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# What's on in September

### **Sunday September 1 - Creationtide**

09:30 Communion at St John's;

10:00 Service of the Word at St George's;

11:00 Modern Worship (NO Communion) at St Mark's.

### **Tuesday September 3 - 10:00 Free Craft Café**

The next free Craft Café run by Farnham Maltings will be at St George's on 3 September 10:00am - 12:00pm. Come along and learn a new craft or bring your own. It's every fortnight and absolutely free.

### **Wednesday September 4 - 12:00 - No mid-week Eucharist**

There will be no midweek Eucharist on September 4th as John Evans will be away.

### **Thursday September 5 & 19 10:30 - Coffee and Art at St Mark's**

Join us for art and coffee (and cake) at St Mark's on the first and third Thursday of every month, 10.30am-12pm. No artistic skills needed!

### **Thursday September 5,12,19,26- 14:00 - Home Groups**

A home group is meeting weekly on a Thursday afternoon, reading 100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies by Penelope Wilcock. The next one will be on 5 September 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Please contact Richard Myers for details: [rjhmyers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rjhmyers@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Friday September 6,13,20,27 - 10:00 - Little Bees**

Little Bees, the weekly toddler group, is at St George's on Fridays in term time. 10:00am - 11:30am. It's ideal for 0-3s and is just £2 a session.

### **Saturday September 7 - 14:30 - Fantasia for Frances**

In memory of Frances Whewell, who brought so much joy to the parish through her music, we are holding a cream tea and concert at St John's on Saturday, September 7th, 2.30-4.30pm

### **Sunday September 8 - Creationtide**

09:30 Service of the Word at St John's;

10:00 Holy Communion at St George's;

11:00 Modern Worship (NO Communion) at St Mark's.

### **Thursday September 12 & 26 - 10:00 - St John's Thursday Café**

The St John's Thursday café is a drop-in coffee morning taking place on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Sumner Room. There is tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits and a chance to meet and chat with other people.

### **Friday September 13 & 27 - 19:00 - Friday Night Games Night**

Join us for Friday Night Games at St Mark's on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. There is a meal, table tennis, games and chat!

### **Saturday September 14 - 14:00 - Memorial Service for Judith Hunt**

Judith Hunt, a much-loved member of St John's who, even when she moved to Toronto, continued to worship there whenever she could, died earlier this year. There will be a memorial service for her at St John's on Saturday, September 14th, at 2pm. This will be followed by a burial of ashes in the churchyard.

### **Sunday September 15 - Creationtide**

09:30 Holy Communion at St John's;

10:00 Holy Communion at St George's with the Bishop of Guildford;

11:00 Modern Worship (with Communion) at St Mark's.

### **Tuesday September 17 - No Craft Café**

Please note that there will be no Craft Café on 17th September at St George's. It will be back on October 1st.

### **Saturday September 21 - 10:00 - Autumn Craft Market**

Come to our Autumn Craft Market at St Mark's on 21 September 10:00am - 2:00pm. As well as an array of great craft items to buy at reasonable prices, there will be a café to meet your friends at, live music and a chance to see the Kitty Milroy murals and support your local community. Free entry.

### **Saturday September 21 - 17:30 - Scarecrow Drive**

Please come to a Scarecrow Drive (seasonal Beetle Drive) - great fun for all ages! at St George's on 21 September 5:30pm - 8:00pm BYO food & drinks, or pre-order & pay for: Fish £10, Chicken £9, Sausage £6, Veggie Burger £7; all with chips. Please pre-book so that we know numbers. £5 Adults, £2.50 children. [war-](mailto:war-den.stgeorges@badshotleaandhale.org)

[den.stgeorges@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:den.stgeorges@badshotleaandhale.org)

### **Sunday September 22 - Harvest Festival Services**

Celebrate harvest with us in all three churches. At St Mark's we will include our normal Apple Day celebrations in the service and eat apple pie and other apple snacks after the service. Please bring donations for the food bank.

### **Sunday September 22 - 14:30 - Pray for peace**

In response to the deep divisions in the world and fear of conflicts escalating, there will be an interfaith gathering for women to pray for peace in Gostrey Meadow, initiated by the Ahmadiyyah Muslim Women's Association and the parish on Sunday, September 22nd at 2.30pm. We invite all women, whatever your faith, to join us to pray for peace and greater understanding between nations, cultures and communities. Apologies that this is just for women, but this is in order to respect the Ahmadiyyah women's culture. Please let us know if you have any questions and if you plan to come.

[Rev.d.stella@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:Rev.d.stella@badshotleaandhale.org) or 07842761919.

### **Thursday September 26 - 10:00 - St John's Thursday Café**

The St John's Thursday café is a drop-in coffee morning taking place on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Sumner Room. There is tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits and a chance to meet and chat with other people.

