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October Morning Services

> 8:00am Holy Communion 2nd 16th, 30th 11:00am Family Service 9th, 23rd 11:00am Family Communion

> > **Evening Services**

6:30pm Choral Evensong: St Mary's Reigate Choir 2nd

9th, 23rd, 30th 6:30pm Evensong

6:30pm Holy Communion 16th

Morning Services November

> 6th 8:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Family Service 6th, 20th Remembrance Sunday 13th

27th Advent Sunday - 11:00am Family Communion

Evening Services

6th, 13th, 27th 6:30pm Evensong

Dates for your Diary

October

2nd 11:00am Harvest Service at St Peter's Church

7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church 4th

Harvest Supper in the Village Hall (see page 10) 8th

22nd - 30th School half term holiday begins

November

7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church lst

7:30pm St Peter's PCC meeting in St Mary's Church 18th

December

I0th Christmas Show in the Village Hall

> Front cover: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who passed away 8th September 2022 aged 96.

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From the Editorial Team

We have all been saddened by the passing of our Sovereign Lady Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022. We pray for our new Sovereign King Charles III and his Queen Consort, Camilla. God save the King.

The hot summer is over and we now enjoy the autumn colours. And so the seasons of the year change once more. We look forward to the Harvest Festival on 2nd October and the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th October. Don't forget to buy your tickets—details on page 10.

As ever, if you have any comments or contributions, including photos, we would love to hear from you, so please send them to: tandridgenews@gmail.com. We aim to include as much as possible in the space available in future editions. The magazine is free because the advertisers support us. Please support them and tell them where you saw their advert.

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The church costs over £1,000 a week to run, before the cost of maintenance and renovation is considered. The traditional methods of collecting donations are via the weekly offering during a service and Standing Order instructions to your bank.

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Martin Lloyd

GENERAL INFORMATION

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

Worship - Sunday Services:

8:00am (1st Sun) Holy Communion

11:00am (2nd, 4th Sun) Family Communion

(1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday) All Age Worship

6:30pm Evensong except:-

(3rd Sun) with Holy Communion

1st Wednesday of the month 10:00am Holy Communion

See page 3 for specific services during the current two months.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:

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From our Team Vicar...

It was only a few months ago that we were rejoicing with many around the world in celebration of our late Queen's unequalled reign. Her life of faith, duty and service was, and is, an example to all of us. Her quiet authority and ability to bring unity to many across the globe was amazing to behold. I am sure that many of us



have been deeply affected by her death. The transition to the reign of King Charles III has occurred with great pomp, yet there is a constancy that is comforting to us.

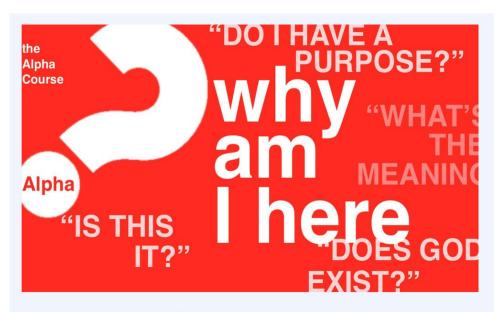
It may be that our reaction to the late Queen's death is a mixed one. We celebrate her life, but at the same time feel sad for her family and close friends. Death can often leave us bereft and unsure about the future. As we mourn, we slowly re-acclimatise to things being different. This is true for our nation, and our communities; although King Charles follows firmly in the footsteps of his mother, he will bring new and different ways to the position of monarch.

We also remember that God was at the centre of our late Queen's life; she was unequivocally a follower of Jesus. The teachings and wisdom of Christ were central to her life, and we are reassured that we follow that same Jesus. It may be that we do feel a bit discombobulated or uncertain about the future. It is at these times that we turn to God for comfort, peace and hope, and we might remember the words of St Peter:

'Cast all your anxiety on God, because he cares for you.'

With my love and prayers,

James



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The New Aquarian Opera Company – The Merry Widow (A new English translation of Lehár's classic operetta, entangling a wealthy young widow, her reticent playboy beau, and a bankrupt nation, all set in the Parisian Belle Époque). Wednesday 26th - Saturday 29th, 7.45pm. Tickets £18.00, U16 £14.00 available from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

NOVEMBER

Oxted Musical Theatre Company – Curtains (A murder mystery musical comedy from the writers of Chicago and Cabaret). Wednesday 16th – Saturday 19th, 2.30pm (Sat) and 7.45pm. Tickets £12.50 - £18.00 available from 07859 499667 or www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

Oxted Comedy Night (When did you last have a good laugh? Change that and come and see Scott Bennett and the comedians from House of Stand Up). Saturday 26th, 7.45pm Super Early-Bird. Tickets £16.50 available from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 01959 561811 **18+**

Information pertaining to all the above shows can be obtained from: www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 15a High Street, Westerham. Kent. TN16 1RA 01959 561811

SAVE THE DATE! The Village Show will be on Saturday 10th December in the evening Further details to follow nearer the time.

