

# JOINT PEWSHEET

St John's and the Methodist Church  
in Hurst Green and St George's, Crowhurst

**SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019**  
**Mothering Sunday / Lent 4**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Readings for Lent 4\* (St John's at 8am)

2 Corinthians 5.16-21 (NT page 194)

Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32 (NT page 83)



## Readings for Mothering Sunday

**St John's at 9.30am\***

John 19.25-27 (NT page 122)

**St George's at 11am**

Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.33-35

\*page numbers refer to pew bibles

*Welcome! If this is your first time here we hope you feel at home. If you have children with you we welcome them too. They can sit with you during the service or enjoy what we have on offer for them. Please do not worry about when to sit, stand, speak or sing - we will guide you through. Most of all just relax and enjoy some time apart from busy lives to rest in the peaceful presence of God.*

## IN THE CHURCHES TODAY...

<b>St John's</b>	8am: Holy Eucharist 9.30am: All Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday 6pm: Youth Club, York Rooms
<b>Methodists</b>	10.30am: Service for Mothering Sunday led by Peace Furusa
<b>St George's</b>	11am: Mothering Sunday Holy Communion- all ages welcome with cake and flowers
<b>All welcome</b>	6pm: CTOD Service based on the Lent Group material - see <i>General Notices</i>

**WE PRAY FOR** those who are ill, in need and those who care for them: Robin Parker, Ken Bush, Margaret Cox, Anthony Harwood, Steven Cox, Chris Berry, Violet Rodbar, Phoebe Lollar, Terry Marnell, Sue Cruse, Alan and June Coombe, Lucy Jones, Bill Stewart, Audrey Hughes, Frank West, Mig Ford, Joyce Jones, Andrew Coppin, Margaret Evans.

**RIP** Lorna House, Shelagh Sales.

**ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS** we remember (2) Joan Brackpool, (4) Hannah Collis, (6) Jeffrey Tuckfield, John Lea.

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# St John's Notices

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- Mon 1 9.15am: Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel  
2pm: Holland School Easter Service in Church  
7.30pm: Lent talk, York Rooms -  
*see separate notice for details*
- Tues 2 8pm: Hurst Green Singers' rehearsal, Church
- Wed 3 9.15 - 11.15am: Yo Yos Baby and Toddler Group, York Rooms and St John's Room - last meeting this term, with Easter party  
12 noon: Holy Eucharist, Lady Chapel  
7.50pm: Choir practice, choir vestry
- Thurs 4 10.30am: Fortnightly Coffee Morning St John's Room - *see separate notice*  
2pm: Holland School Easter Service in Church  
7pm: LINK AGM, York Rooms
- Fri 5 11.30am: Funeral of James Findlay Grant (Jock) in the Church
- Sun 7 8am: Holy Eucharist  
9.30am: Parish Eucharist, including Annual Parochial Church Meeting - *see notice below*  
12.30pm: Baptism of Isabella Buckton

**MARY** is taking the 11am service at St George's today.

**DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Monica and Victor invite you to join them after the Mothering Sunday service today for sherry and cake, to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary (which was on 14 March).

**63RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Joan and Brian Brackpool were married in St John's 63 years ago today by the Revd Bickerstaff at 1.45pm and had a lovely service. Brian lived in Wolfs Wood and Joan lived in Pollards Oak Road. It is wonderful that they are still worshipping with us. We congratulate them on their anniversary, thank them for all they have done for us, and send them our love and good wishes for a wonderful day.

**HURST GREEN NEWS:** The bundles of the April edition of Hurst Green News are in the porch ready for deliverers to collect.

**COFFEE & CHAT, FORTNIGHTLY COFFEE MORNING** this Thursday, 4 April, 10.30am - 12 noon in St John's Room. Please come and invite anyone you think would enjoy this event. If you or they need transport, contact *Barbara Richards* ☎715636. We hope to see you there.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** This will take place next Sunday 7 April as part of the 9.30am Eucharist, as last year. Please pick up a copy of the agenda and reports from the table. Last year's minutes and the annual accounts are on the notice board in the porch and additional copies of the accounts will be available at the meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE!** This year marks the 25th anniversary of Mary's ordination and we're going to celebrate the occasion with a tea party in the York Rooms to which you are all invited. This will be on Sunday 26 May and further details will follow nearer the time. In the meantime, please save the date!

**LENT TALK, FAITH & LIFE:** The next talk will be at 7.45pm (drinks available from 7.30pm) on Monday 1 April (also on Tuesday 2 April at St George's). Chris Johns will speak on 'Rocks: what they tell us about the age and evolution of the Earth'. Pick up a leaflet for full details. Donations to the Bishop's Lent Call are welcome but not essential. See next page for details.

## THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL 2019:

This year's theme is 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly' and the Lent Call will be supporting projects in Kenya, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe as well as within the Diocese. You can donate to the Lent Call at the Lent Talks or by marking an envelope as such and putting it in the donations post box near the glass doors.

