



HURST GREEN NEWS

April 2024

Hurst Green is a Community

I arrived in Hurst Green in January to take up my role as the vicar of St John's Church. Since then, I've been finding out what it's like here by talking to the people I meet on a Sunday at church and during the week in the local schools, groups and care homes.

The people I meet speak of Hurst Green as a community. Some people are part of a family who have lived here for many generations, while others have moved here to bring up their children and some have come to one of the residential homes to be cared for.

A lot of households are struggling with many different pressures, but it's been so good to hear stories of neighbours looking out for one another and local businesses and families sharing what they have. The Community Fridge and the Community Hub are great examples of this, where everyone is welcome.

What I'm working hardest at is getting to know people by name as well as hearing their stories.

One of my favourite verses in the Bible is John: Chapter 20, Verse 16. It says; 'Jesus said to her, "Mary."

Mary was sobbing tears of grief at the time. It changed her life to hear her name because it told her that she mattered, that she was known and loved.

It makes me realise that this is what belonging to a community is all about.

I have a lot more to learn so I would love you to get in touch and tell me about Hurst Green; what you love and about what concerns you. You can email me at revdsue@stjhurstgreen.co.uk or call me on 01883 712674 and I will be happy to hear from you.

Revd Sue Bosley, St John's Church, Hurst Green



  **Holland Junior School** 

Holland Junior School Spring Fair
Saturday 20th April 2024
12:00-3:00pm

  **Raffle, stalls, refreshments, face painting, tombola & games.**

If any local businesses are able to donate prizes/vouchers please email: friendsofhollandschool@holland.surrey.sch.uk.

 **Hurst Green Gardening Club**

It only takes a bit of sunshine for our gardens to become a feast for the eyes and senses. If you are planning your garden make sure that there is something to enjoy each month.

Keep 10 April in your diary when we have our annual competition with Godstone Gardening Club, at Aggies. If you are not yet a member, just come along and enjoy the displays.

On 18 May we have a plant sale on Aggie's forecourt where you will be able to buy plants at low prices and all profits go towards paying for speakers at our monthly meetings.

You can see the full programme here: hggardeningclub.blogspot.com 

 **St John's Church** 

CAFÉ CHURCH

Sunday 21 April 2024

Crafts – Coffee – Church band

 **YoYo's Playgroup** 

Every Wednesday in term time
9.15-11.15am

St John's Church, Church Way
 A friendly group for babies and toddlers.

Creative Community: Buzz Project

Take a stroll to see our cheerful bulbs this Spring. As part of our 'Buzz' project, we planted lots of bulbs at Holland Sports last Autumn (near the tennis courts). We bought as many bulbs as we could to benefit pollinating insects. With thanks to two 'Anon' donors for their generous gifts to enable us to buy them.

Thanks to Holland Sports team, Titsey Rotary Club, and other volunteers for all your help!

The bulbs add to the ones we planted in Autumn 2022 in the 'post box triangle' of Hurst Green, and our bulbs at the train station.

Since early March, purple crocuses along the footpath edge by Mill Lane have been coming up. They were planted as part of Rotary Club's 'stop polio now' campaign.



Street Trees: Free from Surrey CC

Free from Surrey CC – You can apply for a street tree to be planted on your verge for **FREE**. SCC want to plant 1.2 million trees and are offering free street trees. You just have to apply and have a suitable verge. The council will check to make sure that your verge is suitable and will ask in return that you help water the tree. You may be able to choose the type of tree too if it is suitable for the site and is available. All verges belong to Surrey County Council so the request needs to be made to them. They will plant the trees over the winter months.

To apply go to:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/permits-and-licences/planting-trees>



Holy Week and Easter Services
at St John's Church

 **24 March, Palm Sunday** 

8.30am: Holy Eucharist with palm crosses and reading of the Passion

9.45am: Parish Eucharist with palm crosses and reading of the Passion

27 March, Holy Wednesday

12 noon: Eucharist, followed by simple lunch of soup and rolls

28 March, Maundy Thursday

7.30pm: Eucharist followed by short vigil

29 March, Good Friday

9.30am: Good Friday Liturgy remembering Jesus' final hours on the cross

30 March, Holy Saturday/Easter Eve

7pm: Short Service of Night Prayer

31 March, Easter Day

6am: Sunrise Service on the Green

8.30am: Holy Eucharist

9.45am: All Age Eucharist 

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 12.30pm 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, HURST GREEN

Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087
Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:
Monica Fenton, 01883 715769

Reader: Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 01883 712 017
www.hurstgreen-fellowship.org

KING'S CHURCH

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

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Each week we have a variety of walks from easy ambles of about 3 miles through moderate 5-6 mile walks (often circular) and longer 8-12 milers to our Fast Fitness Workout Walks, which are, as per the description, a strenuous 4 miles completed in one hour. See our walks programme at www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk.