### **Sunday September 29 - Sung Service of the word**

There will be a fully sung service of the word lead by Lesley Shatwell at St John's (9:30am) and St Mark's (11am) on Sunday 29th September. Please come and join us for this very special act of worship as we lift our voices in praise to the Lord.

### **Sunday September 29 - 10:00 - Pet Service**

There will be at Pet Service at St George's on 29 September 10:00am - 11:00am. Bring your pets, or pictures of pets, to church for a blessing as we give thanks for our pets and what they mean to us. You can also bring cuddly toys!

# Where is God in the pain of tragedy?

When I heard the dreadful news of the knife attacks in Stockport on July 29th, for some reason it brought to mind the deaths of my parents and the way I reacted to them.

It was nothing like the shocking brutality of the deaths in Southport. Both parents had terminal cancer; nevertheless their parting was so hard to accept.

With my father I was in complete denial so, when he did die, I guess I went into a kind of shock. I could not understand how life could go on – why are people just continuing as if nothing had happened? Why hadn't the world ground to a halt?

A gentle word of reassurance soothed my pain: "it will be alright, just give it time". And given time the pain did ease, and I did learn to engage with the world again.

With my mother it was different. I knew her days were ending, but the last few days were an agony; I felt an abandonment, not necessarily of me, but of my mum – how could God let this happen? Why doesn't he step in and do something?

I disclaimed God. He was just an invention created to make us feel better



*Kris Lawrence*

about the things thrown at us. I was really angry; 'it's all a lie I shouted'. The person who received my initial ranting was my brother – a self-acclaimed atheist! I wonder what he thought about my outburst; maybe I'll ask him one day.

However, something kept me connected to church. Then I once again heard a gentle word that gave me back my hope of a truth in the faith in Christ. This word came to me when I was in my car driving to work. I was on my own, concerned about aspects of my life and the voice came to me: 'It's going to be ok', and I am convinced I felt my mother's presence. That reassurance was

enough to help me back on track, to have a confidence in a loving ever-present God.

But what of those parents losing their children in this frenzied attack? How I can I possibly imagine their reactions to those deaths so sudden and unpredictable? What gentle words could they be exposed to which would make anything feel remotely more comfortable?

I thought of John 6:35: 'I am the bread of life'. That is what Jesus promised, that Jesus is the way to eternal life and is the hope the families of the children need. So, through our prayers, maybe a gentle word will touch their broken hearts, that one day, the chil-

dren and their loved ones will be reunited in the blissful love of God.

Of course there was another life lost that night, the life of a young man, barely out of childhood himself. I cannot imagine the torment he must have been carrying that would drive him to do such a thing. And his life is indeed now lost. If he is ever released back into society it's likely to be under a different name and with a different life story.

Does he also deserve our prayers? Yes, I would say he needs them just as the families that he has destroyed. And maybe, by the grace of God, he will also be cleansed by the blood of Christ and find some peace in this world and the world to come.

*Kris Lawrence*



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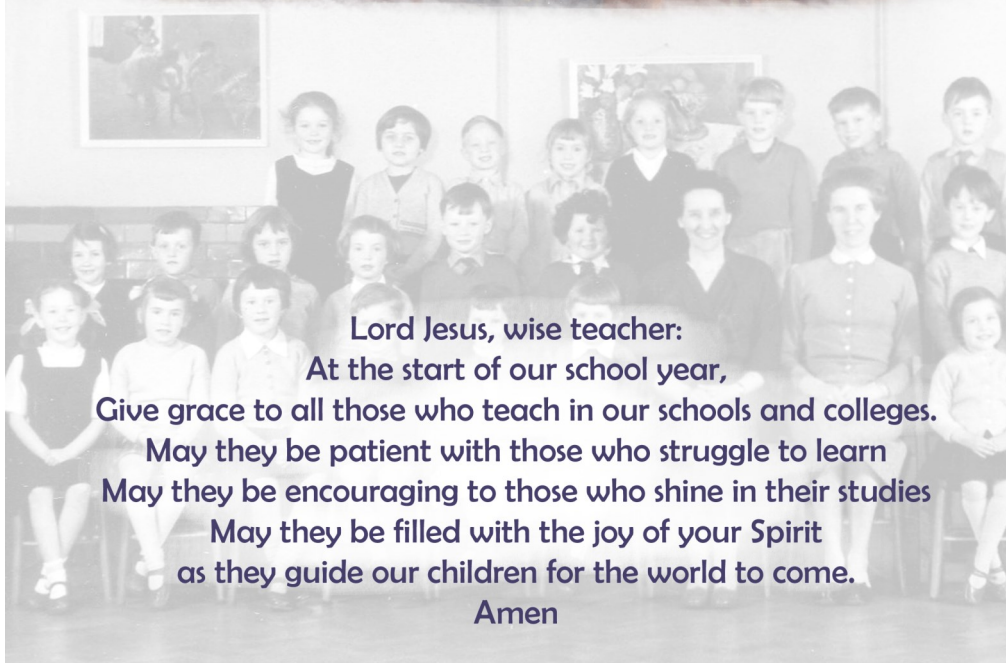
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## Prayer page



