



HURST GREEN NEWS

June 2023

Time to say Good-bye

I was 20 when the National Lottery started. I didn't have a job and in those early weeks, once or twice, I bought a ticket. As the Saturday evening drew closer and closer, I felt more and more sick - I was terrified I might actually win! I was really scared winning may not actually be a good thing and somehow 'change me'. Now I'm not passing judgement on anybody who enters the lottery – someone must win each week and to win the jackpot and be relieved of money worries overnight, an increasing problem for so many of us, would be incredible...



What I am highlighting is my attitude to change. Sometimes change is welcome, but is still hard. Sometimes it is unwanted but must be endured. Most of us struggle with it and I'm highlighting it now because things are about to change for my family and for St John's because I have a new role, in North Yorkshire (mainly the Dales) as the new Bishop of Ripon which is exciting and daunting in equal measure!

But as I've pondered 'change' I have wondered why we worry so much. We actually live with 'constant change' (there's a contradiction in terms). Spring and the cycle of the seasons remind us that change is always with us. I helped with my daughter's school disco recently and marvelled at how the children she went to pre-school with when we first moved here are now on the cusp of secondary school, all looking really 'cool' and grooving away. And then there is the change of our own bodies, the aging process from which none of us can escape!

In the bible there is a wonderful passage appreciated by many both of and beyond the Christian Faith. It's in Ecclesiastes 3 and starts '*There is a time for everything...*' and so perhaps we might begin to trust that something bigger than us is holding all time. The writer continues:

"God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart... I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it."

So, I have decided to focus not on change, but on time. Even when times change, what has gone before can never be un-done, good or bad. But God holds it all, heals and redeems and gives us hope.

I am incredibly sad to leave all you wonderful parishioners, exciting initiatives and great hopes and plans for the future. And yes, St John's will have to face a time of waiting for a new parish priest. But what has gone before and what lies ahead we must leave with all our worries, with God. So inviting you to do the same, I offer it all To God in these words of St Augustine of Hippo:

"Give the past to the mercy of God, the present to the grace of God and the future to the providence of God. Amen."

Thank you for a wonderful 9 and a half years as your parish priest here in Hurst Green. And did you know that 'Goodbye' has evolved from the words 'God Bless You?' So goodbye and God Bless you all – with my love and prayers as ever,
Revd Anna, Parish Priest, St John's Church

Sunday 11 June 16.00 – 21.00



Farewell party for the Eltringhams at St Agatha's Hall All welcome!

See longer article on page 2 for more details re food, drink, entertainment and the arrangements for a collection.

Cafe Church, St John's
3rd Sunday of every month,
18 June 2023, 11am



Community Brunch, Church band and crafts.

SAVE THE DATE!

Hurst Green Village Fair

Saturday 16 September from 1pm



Stalls, entertainment, food & drink

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Pollards Oak Redevelopment: Courtyard Project



As part of an initiative to keep our community healthy and vibrant, it was proposed to install a "courtyard" in front of the shops in Pollards Oak Road, where local people could sit and chat within a pleasant environment of plants and shrubs. This would include seats, picnic benches and the area would have a surrounding low level wooden fence. There may also be features which local schools could help make. We're hoping that the vegetation could be tended by local volunteers.

A team of HG residents, a local GP, a health manager, a local care worker and councillors has been in place for a few months to speak with local residents and shops, to produce a draft plan of what the area might look like. What we'd like to do now is get the views and ideas of local residents and ask them to comment on our draft plan, before we confirm the layout and seek tenders from local contractors to construct it.

To do this, we've planned a drop-in for local residents, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Saturday 3rd June in St Agatha's Hall, 9am to 2pm.

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.

ST JOHN'S, CHURCH WAY

Vicar: Vacancy at present
Postal Address: 14 Oast Road
Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675
Curate: Lotwina Farodoye, 07553 305087
Reader: Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 01883 712 017,
www.hgec.org.uk

KING'S CHURCH

Contact: King's Centre, 33 Amy Road, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0PW
Simon Quincey, 01883 734 805,
www.kingschurchforyou.org

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OXTED & WARLINGHAM

All Saints' Church Chichele Road, Oxted, 01883 627 762
St Ambrose Church Warren Park, Warlingham
Parish Priest Fr Stephen, 01883 713776
www.oxtedandwarlinghamparish.org

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Claire Harris, 01883 730 406
www.oxtedurc.org.uk

Farewell party and collection for Anna Everyone is invited to an informal farewell get-together for the Eltringham family from **16.00 – 21.00 on Sunday 11 June at St Agatha's Hall**. Feel free to drop in anytime. If it's sunny we'll be outside and there will be some entertainment, weather permitting (including a silent disco in Aggies and Sarah Newbury singing outside). There will be tables and chairs but picnic rugs also helpful. You are welcome to bring some party food to the bring and share table (though not essential) and there will be some drinks provided (but feel free to bring your own too). Anna, Nigel and the girls look forward to saying hello and goodbye to those who can make it from across the community.