We have a number of social events throughout the year, lunches, teas, skittles evenings, discos and, most years, a walking holiday (or holidays) somewhere in the UK, so we do more than just walk.

Come and see what we do and join us on a walk. If you have any questions on the walks you will find the leader's contact details on the walks programme. You can come as a guest for up to three walks before deciding if you want to join. We look forward to seeing you on one of our walks soon.



THE WHISKEY SOURS



LIVE VINTAGE MUSIC

Rockabilly | Blues | Pop | Jazz
Saturday 20th April 2024
7:30pm doors 8pm start

Venue: Hurst Green Community Centre

Tickets:

£10 advance £15 on the door

Bookings: events@hgcc-surrey.org.uk

Bring your own drinks

A proportion of the proceeds will go to Hurst Green Community Centre to carry out essential maintenance work on the much loved but aging building.

CCTV in Hurst Green and Oxted

Oxted Parish Council are pleased to say that they are going live with CCTV in Hurst Green and Oxted. This has been a community-based system that aims to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour for the residents and businesses of the wider Oxted and Hurst Green community. Hurst Green Community Centre has cameras that cover the Hurst Green Community Centre. Master Park has cameras in the park and more cameras will come when the new Hub, that is taking shape in the park, is completed. Limpsfield Parish Council has a camera outside Tandridge District Council Offices.

The project has been funded by Oxted Parish Council, Oxted Business Improvement District (BID/Love Oxted) and Limpsfield Parish Council. Other groups involved in the project are Tandridge District Council, Surrey Police, Oxted Electrical and Raven Homes. Chroma Vision Limited has supplied and installed the system.

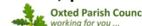
The project has been led by Oxted Parish Council who are the operator of the system. Surrey Police will have direct access to the system to retrieve images and footage for evidence. They will also be able to view live images from the cameras.

Great care has been taken to follow the Information Commissioners and Government guidelines on the operation of video surveillance system. If you are concerned that a camera is looking directly at your home the camera will have been set up so that part of the image is blacked out. Before you enter an area covered by the cameras you will have passed a sign advising that CCTV is in use. The signs have been produced by Royal British Legion Industries. It is through these communities coming together that this initiative has been possible.



Oxted Parish Council's Annual Parish Assembly

is on Wednesday 24 April 2024
York Rooms, St John's Church
Refreshments available from 7pm and presentations at 7.30pm from:
Michael Bull,
Community Champion - Morrisons Oxted and Catherine Wyncoll,
Operations Manager - Citizens Advice.
All welcome; please do join us.



LINE DANCING CLASSES

St Agatha's Hall, Tuesday's at 7.30-9PM
07964 773 564 for details
VERY FRIENDLY CLASS



Navigating the challenges of menopause symptoms and women's health in daily life can be demanding, and our Meno Meet Up aims to provide a supportive space for open dialogue and shared experiences. The event is open to women of all ages.

Meno Meet Up - www.venusnutrition.co.uk
Barchester Homes, Tandridge Heights
3rd Tuesday of the month, 6.30-8pm
Next date: Tuesday 16 April

Come and join us for
COFFEE and a CHAT

St John's Room, St John's Church
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4th and 18th April 2024
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Dates for your Diary April 2024

- 3 April:** Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
4 April: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
Need a lift? Call Cerys Williams, 07855 987077.
5 April: Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted
8/22 April: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.
10 April: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm start. Annual Competition with Godstone Gardening Club.
11 April: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Cheese please talk by Rosemary Horton. Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.
15 April: 'Wearable Art', Tandridge Handicraft Society, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted, RH8 9HT. Every Monday, 1.30-4.30pm. Contact: Jenny Beal (Chairman) 01883 620730.
16 April: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.
17 April: Yo Yo's playgroup, Wednesdays in term time, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.

St Agatha's Hall

To enquire about booking, contact the

Booking Administrator:
aggiesshall@gmail.com

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

Surrey domestic abuse helpline



01483 776822

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East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services need volunteers

ESDAS is an independent charity delivering domestic abuse support that serves the needs of survivors and their children in the Borough of Reigate & Banstead and the Districts of Mole Valley and Tandridge through individual outreach, community engagement and partnerships with other domestic abuse charities across Surrey and statutory agencies.

Would you like to be part of a passionate team dedicated to making a real difference within the local community and to people's lives? If so, you may be interested in volunteering with ESDAS.

We have a range of opportunities available including supporting clients with emotional and practical support, accompanying them to court hearings or raising awareness of healthy/unhealthy relationships in the community. Volunteering is flexible and can fit in with your personal commitments.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the range of opportunities and training we offer volunteers please contact Lorraine@esdas.org.uk (Volunteer Manager).