Lord Jesus, wise teacher:  
At the start of our school year,  
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May they be patient with those who struggle to learn  
May they be encouraging to those who shine in their studies  
May they be filled with the joy of your Spirit  
as they guide our children for the world to come.  
Amen

# Vacancy update

For those of you keeping track of our recruitment activities, you will know that the closing date for second round of advertising for the post of Rector of Badshot Lea and Hale was in early August. I am disappointed to report that we had no applications, although I have to admit that I am not totally surprised as most parishes take a year to 18 months to fill a vacancy because of the shortage of available clergy.

We will embark on the third round of advertising soon with a view to interviewing in early January and having someone in post just after Easter 2025. Especially with this type of role, it is about finding the right person at the right time in their ministry and we continue to pray that God will send us the right person at the right time.

I am pleased to report that the team managing the parish during the vacancy has settled into a sound routine and are ready for a long vacancy should that be the case. That is not to say that we have not had our chal-

lenges, including Rev'd John Evans being unwell for so long. He is now on the road to recovery and leading our services again. We have also realised that Rev'd David Camp needs the support of an incumbent to complete the remaining two years of his training. While we will be sad that we will not see as much of him from September, we are fully supportive of his move to Frensham as the right decision to help him along his ministry journey.

The news that the tower at St John's is in a worse state than we thought adds another challenge to just doing the normal. See page 19 for details of the appeals to help raise funds for its repair.

My thanks to those across the parish who are pulling together to help us deliver business as usual to the best of our ability. If anyone feels that they can help contribute please contact either Stella or me.

*Dave Walter*  
*PCC lay vice-chair*

# Celebrating God's creation in our churches

September is Creationtide, as season when we celebrate the beauty and wonder of the earth, with prayers, hymns, readings and sermons. In particular, we will be looking at aspects of how we can care for creation in our everyday lives.

Creationtide stretches from September 1st, which is the Orthodox New Year, to the feast of St Francis on

October 4<sup>th</sup>. It is fairly new in the Anglican Church; it started in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and has been supported by a growing number of churches across Europe since then. It has the backing of all main church groups in the UK.

Come and sing beautiful hymns and have an opportunity to think more about our common home.







# SEPTEMBER CRAFT MARKET

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## Fantasia for Frances

# Music in memory of Frances

We are holding a concert and cream tea in memory of our beloved organist Frances Whewell who died last year.

The event will be on Saturday, September 7th, at 2.30pm, starting with the concert which will be performed by a mix of soloists—singers and instrumentalists—and the church choir.

After the concert, a cream tea will be served. There will also be a raffle.

Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection for parish funds.

Please book your seats by contacting



*Frances Whewell*

June Jasper on 07807 881311 or email [junemargaretjasper@gmail.com](mailto:junemargaretjasper@gmail.com).

## Pride



# Christians at Pride this month

Representatives from the parish will be on the Christians at Pride stall at Surrey Pride this year, on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Stoke Park, Guildford.

There will be a Pride Parade from 11am (if you are joining it, start assembling from 10am) from Friary Street to Stoke Park. If you want to take part you must register first via <https://parade.sumupstore.com/>.

The best place to watch is probably

the High Street. Then come and find us in Stoke Park. More details at [www.prideinsurrey.org/](http://www.prideinsurrey.org/)

There will then be a Rushmoor Pride on September 28th from 3.30pm, with the Pride Parade starting in Princess Gardens.

Further details from Eventbrite [www.eventbrite.com/e/first-ever-rushmoor-pride-tickets-989618554737?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-ever-rushmoor-pride-tickets-989618554737?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)



# *Fantasia for Frances*

A musical tribute to  
**Frances Whewell**

**Saturday 7th September 2024**  
St John's Church Hale, Farnham  
2:30-4:30 pm

An afternoon of musical entertainment  
followed by a cream tea

Entry is free of charge with a retiring  
collection for parish funds.