Triumph Herald 1200 Convertible 1966

I am very attached to my Triumph. It may not be in the 0-60 in under 10 seconds bracket (it's actually about 25 secs on a good day), but it has a certain beauty in its Italian styling by the car designer Michalotti. Purchased new in 1966 from Layhams of Caterham by my wife's grandfather, it has continuous registered ownership in Oxted. On acquiring it in 1986, I went to task with the rust on the body panels and the chassis. We had two very young boys then, our third son did not arrive for another six years. It took three years to complete the restoration. An MOT certificate was obtained and then the fun began.



I have taken it to many car shows and it is much admired. It has also been on three London to Brighton Classic Car Runs. In 2015, Jeremy and I took it to a little village of Aujols near Cahore in the Lot region of France. The round trip was 1,500 miles and it was achieved without fault. I have done many other trips in the car including the Yorkshire Dales,

North Yorkshire Moors and West Wales.

I took it to the recent Edenbridge and Oxted Show where it drew much interest from the public. This was its 10th occasion at which the car was at this show.

It has completed over 108,000 miles on the original engine and also with its original cylinder head. It was designed to run on

leaded



petrol, but now I use a lead replacement additive which is added to the petrol tank.

Martin Lloyd

St Peter's Outdoor Services

St Peter's held a number of outdoor services during the summer, which included worship and events on various themes— a teddy bears' picnic, songs of praise, the environment and poems and stories focusing on hope. The final one on



4th September was the Pet Blessing Service. Our churchyard was the site of a veritable menagerie: two very well-behaved retired police horses, two guinea pigs, two hamsters (one remotely), a tortoise, dogs of all breeds and sizes and one very brave cat. In his sermon, Revd James talked about how we care for our pets and it was clear to see the strong bonds between pets and owners. With the start of Creationtide, he spoke to each owner and blessed them and their pets. As he admitted to being scared of horses, after the service, everyone was surprised and delighted to see him riding one of the horses, while being led around the churchyard. And if you're wondering, the horses and riders entered

and exited the churchyard by dipping under the lychgate.

The outdoor services provided an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful surroundings. The weather was mostly fine and sometimes even too hot, but we were reminded that we do not need to be in a church to pray and worship.

Special thanks must go to Nigel Bates and Mike Hodgson. As our resident organist, Nigel often based his music choices on the theme of the service. Mike was responsible for setting up the

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sound equipment every time in the churchyard, so we could hear the organ and Nigel could hear the service. We thank all who contributed to

these services.

Alyson Coughlan

Clock Dial Refurbishment

It has taken many frustrating months to get the paperwork together and get such a

simple job approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). They in turn inform the Diocesan Chancellor who issues a 'Faculty' authorising the works to proceed. The colour of the dial is azure blue. The work was completed to a very high standard by Colin Brailey of Crowborough in East Sussex.

Not all English church clocks have blue dials, but the explanation for those that do is that it was a decree by Henry VIII that, following God's command to Moses (Exodus 39) to make Aaron the priest



'garments of blue with gold bells', church clocks should be 'blew with the signs upon gilt.'

Can you spot the error on the dial below? (Answer at foot of page) Hannah Prater, aged 13, did. We thank her very much for this, otherwise the dial might have been



remounted on the church tower for the next 50 plus years with that error! The contractor quickly rectified the mistake and all is now well. A commemorative plaque has also been attached to one of the tower piers.

Our grateful thanks to Pauline Hopkins for her sponsorship of the refurbishment of the clock dial in remembrance of the late Tony Hopkins.

Answer: there were two number VIII's.



Autumn Pumpkin Trail

Tandridge village residents are invited to display pumpkins in their front garden, door or window over Halloween. The pumpkins can be carved. decorated or displayed any way vou like, but there will be a prize for the most creative judged by Diane Hammond. Displays need to be within walking distance of the school and church and in place from Monday 25th October until judging on Monday 31st October. Joy Walker



Not everyone has a natural gift for rural ministry

Edenbridge and Oxted Show - August 2022



The sun smiled over the Edenbridge and Oxted Show this year, with two days of dry and warm weather to encourage the visiting crowds. The show is one of the oldest agricultural shows in the country, with record numbers of animals competing this year including 300 cattle entries, 1,000 sheep, 200 pigs and 50 goats, as well as some of the top show horses. A huge variety of all aspects of rural life were displayed, from new and vintage tractors to gun dog training, to ferrets!