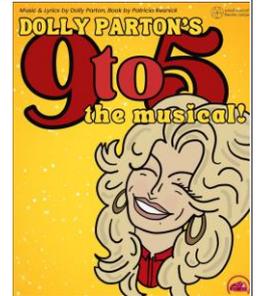


Oxted Musical Theatre Company's

next production of 'Dolly Parton's, 9-5 the musical' is being performed at **The Barn Theatre, Oxted, from 17-20 April.**

Come along and enjoy a fun night out.
Book tickets at www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

OMTC are always happy to welcome new members, both as performers or as part of the backstage/technical team. You don't need to be the best performer or technician, you just need a love for musical theatre. If interested, please contact enquiries@oxtedmtc.co.uk



On 15th April 2024 the **Tandridge Handicraft Society** is hosting a talk with examples. "Wearable Art" will be presented by Catherine Lawes. Doors open 1:30, talk starts at 2pm. Visitors are welcome, £5 entry including tea and biscuits. The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road car park, opposite Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT (postcode for Sat Nav RH8 9JQ). Further details on our website at: www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or contact Jenny Beal on 01883 620730.

The Hurst Green Singers Choir

are busy rehearsing for its next concert in May to ensure it gives another polished performance.

The varied programme curated by the Music Director, James Meaders, will feature both traditional and contemporary works. Lovers of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's music will welcome the opportunity to hear 'Missa Brevis in F Major' (nicknamed the 'Little Credo Mass') one of his lesser known works which many regard as the pinnacle of his early masses. By contrast, Missa Deus Nobiscum is by Philip W J Stopford, a modern British composer, and was first performed in Belfast in 2019. It is a beautiful and melodic choral work and the Kyrie has a noticeably Celtic flavour.

The solo voice parts in the works will be performed by highly accomplished singers from the Royal Academy of Music: Daisy Livesey (Soprano); Ruby Bak (Mezzo-Soprano); Robert Folkes (Tenor) and Oliver Heuzenroeder (Bass), and there will be an orchestral accompaniment.

The Summer Concert will take place in the **Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Oxted on Sunday 12 May at 7pm.** Tickets are priced at £15 (under 18s are free) and can be ordered from: hurstgreensingers@gmail.com.

Refreshments are available to purchase after the concert. It promises to be a wonderful evening of memorable music – so book your tickets without delay.



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Saturday
13 April, 7.30pm

Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society

Paul Lewis CBE

Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School
Mr Lewis will be playing for us:
Piano Sonata No. 7 in E Flat major, D568.
Piano Sonata No. 14 in A minor D784.
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Tickets are £30
(with free entry for those under 25).
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by way of our website at
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Making a difference for Surrey's young people

The Government has funded local authorities across England to run fully funded HAF (Holiday Activity & Food) camps for children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

These camps – known as 'Club4' in Surrey – run in the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays and offer healthy food and fun activities for eligible children aged 4-16.

Active Surrey are working with trusted and vetted providers to run the Club4 programme on behalf of Surrey County Council. To find out more about how the programme works go to: www.activesurrey.com/community/club4.



One World Open Gardens: Monday 27 May 2024, 2-6pm.

Five gardens in the local area will be open for people to look around. There will be a plant stall at one of the gardens and teas and scrumptious cakes will be available at two of the gardens along with a raffle. Tickets giving admission to all the gardens and including a map of their locations are priced at £10.00 each. You can buy tickets by contacting event organiser Paul Belok, on 07507 285292 / paul.belok@gmail.com or from several local shops on the day.

Find out more here: www.oneworldgroupoxted.org.uk.



Neighbour(s) of the month for April goes to the

children at **Hurst Green Infant School** who have been taking part in some litter picking to help keep Hurst Green tidy. They absolutely love it and are very

enthusiastic about picking up rubbish and looking after our community. They have also been very moved and saddened by the amount of litter on the streets around Hurst Green. They are trying to go out once a month after school as sadly the streets don't stay clean for long. You can help by making sure you put your litter in the bin.

A massive thanks to our little Hurst Green Heroes!

If you would like to nominate someone for being a great neighbour/friend or have witnessed an act of kindness, please email us at: hgncompiler@gmail.com.



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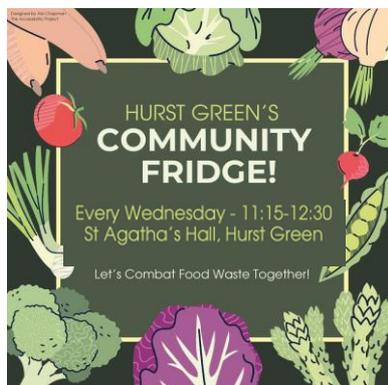
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