

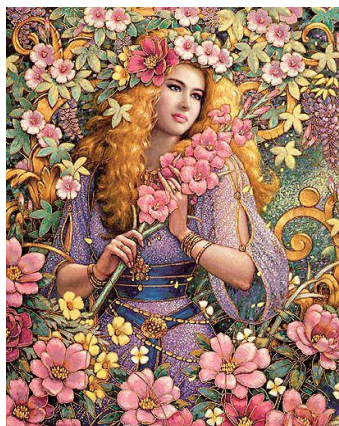


# HURST GREEN NEWS

## May 2023

### Be thankful for one another

I am lucky to be involved with English lessons for our local Ukrainian guests. It's been a real pleasure to get to know some, especially their talents and resilience. What has surprised me is how little I know my own language! A recent lesson was about modal verbs... do what? Apparently they're 'auxiliary' verbs expressing necessity or possibility: must, shall, will, should, would, may etc. We spoke of traffic lights RED – you **MUST** stop! Amber – you **SHOULD** begin to stop! GREEN – you **CAN** go! So much of our own language is learned by use, not learning the rules.



So – MAY. I have pondered its meaning and use. May the month, is named after the Goddess Maia who among Roman Gods oversaw the growth of plants. It can also refer to 'elders' or leaders '*maiores*' who were celebrated during this month. Just as we will celebrate the Coronation of a new King Charles III. Maybe it is time we showed our gratitude and respect to all the elder citizens in our community in May? We have been grateful for the kind provision of the Community Fridge at Aggie's Hall on Wednesdays between 11.15am and 12.30pm providing free food to save it going to waste, and a hot drink and companionship for people of all ages. What a great initiative it is; also, the Pop-Up Community Hub on Thursdays from 1pm-3pm that often runs craft events or lunch. This has been a safe warm place over winter and will continue by popular demand to grow our connections with one another. ACTION means All Coming Together in our neighbourhood.

April was a wet, windy and challenging month for us all. It reminded me of the Simon and Garfunkel song – 'April, come she will, when streams are ripe and swelled with rain.' Let's hope that 'May, she will stay resting in my arms again.'

I'm reminded with gratitude in our post Easter services that Jesus rose from death, breaking its hold on us, and was recognised not by how he looked, or even (though very important) what he said about Scripture being fulfilled by the Easter Cross. He was recognised by two followers at Emmaus about 7 miles outside Jerusalem after walking with them for some time discussing stuff, only when he shared a simple homely meal with them. What opened their eyes was the familiar way Jesus was always so thankful for food with friends, breaking bread, blessing and sharing it. May we find times this May, maybe, to be thankful for one another, to share simple homely times and recognise the risen Christ in one another and the world around us. *Wendy Hewitt, Lay Reader, St John's*

**Are you thinking about a nursery place?** Come to a Nursery Open afternoon at Hurst Green Infant School & Nursery for tea, toys and treats!

**Thursday 4th May and Thursday 22nd June at 1.30pm**

For more information or to book a place, please contact the School Office on 01883 712171 or [office@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:office@hurstgreenschool.org).



### Scones and Sing for the King!



Come and join us for a relaxed family sing-a-long to celebrate King Charles III's Coronation with plenty of flag waving!

**St John's Church, Hurst Green**  
**Sunday 7 May, 11am**

### Cafe Church, St John's

3rd Sunday of every month,  
**21 May 2023, 11am**

Join us for a Community Brunch followed by a relaxed, informal service for all ages, where children and adults can flow freely around the Church, enjoy crafts, learn more about faith and chat with friends over coffee.



### No Mow May

Join the **Blue Campaign** and make Hurst Green a haven for wildlife!

The network of grass verges in Surrey stretches alongside 3,000 miles of rural and urban roads, providing a significant opportunity to increase plant and insect biodiversity through the way that these are managed. Reducing the number of grass cuts each year can allow native plant species to thrive, and in some areas additional steps can be taken to prepare the ground, sow native wildflower seeds and more proactively encourage their growth.

You can join the Blue Campaign by agreeing an area to be left uncut with your neighbours' then contacting Surrey County Council to ensure your verge is suitable for being left uncut. Scroll down to the 'contact us' link on: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/trees-grass-and-hedges/grass/the-blue-campaign-increasing-biodiversity-in-grass-verges>, select 'Planting a blue heart on the verge' as the form option, pinpoint the specific verge or green area on the map, and use the text box within the form to add any specific comments.

You can make your own blue heart or contact Men In Sheds on 01883 715189 or [thewoodhousecentre@gmail.com](mailto:thewoodhousecentre@gmail.com), who are making a limited number in wood with a planting stake, either pre-decorated or for you to decorate yourself.