We would like the Eltringhams to leave us with something to remind them of their 9½ years in our parish, so we are organising a collection for them. If you would like to contribute, here are the various ways in which you can do this:

- Pay by card online at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/23537> or <https://bit.ly/StJohnsHG-Anna>.
- Pay by bank transfer to Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account: 00033188 Name: The PCC of the Ecc Parish of St Johns Hurst Green, and please use reference "Eltringham collection"
- Write a cheque made payable to "The PCC of the Ecc Parish of St John's Hurst Green", place in an envelope marked "Eltringham collection" and place in the lower wall safe (marked 'Donations') in the church porch
- Place cash in an envelope marked "Eltringham collection" and place in the lower wall safe (marked 'Donations') in the church porch
- Alternatively, cheques can be posted to 26 Orchard Way, Oxted RH8 9DJ

Goodbye & good luck



Anna has indicated that she would like a significant portion of the collection to be used to purchase and install a defibrillator outside the church. Due to previous health issues, this is a subject which is very dear to Anna and it would be lovely if we could honour this request. It would be appreciated if you could send your donations by 6 June 2023.

There will also be a book at the back of church in which you can write messages for Anna. The book will be there from 21 May onwards (and the church is open from 10.00 – 16.00 each day) and it will also be at the party on 11 June. *Cathy Booth and Henk van den Berg, Churchwardens*

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Panda Nursery



The Hurst Green Gardening Club had an excellent talk on 10th May about River Hill Gardens. If you missed it you can still join us on 14th June, 9th August, and 11th October as we have now confirmed speakers for those dates.

Our speaker in May explained many other countries have more indigenous plants than we do, but our gardens in Hurst Green can be a world in miniature and a geography lesson as well. Our expectations of seasonal weather may be changing, but we are still fortunate to be able to grow and enjoy plants from around the world. Thanks to the vision of our predecessors, many of whom lived in grand houses not so far away from Hurst Green, we are now able to enjoy the result of their enthusiasm.

By the time that you read this you may also have missed our day trip to visit two gardens and probably our own plant sale on 20th May. Our plant sale is a chance to meet Club Members with proceeds going towards our fees for speakers. For more information go to: www.hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.

GET FIT

Put a spring in your step and join the **Holland Sports Get Fit Club** at the Mill Lane Recreation Ground on a Monday and Friday afternoon at 2pm. **FREE** one hourly sessions for adults are provided by professional trainers and all new members are welcome. Come and give us a go! For more information please email: GetFit@HollandSportsClub.co.uk or if you haven't got access to email just arrive 15 minutes earlier to the session and talk to a trainer about registering.

PARISH REGISTERS *st John's HURST GREEN*

Funerals

Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends

18 May: Mavis Annell

St John's Book of Remembrance

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Website: www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk



Dates for your Diary 2023

- 7 June:** Yo Yo's playgroup, every Wednesday in term time, St John's, 9.15-11.15am.
7 June: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
8 June: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
Contact: Abi Chapman, theaccessibilityprojectuk@gmail.com.
8 June: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Britain's Traditional Feasts & Seasons by Joanna Bogle. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.
12 June: Tandridge Handicraft Society, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted. Every Monday, 1.30-4.30pm.
Contact: Jenny Beal (Chairman) 01883 620730. Talk on 12 June. See below article.
12/26 June: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.30 - 4.15pm, York Rooms, St John's Church. Call: Carol Leach 01883 382031.
14 June: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 8pm. Speaker: TBC.
Contact: Brian Parrott, 01883 723916.

St Agatha's Hall

To enquire about booking, contact the

Booking Administrator:
07769 001796 or
aggieshall@gmail.com

or complete the form on the website:
**stagathashall.weebly.com/
contact.html**

Oxted Boot Fair - Sunday 11 June 2023

If you've been to the OXTED BOOT FAIR before, you'll know what a great event this is.