Please book your seats by contacting  
June Jasper  
07807 881311  
[junemargaretjasper@gmail.com](mailto:junemargaretjasper@gmail.com)

# A history of the Beetle (Scarecrow) Drive

A beetle drive is a simple social game where players compete to draw a complete beetle by rolling dice. Roll six to draw a body (which must be drawn first), five to add the head, three or four to add legs, two for antennae and one for a nose. This can vary of course and other drawings can take the place of the beetle, such as a snowman (we held a snowman drive earlier in the year) or a scarecrow, which is what we will be drawing on the evening of September 21 (see page 17).

The first player to complete their beetle yells 'Beetle!' (or 'Scarecrow!') and wins the round, earning points. The game typically includes multiple rounds, with players moving to different tables after each round, and the player with the most points at the end of the evening is crowned the winner.

The exact origins of beetle drives are unclear, but the game probably originated in the UK in the early 20th century, inspired by Victorian parlour games, often simple drawing games and requiring minimal materials, making them

accessible to everyone. The basic idea of drawing different parts of an object based on dice rolls probably evolved into the version of the beetle drive that we know today.

The game became particularly popular in the UK during the 1940s to 1960s, often as a fundraising activity in local communities, just like today!

As the years passed, the beetle drive spread beyond the UK, becoming popular in other English-speaking countries. The game has seen various adaptations, with different versions of the beetle and slight rule variations, but the core concept remains the same.

So come to our Scarecrow Drive on September 21st at St George's, 5.30-8pm. Bring your own food and drinks, or pre-order and pay for fish £10; chicken £9; sausage £6, veggie burger £7; all with chips. Please pre-book so we know numbers; £5 Adults, £2.50 children. Let Kris Lawrence know ([warden.stgeorges@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:warden.stgeorges@badshotleaandhale.org)) by September 18th.



# Scarecrow Drive!

A seasonal Beetle Drive - Great fun for all ages!!

St George's Church

Saturday 21st September

5:30pm

Adults: £5.00

Children: £2.50

BYO food and drinks - or  
pre-order:

Fish & Chips: £10

Chicken & Chips: £9

Sausage & Chips: £6

Veggie Burger & Chips: £7

To book and/or order food,  
contact Kris

by Wed 18th Sept

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# PRAY FOR PEACE

## IN A DIVIDED WORLD

*Interfaith  
gathering for  
women to pray  
for peace*



**Sunday,  
September  
22nd 2.30pm**

**Gostrey Meadow  
Farnham**

For more information, contact us at



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Revd.stella@badshotleaand  
hale.org





# Interfaith prayers for peace

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## St John's Tower

# Help restore St John's tower

St John's is 180 years old this year and it is showing its age. The tower is falling down and we need to repair it, but it is going to cost us at least £50,000. The top of the tower in particular needs a lot of work and this will involve high scaffolding, so we need to do all the work in one go to avoid further scaffolding costs.

We need everyone's help to raise the money. Anything you can spare will be much appreciated. You can give money directly to the parish, but please mark donations 'St John's', or you can give via two fundraising pages: [GoFundMe](#) or [JustGiving](#). The information is on our website, [badshotleaandhale.org](http://badshotleaandhale.org) or ask your churchwarden or [revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org) for details.



*The tower*

# New clothing bank to open

## Monday, September 9th, 9am

Fashion! Whether you're a dedicated follower or think it's a waste of time, you probably have a lot of clothes, right? Most of us have full wardrobes. According to the website [business-waste.co.uk](http://business-waste.co.uk) the average British person spends £980.50 on new clothes every year.

So, what happens to the clothes we no longer want?

The charity Clothes Aid estimates that 350,000 tonnes, that's around £140 million worth of used but still wearable clothing, goes to landfill in the UK every year. Ouch!

Of course we do send clothes to recycling centres, textile banks, clothes collections and to charity – on average 700,000 tonnes, or enough to fill 459 Olympic-size swimming pools – but a lot of this ends up abroad as we are the second biggest exporter of used textiles worldwide, and if it isn't resaleable there, it just gets dumped or burned.

It's time for a change in our clothes shopping habits. From now on why not

donate your old, good quality clothes to our new clothes bank, and pick up new (to you) ones completely free of charge at our new clothes bank? It will be opening at St Mark's on Monday mornings 9-11.30am from September 9th.

We are running it in conjunction with the Hale Community Centre and anybody is welcome to come and take clothes, regardless of income. There will also be a café serving tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Please look out your old, good-quality clothes and shoes for children and adults. You can bring



them to church (in bags/boxes please) or let Stella Wiseman know if you need them to be picked up (contact details below). You can also drop them off at St Mark's on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, between 2pm and 4pm.

We also need volunteers to help sort clothes and/or help at the clothes bank and cafe. Please let Stella know if you can help by emailing [revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org) or calling 07842761919.





# CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

**9am - 11am Mondays**

**St Mark's Community Centre**

St Mark's Church

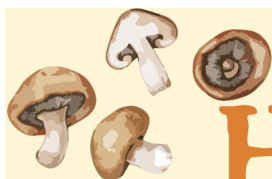
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**For donation drop-offs and enquiries please contact  
Rev'd Stella Wiseman 07842 761919**



# HARVEST FESTIVAL



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SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER  
9.30 AM ST JOHN'S  
10 AM ST GEORGE'S  
11AM ST MARK'S - NOW  
INCORPORATING **APPLE DAY**



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# Bringing in the harvest

## It's time to celebrate harvest again

This year our harvest festival services take place on September 22nd when we will also celebrate Apple Day at St Mark's, with apple juice, appley snacks and appley music. We will then get together for our Harvest Supper at St George's on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm. Adults £10, children (under 16) £5. It's always a great evening for the whole parish, with a lovely supper, entertainment and a raffle. If you can offer to be part of the entertainment, please let Kris know: [warden.stgeorges@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:warden.stgeorges@badshotleaandhale.org).

## Thank God for farmers!

Few of us work on farms these days, but it doesn't stop us celebrating harvest. We haven't had to do all the hard labour getting the crops in and this year let say a huge thank-you to the farmers who work extremely hard throughout the year, and particularly at harvest time. Farming is a tough profession and post-Brexit labour shortages have combined with climate change and economic challenges to mean that many are having to diversify if they are to stay viable. Without UK farmers we'd have to import far more food – more than half of what we eat is produced in the UK. So, thank you farmers and we thank God for you.



## Foodbank

At the services we will be collecting food for Farnham Foodbank, which supports families and individuals in Farnham and the surrounding area and last year was able to help 2,787 people. The foodbank is particularly looking for tinned soup, instant mash, tinned rice pudding and custard, tinned tomatoes and toilet paper, so please put some in your basket next time you are shopping and bring them to your church for harvest.

# Pollinator Patch with Juliet from Hive Helpers

## The colour purple

As I write, the heather is in full bloom, and I hope it is still going by the time you read this. We are lucky to have so many local areas of heathland – Farnham Heath, Frensham Common, Hankley – to name but a few. There are two types of heather, both natives: bell heather (*Erica cinerea*) which seems to flower earlier and is a brighter shade of purple/pink, and common heather or ling (*Calluna vulgaris*), which is a pale lilac. Walking across heathland is one of the joys of high summer – you can hear the hum of the bees and just smell the honey! Heather honey is very distinctive, quite thick and dark, and it smells just like the heathland.

But heather is not just for honey bees, it is valuable forage for other bees including the eponymous heath bumblebee and the green-eyed flower bee. The latter is quite easy to identify, even if you can't spot the green eyes of this small bee, as it has a high pitched buzz and hovering flight which is quite distinctive. This is a mining bee, which digs burrows in sandy soil, and although solitary in that it does not live in a colony, you can often see congregations of them in a sandy area with the tell-tale piles of sand which they have dug out! I have seen both species recently on nearby Puttenham Common with our new beekeeping group (see below!) together with the lovely pantaloone bee, another mining bee, its pantaloons bright with pollen as it enters its burrow, where it lays each egg individually together with a store of pollen and nectar.

## Pollinator plant of the month – Rowan

The orange-red berries of the native rowan tree (*Sorbus aucuparia*) are particularly good this year. Rowan is a great tree for wildlife, the small white flowers in May and June provide pollen and nectar for a range of insects, including flies, bees and bee-



ties, who in turn oblige by pollinating the flowers so they turn into the berries which are such a rich source of food for a variety of birds. There are many varieties which can be planted in gardens, some with good autumn colour.

## September plants for pollinators

Dahlias and cosmos are still flowering, along with Japanese anemones and sedums. Sedums in particular are great for pollinators, with their flat, nectar-rich flower-heads. They are also drought resistant, with fleshy leaves, and love a sunny well-drained border. Easy to divide too! Ivy should also be starting to bloom now, the main forage plant of the ivy bee, and a valuable late forage source for other pollinators.

## Stop press! Bee-PLUS Community beekeeping group

Have you ever fancied trying beekeeping? Are you on your own and want to try something different? Do you want to make a positive difference to the environment?

Hive Helpers is now running a community beekeeping group for adults, thanks to funding through the Community Foundation Surrey. Called Bee-PLUS – because it's beekeeping plus a whole lot more! – there will be lots of activities on offer as well as beekeeping, including planting for pollinators, how to ID bumblebees and solitary bees, pollinator walks and practical conservation of local habitats. Above all, Bee-PLUS will be a social group where people can enjoy being outdoors and making a difference to the environment, whilst improving their physical and mental wellbeing.