# 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 noon 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.

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**Assistant Priest:** Mary Seller, 01883 715675  
**Curate:** Lotwina Farodoye, 07553 305087  
**Reader:** Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653  
[www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk](http://www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk)

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**Pastor:** Keith Dickson, 01883 712 017,  
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## KING'S CHURCH

**Contact:** King's Centre, 33 Amy Road, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0PW  
Simon Quincey, 01883 734 805,  
[www.kingschurchforyou.org](http://www.kingschurchforyou.org)

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[www.oxtedurc.org.uk](http://www.oxtedurc.org.uk)

## Hurst Green Gardening Club

Climate change or not, gardeners have always had to deal with whatever each day brings about. One thing which never changes is the need to label plants – you won't remember what you potted months ago, particularly if, like me, your memory is getting worse. I use wooden ones from a stationer's, with garden pencil or ink wording. OK for a short while, but they do rot. Plastic may last longer, but unfortunately is a no-no for those of us who care about the environment – also too many and it looks like a plant graveyard, and we need to reduce our use of plastics.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April at The White Hart Barn, Godstone, Godstone Gardening Club won the Annual Spring Show Challenge competition against us, after many attempts in past years! Let's hope we can regain our crown again in 2024. As to our future plans, on the 10<sup>th</sup> May we have a speaker from Riverhill Garden and on the 20<sup>th</sup> May there will be a plant sale on Aggies' forecourt. Our own Annual Village Show will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We would love you to come to this, and if you want you can bring some plants of your own. You don't need to be a Club member but please check the different entry categories. There is also the Fair on Hurst Green in September where we will have a stall.

Watch this space for more speakers at our upcoming meetings – sorry, but it is still a work in progress! *Brian Parrott, Hurst Green Gardening Club*



## Windmill Manor Care Home

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[www.barchester.com](http://www.barchester.com)

**Coffee and Chat: Open Every Tuesday, 10.30-12.30pm**  
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**Fish and Chip Club: Open Every Friday, 12.30pm**  
Join us and enjoy a delicious meal freshly prepared by our talented chefs and served in our cosy dining room. (Please Book)

**Community Choir: First Thursday of the Month, 11-12 noon**  
We love to sing and we would like to invite people from our local area to join our friendly choir.

**Tea at the Manor: Last Friday of the Month, 3pm**  
Enjoy scrumptious tea & cakes with live musical entertainment monthly at Tea at the Manor.

**Everyone is welcome!**



## Oxted One World Group, Open Gardens

Six gardens in the local area will be open on **29 May, 2-6pm**, for people to look round. A plant stall will be held at one of the gardens with teas, cakes and a raffle. Tickets are £10 and are available via organiser, [paul.belok@gmail.com](mailto:paul.belok@gmail.com). Oxted One World Group is a local charity. It raises money for overseas aid projects. For more information go to: [www.oneworldgroupoxted.org.uk](http://www.oneworldgroupoxted.org.uk)

## North Downs Community

**Orchestra** have been busy rehearsing for their 'Summer Smooth Concert' on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The orchestra recently celebrated its 7th birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The very first rehearsal was held on 23rd March 2016 in the Godstone Scout HQ. Over the years the orchestra has grown much bigger, with an average of 60 performers at their recent concerts. Rehearsal venues are in the wider Oxted area and at least 4 NDCC members are Edenbridge residents! To find out more, please check out their website.



Catherine Southon

**FREE**

**Antiques & Jewellery Valuation Day**



**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 12.00-4.00pm**  
**Oxted Community Hall, RH8 9NB**

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**or [info@catherinesouthon.co.uk](mailto:info@catherinesouthon.co.uk)**

## Yo Yo's Toddler Group

**Every Wednesday in term time, 9.15-11.15am**  
**St John's Church, Church Way**



A friendly group for parents, grandparents and carers to bring babies and toddlers for a stay and play session with crafts, snacks and songs.



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**PARISH REGISTERS**



**Holy Baptisms**

*We welcome into the family of God's Church*

30 April: Abi Chapman

**Funerals**

*Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends*

9 May: Robin Parker

**St John's Book of Remembrance**

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featuring music by

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**May is Local & Community History Month**

Bob Evans will give a talk "A String of Pearls" about the Villages and Hamlets on the A25 ridge from Nutfield to Westerham on

**Wednesday 17th May**  
**2.30-3.30pm at Oxted Library.**  
£2 and includes refreshments.  
Please book at the help desk or email the library.



### Dates for your Diary 2023

**3 May:** Yo Yo's playgroup, every Wednesday in term time, St John's, 9.15-11.15am.  
**3 May:** Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.  
**4 May:** Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.  
 Contact: Abi Chapman, theaccessibilityprojectuk@gmail.com.  
**10 May:** Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm. Speaker: Riverhill Garden.  
 Contact: Brian Parrott, 01883 723916.  
**11 May:** Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Resolutions, plus short talk by Lynne Lloyd. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.  
**15 May:** Tandridge Handicraft Society, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted. Every Monday, 1.30-4.30pm.  
 Contact: Jenny Beal (Chairman) 01883 620730.  
**22 May:** Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, normally 2nd & 4th Mondays but only one meeting in May, 2.30 - 4.15pm, York Rooms, St John's Church. Call: Carol Leach 01883 382031.