This year also saw a superb number of entries in the class for coaches and four in hands. This class takes teams of three or four horses on a five-mile route, firstly along the local roads and then back through the fields between Crowhurst and the showground. In order for the judge to assess the horses and coaching skills, a pause is always made part way through the route. This year the stop was at Crowhurst Place for the first time, by kind invitation of John and Kate Bigwood. The scenery here and through John Young's fields was breath-taking. For people interested in seeing such a spectacle in the future, remember that all the coaches pass along the roads to Crowhurst, and then through fields criss-crossed by footpaths.

None of the show events could happen without an enormous team of volunteers. Thank you to Mike Barratt, Elizabeth and James Richards and Annette Schmidt for helping with the horse classes on both days.

Claire Roberts

St Peter's Harvest Festival—Sunday 2nd October 2022

As well as contributions of garden flowers, greenery, vegetables and fruit, you are invited to bring your contributions of non-perishable foods suitable for 'harvest boxes' and for 'family meals'. NO fresh food please. Harvest food gifts will be taken to:

Caterham Foodbank: you can also give food to Caterham Foodbank via Sainsbury's Local in Oxted.

Welcare in Redhill: Welcare are once again requesting money and/or supermarket vouchers for harvest this year, as many of the families they support benefit from being able to buy fresh food, which Welcare are unable to store on site. However, if you prefer to donate tinned goods, you can do this via the local food banks as follows: www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk or www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/

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Tandridge Village Harvest Supper Saturday 8th October 2022 at 7.30pm Tickets £15 each

A delicious main course will be provided per table. Please bring a pudding for sharing, along with own glasses, drinks and nibbles.

To book: call Clare on 07775 852546 or Annette on 07397 978567 When booking, please indicate any dietary requirements

COME AND SING MESSIAH

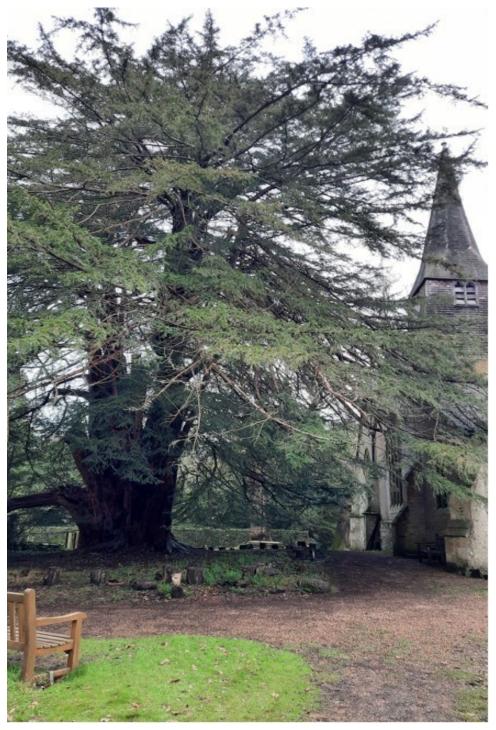
If you love singing, you are warmly invited to join the choir of Hurst Green Singers for a special 'Come and Sing' performance of choruses from Handel's Messiah on Saturday 12th November at St John's Church, Hurst Green, RH8 9EA.



All singers who read music are welcome - whether or not you've sung the work before. Under the expert guidance of the choir's Music Director, James M Meaders, you will be given invaluable insights and tips on how best to sing this well-loved piece to achieve an accomplished performance. Copies of the score will be available on loan if you require one.

Following registration, the rehearsal will start promptly start at 2.00pm with afternoon refreshments provided for singers (included in the £15 price) before the performance commences at 5.30pm.

To book your place in the choir, please email hurstgreensingers@gmail.com before 29th October.



The Tandridge Yew

We are all aware and proud of the ancient yew that sits in St Peters churchyard adjacent to the church building. What some of us may be unaware of though is that from years of occasional pruning and unrestricted access, the tree is now showing us that it's "not in a good place".

There is much more dead wood than we would like to see and clear evidence of disease though if treated now will ensure many more years of life beyond its current estimated 2,000 to 4,000 years of age!!

A survey has recently been undertaken by a local Arboriculture Consultant registered with the Arboriculture Association with the resultant recommendations which in summary are:

- Removal of "selected" dead wood to improve tree quality and improve the canopy permeability
- Remove the ivy, brambles and other vegetation including other species saplings from beneath the canopy and cover with about 75mm of mature and clean decaying broad-leafed mulch to retain moisture, improve soil quality and protect shallow routes
- Provide a protective fence to deter compaction of the soil.

A planning application has recently been submitted for the pruning and fencing for the tree is protected by a TPO and is on the Ancient Trees register. Many will question as to whether there is a need for the tree to be fenced but here I would say that we have evidence of a fenced enclosure in the early 1800's and we need to protect this ancient tree from further damage.