Bee-PLUS runs weekly on Tuesdays from 5-8pm at Farnham Community Farm. It is free to attend and help with transport can be arranged. Please email us on [office@hivehelpers.co.uk](mailto:office@hivehelpers.co.uk) or phone us on 07895 547637 for more information. For more information about Hive Helpers, please visit [www.hivehelpers.co.uk](http://www.hivehelpers.co.uk)



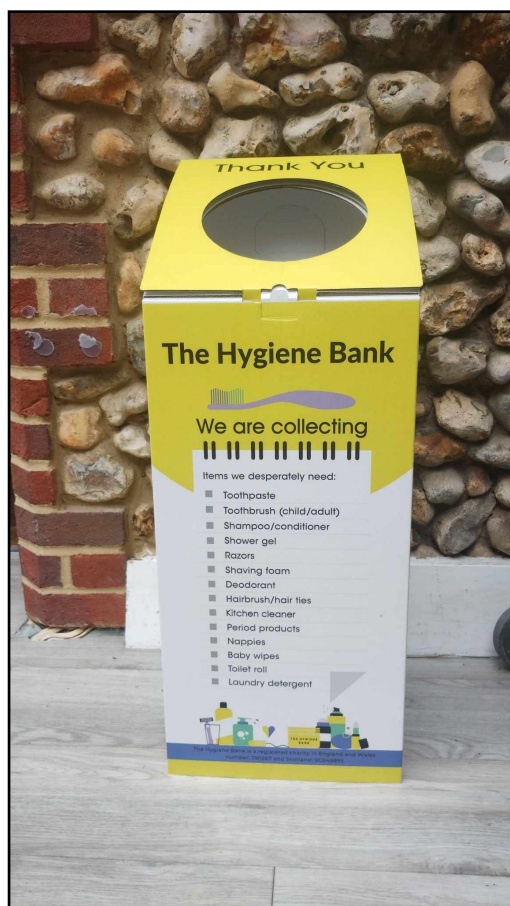


# Hygiene Bank

We have a new collection point at St Mark's for the Hygiene Bank. This provides toiletries and household cleaning items for people who are struggling financially and may have to choose between food and cleaning products. Please bring new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials - including deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, make-up, nappies, toilet roll, laundry detergent and surface cleaner. Simply leave it in the box in the church.

The Hygiene Bank is a charity formed around the belief that being clean should not be a luxury or a privilege for anyone in society, yet many are living in poverty and cannot afford to stay clean. This is not only unjust but can have far-reaching consequences. Not being able to stay clean can lead to shame, exclusion and social isolation. In turn it can lead to low self-esteem and poor physical and mental health and can have an impact on early childhood development, learning, employability and social interaction.

The products you give will be distributed to community partners - a mix of organisations, charities and schools - who support those of us who have found ourselves in poverty.



# All Sung Service

All are welcome to our All Sung Service  
(no experience necessary)

Just come and sing!