**OXTED TEAM MESSY CHURCH:** There will be a planning meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 April at Millie Anderson's house, 84 Central Way, Oxted RH8 0LY for the next Messy Church which will take place on Saturday 4 May. The theme will possibly be something around 'community', but all ideas are welcome. More information from [millieanderson22@googlemail.com](mailto:millieanderson22@googlemail.com)

**FOODBANK COLLECTION:** Don't forget there is now a permanent donation box at St John's Church which is taken each week to the East Grinstead Foodbank. Please bring any food or toiletry items which are brand new, non-perishable and in date. The church is always open in daylight hours so you can leave your donations in the porch. Priorities often change, but the items currently needed are: long-life fruit juice (1 litre cartons), long-life milk (1 litre green cartons), small jars of coffee, small shampoo, washing powder / liquid, small packets of cereal (Weetabix x 12/24, cornflakes 500g), deodorants (men and women), hand soap, rice (500g), small boxes or packets of tissues, small packets of razors, shaving foam, jam, tinned fruit, rice pudding. The website is updated regularly; you can check for the latest here: <https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>. They don't need any more Easter eggs. Please continue to give if you can.

## Methodist Notices

Wed 3 2.30pm: Wednesday Fellowship - Beetle drive  
Sat 6 10am: Prayer Group  
Sun 7 10.30am: Café Church led by Alan Coombe

**NOTICE FOR CIRCUIT CHURCHES, 24 MARCH:** From Marjorie Dear (Circuit Steward) on behalf of the Circuit Invitations Committee.

After careful consideration and reflection, Revd Kathy Flynn has requested to curtail her appointment to the circuit from summer 2020 and to cease pastoral charge for Hurst Green immediately. The Circuit Invitations Committee has met and approved this request. Revd Stephen Mares will be responsible for Hurst Green with immediate effect for the remainder of this Connexional year.

For the Connexional year September 2019 to August 2020, Revd Stephen Mares will have responsibility for Coulsdon & Hurst Green. Revd Kathy Flynn will have pastoral charge of Caterham & Whitethorn Avenue and will also continue her Pioneer Ministry.

Members of the Circuit Invitations Committee ask that we continue to hold the Circuit staff and stewards in our prayers.

**THEIR VOICE:** During Lent you are invited to bring gifts to support young mothers who have been freed from trafficking. The items needed are baby goods and there is a list available in the Crush Hall.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12 - 18 MAY:** Why not raise funds by 'Circle the City' on Sunday 19 May, a fundraising sponsored walk? Please speak to Gwen or Margaret if you are interested; Gwen has done it before and would do it again this year if accompanied.

**PILGRIMAGE:** Our superintendent minister Revd Faith Nyota is leading a pilgrimage to Israel in November. Details are on the notice board in the crush hall.

## St George's Notices

[www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk/st-georges](http://www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk/st-georges)

Tues 2 April 10am: Lent talk, Chris Johns - see *St John's Notices for details of talk*  
Sun 7 April 11am: Parish Communion  
Sun 14 April 11am: Palm Sunday Service with reading of the Passion

**MORNING PRAYER DURING LENT:** For five Tuesdays during Lent a short service of Morning Prayer will be led in St George's from 9.15 - 9.45am. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**OXTED TEAM MESSY CHURCH:** See St John's Notices.

## Other Notices

**PEACE, WITHIN AND BEYOND OURSELVES:** Churches Together in Oxted & District Service based on the Lent Groups material, TODAY Sunday 31 March, 6pm at St Peter's, Limpsfield. All welcome.

**'BREATHE'** at Lingfield Parish Church RH7 6AH (street parking only) on Wednesdays at 6.15-7pm, 3 and 10 April, 1 May. Pause for some quiet reflection, peace of mind, meditative music, candles. Finding time to breathe...

**TABLE TALK:** Join the conversation at The Star Pub, Church Road, Lingfield RH7 6AH (just over the road from the church), Wednesdays at 7.30pm, 3 & 10 April, 1 May. Reflect on big questions in a short time. Forgiveness - Is forgiveness good for you? Suffering - Why do bad things happen to good people? Death - Is this it? More info from Kathryn Percival, Vicar, Lingfield Parish Church, [kathrynpercival@btinternet.com](mailto:kathrynpercival@btinternet.com) or just turn up.

**TITSEY ROTARY BARN DANCE:** Saturday 13 April, St Peter's Hall, Limpsfield, 7 for 7.30 - 10.30pm. Caller and Dancing to Square the Circle Folk Dance Band, £15 includes Ploughman's Supper - please bring your own drinks. For tickets, contact [barndance@titsey.org.uk](mailto:barndance@titsey.org.uk).

**CRISS-CROSS 2019:** Monday 30 July to Friday 2 August Criss-Cross is back and it needs you to pray, to invite children, and to volunteer. This successful summer holiday club has been held at Oxted School for the past two years. Although it is run by King's Church, we couldn't do it without with the support of Christians across the district. Last year we had 120 children and helpers from eight churches. This year we are praying for more children and more churches. Our focus is always Jesus. If you are interested in praying, helping to publicise the event in your own church, or volunteering for some or all of the days, please email King's Church children's worker *Claire Blades* on [claire@kingschurchoxted.com](mailto:claire@kingschurchoxted.com).

**TIC TOC** is an informal fellowship group which meets on Mondays in term time at 10.15 for 10.30am. The next meeting will be on 1 April at Paula's house, Willowdene, Oxted Road, Godstone - week 5 of the CTOD Lent course. Extras are always very welcome. More information from: [janet.harman@ntlworld.com](mailto:janet.harman@ntlworld.com).

**Items for Sunday 7 April by 9am on Wednesday  
3 April please to office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk  
or in Janet Harman's pigeonhole at St John's Church**