Extracts from the survey report specifically concerning our yew:

- Trees of this age are extremely rare in the UK and this is one of only 55 recorded in the UK
- Yew trees with diameters of 7m to 8.99m are classified as Ancient and those with in excess of 9.0m diameter OR circumference are classified as exceptional. (Our tree has a circumference of 11.5m).

The St Peter's yew is likely to be one of the oldest trees not only in the UK and Europe and probably also the wider world.

John Hammond

Hurst Green Community Fridge

St John's Hurst Green and community partners recently launched a community fridge at St Agatha's Hall in Hurst Green. The tape was cut by



Mayor Jackie Wren and Councillor Cameron McIntosh. The idea is that once a week on a Wednesday between 11.15am and 12.30pm, we distribute food from our community that is surplus to requirement and would otherwise go to waste. For

example, food from gardens, allotments, community gardens and also supermarkets. To date, everyone has been so generous.

Our community fridge has several purposes: to reduce food waste, so good for the environment in preventing good, useable food from going to landfill; to prevent anybody struggling who would benefit from being able to pick up food without stigma, forms or questions and to prevent loneliness. We always offer tea, coffee and biscuits at our community fridge and encourage people to sit down for a drink and a chat. Our volunteers are really friendly and welcoming and so far, those who visit

the community fridge have said that they love that it is a place to meet people. Everything at the community fridge is free. Jesus fed the 5,000 and we are inspired by his example.

Reverend Lotwina Farodoye



St Peter's C of E Infant School—September 2022

We do hope everyone had a wonderful summer and whether your preference is milder or hotter weather, you enjoyed the wonderful sunshine that we had over the summer break.

We have welcomed all our children back to St Peter's School and are looking forward to a very exciting term ahead. We do hope all the new reception children thoroughly enjoy their first taster of

school life. They certainly settled in exceptionally well at the beginning of the term, and we are absolutely delighted to have them with us in the Busy Bee Class. We equally hope that all our new parents enjoy the community of St Peter's and all that it has to offer.

This year we are looking forward to spending lots of time out and about, making the very most of Strawson's field, before the weather takes a more autumnal turn, although it certainly was a little wet at the very beginning of the new term!



We are already planning for our Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church at the end of September and have introduced the children to our Christian Values of 'Love, Friendship and Thankfulness' for this term. Revd Ashton has introduced himself to the children and talked about how we are all different and unique. He helped the children think about acceptance, making new friends and the fact that we are all special in our own ways. The world would be a very boring

place indeed if we were all the same! What a great start to the term.

The children will also be participating in a 52 Acts of Kindness workshop to also think about how we can help other children who may be having a tricky time, for many different reasons be it disability, bullying, etc, which is a great way for them to think about how they can support others.

Dear Father God,

Whose idea it was that seeds should grow and produce crops and fruits, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your goodness and care, and for giving us enough to eat in the harvest of the land.

Amen

We hope all our parents and children thoroughly enjoy their first term at St Peter's School. Happy Autumn Term!

With our very best wishes,

Lenia Greenaway and the St Peter's School team

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Book a table of any size. Enjoy bubbly on arrival, a 3-Course Christmas Dinner, and mince pies with tea and coffee 1st to 24th December. And book a family lunch on Christmas weekends from 10th December, bave a sELFie with Father Christmas and go home with your very own Barley Bear!

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HMS Amethyst and Commander John Kerans DSO RN remembered—31st July 2022

Members of the Reigate Branch of the Royal Naval Association (RNA) attended a graveside commemoration on the 73rd anniversary of the Yangtze Incident. Commander John Kerans RN, who died in 1985, aged 70 was being remembered for his audacious escape on this day in July 1949 from under the noses of the Communist Chinese, whilst trapped on the River Yangtze for three months. The epic tale was immortalised in book and film *The Yangtze Incident* starring Richard Todd as Commander Kerans. The service at St Peter's is now an annual event for the RNA. The Reigate Sea Cadets were also on parade, and the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead was in attendance. The Last Post and Reveille were played by a bugler. The daughter of John and Stephanie Kerans, Charmian, and her husband David, were also present.



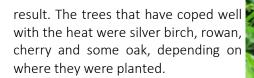
Dear villagers and tree sponsors of the Queen's Jubilee Canopy

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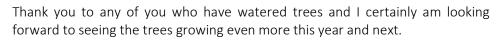
and the 200 plus trees planted have been suffering along with everything else that needs water to survive. With the help of Neil Donnelly and his very extended garden hose to the Greensand Way gate, a collection of villagers were able to water the 70 trees along the main path.

With the exception of someone removing and keeping one of the large water containers, all has gone smoothly with the loss of only 11 trees; not a bad



The trees that will be replaced this month from our nursery stock, having been grown on by villagers, will hopefully stand a better chance in the

winter months in readiness for the summer .



Michael Barratt

The churchyard at St Peter's is lacking some care and attention.





John Hammond

weeds and grass under control going

forward if that would appeal.



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