**29 September, 2024**

St John's: 9.30 am

St Mark's: 11.00 am

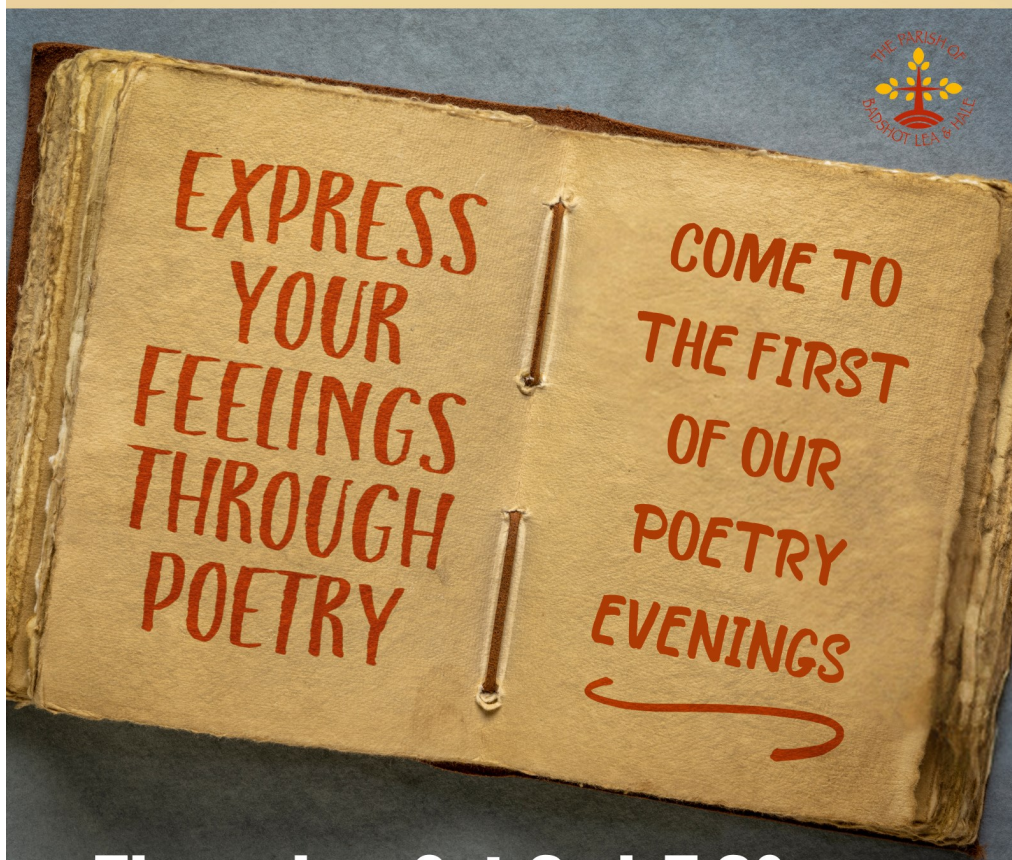
**6 October, 2024**

St George's 10.00 am





# Poetry evening



**Thursday, Oct 3rd, 7.30pm.**

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**Open mic and time to chat about poetry**  
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## Heritage Open Days

# Kitty, a part of our heritage

St Mark's will be open on September 7th and 13th, at 11am as part of Farnham's Heritage Open Days. Nick Seversway will be talking about Kitty Milroy and the murals, giving an insight into Kitty and her paintings, what inspired her, how she painted them and who some of the models were. He'll also talk about the restoration, by world-class restorers Rickerby and Shekede, and answer any questions you may have. Entrance is free but must be booked in advance via [www.farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024](http://www.farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024).



Heritage Open Days is a country-wide event which runs between September 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. During this time buildings or parts of buildings which may not usually be open to the public are opened and there are special trails and events to bring the past alive for all ages.

To find out more, visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk), email [info@heritageopendays.org.uk](mailto:info@heritageopendays.org.uk), or if you have no access to the internet, call Charlotte on 07929 867857 or Alex on 078 7036 4703.

## Poetry

# Poetry please

The poetry evening which was postponed in June has been rearranged for Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Mark's, starting at 7.30pm.

There will be an open mic and a chance to chat about poetry. Refreshments will be served or bring your own.

Whether you are a budding poet or a practised professional, or you just

like to listen to poetry, come and join us at St Mark's for a friendly, inclusive evening. There will be no pressure to read anything out, but you will be welcome to if you wish.

Admission is free but donations will be welcome. To find out more, contact [poetry@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:poetry@badshotleaandhale.org) or call 07842761919.



# **Pet Blessing Service**



**Sunday, September 29**

**10am St George's**

**Sunday, October 6**

**9.30am St John's**

**11am St Mark's**

**Bring your pets for a blessing**

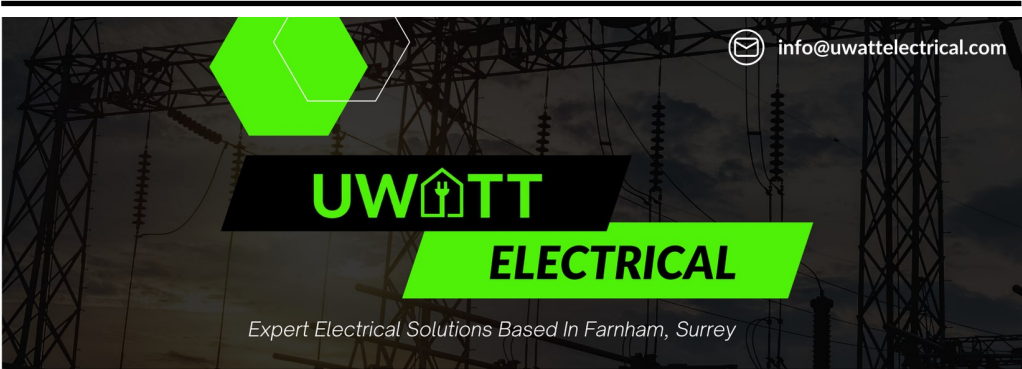

# All God’s creatures got a place in the choir


It’s time to bring your dogs, cats (maybe not), guinea pigs, rabbits, hamsters, geckos, pet spiders, snakes, stick insects and any other animals you have living at home to church for our annual pet services.

Pets are a wonderful blessing to many of us and can help our mental and physical health. So let’s give thanks for them in all their shapes and sizes and bring them for a blessing at St George’s on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am, St John’s and St Mark’s on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am and 11am respectively.

