with bread and wine.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide those entrusted with this process. May they recognise the person of your choice, with ears that are open and hearts that are wise.

Make us thankful for all that has gone before, ready and hopeful for all that lies ahead, with a Bishop whose ministry is a blessing to everyone in Southwark Diocese, as we hear the good news of Jesus and delight in the love of God. Amen.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BY ST JOHN'S: At the beginning of September, Surrey Police commandeered the churchyard to serve as their command centre for an operation. They were searching for a missing person with mental health problems. Police cars kept arriving, including a dog car, and a control car, until there were 13 in the churchyard in all. The picture shows the police holding a briefing session alongside the chancel. Then they set off on the search. However, cars returned every so often, and the sergeant in charge, who was continuously on the phone, was still there when I left after 2 hours. It was so good that we were able to help them in this way. *Mary*



ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE: Sunday 1 November at 3.30pm. We will remember by name all those from this parish known to us who have died during the last two years, and other loved ones you would like to be remembered. Names can be added to the list which will be in the church from Sunday 18 October.

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S:

Beer & Chilli Evening, Friday 20 November, 7pm

A talk on the brewing process, beer tasting and a meal.

Tickets £15 now available by scanning the QR code.

(Note: date postponed from 16 October.)



Steam Railway: Saturday 28 November, 10.30am - 4.30pm

A local miniature railway club has offered to organise the event in support of church funds. Entrance £5 per adult, children under 10 free, to be accompanied by an adult at all times (note: live steam trains get hot!). Refreshments will be available in St John's Room for a small charge.

Other Notices

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERVICE, 11am - 2pm:

Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 3 October

11am Eucharist; 1pm Listen, learn and reflect.

Join the Diocese of Southwark for our 19th service

of thanksgiving, to mark Black History Month 2026.

Register (free) online to attend the service.



OXTED BAND ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: Saturday 10 October,

6pm at St John's Church. Come and celebrate 125 years of the

Band. Free entry (retiring collection) Refreshments in the interval.

Founded in 1901 by Arthur Paul Barry as the Oxted and District

Prize Band, the group began as a 24-piece wind ensemble. Over

its century-long history, the band has survived major global

disruptions including the recent forced silences of the Covid-19

pandemic.

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