### Holger Skepeneit Piano Recital

Award-winning pianist, platinum selling composer and accompanist to many International artists will be performing on:

**Sunday 14 May, 2pm**  
**St John's Church, Church Way**  
 Tickets £10 on the door or from  
[www.holgerskepeneit.com](http://www.holgerskepeneit.com)

On **15th May 2023** the **Tandridge Handicraft Society** is hosting a talk with examples, on applique print and paint. "Working In Series" will be presented by Kate Findlay.

**Doors open 1:30pm, talk starts at 2pm. Visitors are welcome, £5 entry including tea and biscuits.**

The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT.

Come and join us, we are always keen to welcome new members with similar interests.

Further details on our website  
[www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk](http://www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk)  
 or contact Jenny Beal on  
 (Chairman) 01883 620730.

**Creative Community** are pleased to announce that they have invited six local schools to fill the gallery at Hurst Green Railway Station with their artwork to mark the occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III. The Exhibition will be hung a few days before the big day on 6th May and will stay insitu into the beginning of June.

We would like to thank Hurst Green Infant School, Limsfield C of E Infant School, Holland Junior School, Hazelwood School, The Grange School Limsfield and Little Oaks Pre School for taking part and each completing a frame.

We can't wait to see their wonderful work.  
**The Creative Community Team**



### Christian Aid Week – 14th-20th May 2023

Christian Aid Week is celebrated in May every year and in 2023, it will take place from 14th to 20th May.



This year the money raised in Christian Aid Week will help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children.

Malawi is a beautiful country of cooler mountains in the north, the shimmering waters of Lake Malawi in the east, and sun-drenched lowlands to the south. But in Malawi, the costs of everyday essentials, such as food and fuel, are going up and up, just as they are here. In addition, the climate crisis means it is increasingly difficult to grow many of the foods that families used to eat and sell. Often crops are lost to cyclones or droughts, or seeds are too old to grow well. Many farmers are exploited by big companies and don't receive a fair price for their crops. However, Christian Aid partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop. Farmers and communities are working with Christian Aid to form cooperatives to secure a fairer price, boost the quality of the seeds they use, adding value by baking and selling bread made from pea flour, and building warehouses to keep peas safe from weather events.

On **Sunday 21st May**, before Café Church at St John's, there will be a **Community Brunch** with a **collection for Christian Aid**. You can also donate and find out more at the Christian Aid website: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

**Award winning pianist, Ignas Maknickas**, who won 1st prize at the XIX Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition recently, is coming to Oxted on 20 May to give a **solo Schubert piano recital at Bawtree Concert Hall, Hazelwood School at 7.30pm**.

Tickets are £30, with free entry for under-25s, from the Society's website [www.olms.org.uk](http://www.olms.org.uk)



### Hurst Green Singers Summer Concert

Just a few weeks away, Hurst Green Singers' Summer Concert on 13th May is fast approaching and the choir is busy rehearsing to ensure it gives an exceptionally polished performance for this special occasion. The evening of inspirational music will continue the happy mood and excitement generated by the Coronation celebrations which take place the weekend before.

The varied programme curated by the Music Director, James Meaders, will include John Rutter's Te Deum, a jubilant hymn of praise; and Handel's much loved Zadok the Priest, composed for the Coronation of King George II and sung at the Coronation of every British monarch since. The main feature will be the magnificent Nelson Mass by Haydn, thought by many to be his greatest composition. Written 225 years ago in turbulent times after Napoleon Bonaparte had defeated the Austrian army in four major battles and was threatening its capitol Vienna, the masterpiece is an impassioned work of great drama. Haydn called his work the 'Missa in Angustiis' or Mass for Troubled Times, which definitely resonates with today's global problems. However, it was first performed on the day that Nelson defeated Napoleon at the Battle of the Nile – and hence is known as the Nelson Mass.

The local choir will be accompanied by an orchestra and the solo voice parts in the work will be performed by highly accomplished singers from the Royal Academy of Music: Emilia Bertolini (Soprano); Hera Protopapas (Mezzo-Soprano); Guy Benon (Tenor) and Alex Bower-Brown (Baritone).

The Summer Concert will take place in the Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Oxted on Saturday 13th May at 7.00pm. Tickets are priced at £15 and can be ordered from [hurstgreensingers@gmail.com](mailto:hurstgreensingers@gmail.com) or at the door (unless previously sold out).



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### Hurst Green Neighbours of the Month for May

are Debs & Vinny, and Jean who have been nominated by Sarah Nixon, who said she is lucky to have not one, but three great neighbours who are always there with an offer of help. Sarah really appreciates you!

To nominate someone please email:

[hgncompiler@gmail.com](mailto:hgncompiler@gmail.com)



### Summer Fair

**Saturday 13 May 2023**  
**12-3pm**

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