You can make a tidy sum by selling off all sorts of unwanted items while enjoying the great community atmosphere which the event always provides.

As usual, there'll be a refreshment tent providing burgers and hot-dogs with vegetarian options, as well as hot and cold drinks. We'll also have everyone's favourite - the ice-cream van.

Titsey Rotary Club are organising the event and will be using all the profits made on the day to support charities and good causes. Our last boot fair, held in August 2022, raised more than £4,000 with some of that cash being donated to Master Park itself.

There will be 250 pitches available on the Park so make sure you secure your place in advance:

Pre pay prices

£15 for cars or small vans

£25 for large vans

On the day prices

£20 for cars or small vans

£30 for large vans

Remember - if you pre-book and pre-pay, you'll be guaranteed a pitch!

We've made improvements to the entry arrangements, so traffic flow onto the Park should be much smoother than before.

We look forward to seeing you at the OXTED BOOT FAIR on 11 June!



Westerham U3A Celebrates 10th Anniversary

U3A is a UK-wide collection of over 1,000 local groups that provide the opportunity for retired and semi-retired people to come together and learn for fun. Make the most of life and join more than 430,000 members exploring new ideas, skills and interests.



To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Westerham U3A's inception, there is an Open Afternoon on Thursday 8th June from 2.00-4.30pm at Westerham Hall when all the interest groups will be demonstrating what they have to offer and answer any questions. Do call in and join us - refreshments will be available.

Membership is only £20 per annum (£35 per couple) with a £2 fee for refreshments at Open Meetings or events taking place at the Hall.

Come LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE with us at Westerham U3A. We are delighted to welcome new members and have many and varied interest groups.

For more information please go to: www.westerhamu3a.org

Tandridge Handicraft Society

On 12th June 2023 the **Tandridge Handicraft Society** is hosting a talk with examples, on harvesting, preparing, and weaving nettle fibres. "Nettles Still Got the Edge" will be presented by Brigitte Kaltenbacher.

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 or contact Jenny Beal on (Chairman) 01883 620730.

New Costcutter store for Hurst Green Costcutter

Select Convenience, situated in the row of shops in Pollards Oak in Hurst Green, has undergone a makeover. The shop front has changed its facia to Costcutter and the refit has also extended into the unused shop next door meaning the store can now stock more products for local residents including Co-op brand products, specialist frozen food, fresh fruit, veg and meat, fresh bread baked daily, hot food, Wild Bean Cafe Coffee, newspapers and magazines, lottery tickets and Post Office services. Store Manager, Richard Connolly said 'We hope you like the changes we have made and look forward to welcoming you in store soon.'



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Chastity Brown, a singer-songwriter from Minnesota will be crossing the Atlantic to tour the UK, playing at **Hurst Green Community Centre on Friday 2 June** as part of The Oxted Sessions. Chastity Brown's sound incorporates Americana, soul, blues, roots and a dash of funk. Her music carries messages of love, hope and connection. Support comes from Moonshine & Molly, who are an Oxted based, acoustic blues/rock duo, Martin and Mariam Mickels. Martin currently plays with local rock heroes Randy & The Rockets and Miriam makes up one third of vintage trio The Whiskey Sours. For full information, and to purchase tickets, please visit: www.wegotickets.com/oxtedsessions



Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society - Cello and Piano Recital

Internationally renowned cellist Guy Johnston and pianist Mishka Rushdie Momen play music by Mendelssohn, Bach and Fauré on 17 June 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



Art in June 3rd -18th June (closed Mondays & Tuesdays)

3 local artists are taking part in Art in June this year - Kate Tulett, Simon Held & Robert Moroney.

They will be exhibiting at the Art 4 All Gallery, Limpsfield, RH8 0DR.

ART IN JUNE
OPEN STUDIOS

For further info and to see examples of their work please visit: www.artinjune.org and/or www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk

Hurst Green Neighbours of the Month for June

for June are Carol and Tony who have been nominated by Charlotte Peacock. Charlotte says 'They have helped me and family so much, even lending me their car and helping with emergency childcare. They are 2 in a million and we would be lost without them!'

To nominate someone please email:

hgncompiler@gmail.com.



Hurst Green Infant School & Nursery
Open Afternoon

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