If your pet is too large or too nervous to come to church, you can bring a picture of them instead. And if you don’t have a pet, why not bring a favourite soft toy instead? Or dress up as an animal?

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# Notices

### Memorial for Judith Hunt

Judith Hunt, a much-loved member of St John's who, even when she moved to Toronto, continued to worship there whenever she could, died earlier this year. There will be a memorial service for her at St John's on Saturday, September 14th, at 2pm. This will be followed by a burial of ashes in the churchyard, and tea afterwards back in the church. All who knew Judith are welcome.

### Thank you from Janette

Janette Miller would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and phone calls following the death of her husband Jim. She was greatly touched by them.

Jim died on June 26 at the age of 97. He was a former member of St John's and at one time was treasurer in the parish.

### Accommodation needed for student

Does anyone know of any reasonably priced accommodation for a student who is starting at the University for the Creative Arts this September? She doesn't have any source of extra financial help beyond the government loan as the rest of her family are in Ukraine. If so, please let [revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org) know.

### Hale WI

Hale WI will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, September 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1.45pm.

The group meet in the Village Institute in Wings Road and this month the speaker will be Belinda Knox Spinks who will be giving a talk on 'The Story of the Bayeux Tapestry'. Visitors are very welcome for a charge of £5.

The talk will be followed by tea and cake and, of course, a lot of conversation. For more information, call 01252 722817 or 01252 597290.



*Part of the Bayeux Tapestry*

# A cat considers Creationtide

So here we are again. Creationtide and Harvest. That time when you humans celebrate how beautiful and wonderful the planet is and say 'thank-you' to God, and you collect tins and bags of food to share with people (and nary a tin of cat food or a haunch of venison to be seen among them).

Apart from the lack of food for me – a daily problem I tell you – I approve of this. Creation and harvest are indeed good, especially the creation of small rodents who live in fields and tend to move out of them during harvest. I'm teasing of course. I'm too old for any hunting these days and have to rely on my substandard servants to feed me.

But I do think that fields are good and hedgerows even better. Hedgerows are full of different sorts of plants with nuts and berries which small furry animals and birds (I like them too!) feed on and the small furry ~~meals~~ mammals use the hedges to move from one place to another rather than having to cross fields. I have offered in the past to carry these mammals across fields in my mouth but I was always turned down. So upsetting to be rebuffed like that.

You've got a few hedges round your churchyards but you also have



something else. The churchyards themselves. The Church of England owns something like 200,000 acres of land and a lot of it could be allowed to grow a bit wild which would be good for plants and animals. I've thought this for a while and in fact told one of your chief humans that – you know, the ones who wear the big hats and cloaks – so that he could tell others all over the church, which he did earlier this year. Glad to know at least one human obeys me. It's called 'rewilding'. And it means you don't have to cut the grass so often. A win all round.

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# It's time to Ride and Stride

## *Raise money for the churches and have a day out*

Every year on the second Saturday of September—this year September 14th—the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust runs 'Ride and Stride'. People are encouraged to travel between churches in the area and be sponsored to do so. You can walk, cycle, use a mobility scooter, drive, ride a horse, roller-skate, dance, play the fiddle, whatever is your preferred mode of transport.

This is a great way to raise money for our churches because half the money

goes to the churches which participate and the other half to the trust which exists to stimulate interest in Surrey churches and to make grants for their repair and conservation.

Why not have a go? You can download a C1 sponsorship form from the trust ([www.SurreyChurchesPreservationTrust.org](http://www.SurreyChurchesPreservationTrust.org)) as well as a list of Surrey churches. If you don't have access to the internet, contact Stella Wiseman, 07842 761919 for a form.



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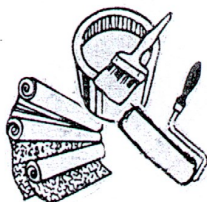
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# From the Church Registers

## Baptisms

We welcome into our church family those who have been baptised recently:

30th June at St George's Church

*Isabelle Jade Mitchell*

7th July at St John's Church

*Issac Daniel Murphy*

*Jesse John Murphy*



## Funerals

We commend to God those whose funerals have recently taken place:

26th June at Guildford Crematorium

*Virginia Ann Smith*

12th July at St Mark's Church + Aldershot Crematorium

*Maureen Ann Leggett*

23rd July at St George's Church + Aldershot Crematorium:

*James Godfrey Miller*

24th July at St Mark's Church and Hale Cemetery

*Michael Earl Ridgers*



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## Church services

### Our regular church services are:

Every Sunday: 9.30am St John's;

10am St George's;

11am St Mark's.

Wednesday: 12pm St Mark's, Midweek Eucharist.

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