



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Concert Geoff Chew (piano)

performing preludes from
Opus 28 by Chopin and
33 Variations on a Waltz by
Anton Diabelli by Beethoven

**Saturday 7th April
4.00pm**

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome



on Sunday 8th April
(and on the **second
Sunday** of each month)

in St Jude's Church

at 4.00pm

*Children should be accompanied
by a parent*

**Coffee Morning
& Book Stall**
outside St Jude's Church

**Saturday 12th May
10.00am–12 noon**

Offers of cakes, preserves etc
and books will be gratefully
received

Please do come along for
coffee and a chat

Good News from the Graveyard

Luke 24:1-3

On Thursday afternoon I took a walk through our Cemetery. It was a cloudy, damp day and no one else was there. I spent some time walking ... and looking ... and thinking. It is a good place to do that. It's an oasis of solitude in the midst of the village. As I walked I began to read the markers. Names and dates ... 1855 dash 1915. 1904 dash 1976. Two dates and a dash. A day of birth, a day of death, and a little dash representing everything in between. So many thoughts crowd the mind. I wondered about the hundreds of people buried there. The markers read "Beloved mother," "Faithful father," "Rest in peace." I saw one marker that read "Baby Marie," 1910-1911. Another marker said, "We parted in sorrow, we shall meet in joy."

In one section of the cemetery I came across a grave where a husband and wife had been buried together. He died in 1903, she in 1930. His inscription read, A friend of children for 30 years, Sunday School Superintendent A promoter of kindergartens And other children's work. Hers said, Beloved wife Devoted mother A beautiful inspiring memory. And the thought came to me that the cemetery was peaceful. Quiet ... Beautiful ... Peaceful. Exactly what a cemetery should be.

It was probably very much like a certain cemetery outside Jerusalem. Not as large perhaps, but quiet and peaceful. It was a garden cemetery ... a little collection of tombs dug out of solid rock. There the Jews buried their sacred dead. There they laid their loved ones waiting for a better day. There very late on a Friday afternoon ... Just before sundown ... They buried the body of Jesus.

It is a remarkable fact that the Bible says very little about that Saturday. We know about Good Friday. We know about Easter Sunday. But of that Saturday in between we know almost nothing. Sometime between Friday and Saturday the Romans put a seal on the stone to keep people away.

But of Sunday, the Bible is very clear. The women came to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. They weren't expecting a resurrection. It was the farthest thing from their minds. But to their shock ... and surprise ... and utter confusion ... The seal was broken. The stone was rolled away. The tomb was open. They looked inside. It was empty. Jesus was gone.

Then Mary met Jesus ... alive from the dead. Then two disciples on the road met Jesus ... alive from the dead. Then the apostles met Jesus ... alive from the dead. Then doubting Thomas met Jesus ... alive from the dead. Then 500 people at one time met Jesus ... alive from the dead. The message went out: He's Alive!

There's good news from the graveyard this morning. Good news that the tomb is empty. Good news that Jesus rose from the dead. Good news that death has lost its sting. Good news that the grave has lost its victory. Good news that we need not fear death any more.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonderful message of Easter. That Jesus who died now lives again, nevermore to die. The birds this morning join the chorus. The sunlight shouts the message. All creation proclaims, "Jesus is alive." Living Lord, be born anew in our hearts today. Lead us to the empty tomb. Let faith rise to banish our fears. Grant that we might leave this place singing, with Easter joy in our hearts. Amen.

Mark Ewbank

Annual Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry Meeting (at which the Churchwardens are elected (currently Diana Bendall and Claudia Tubb) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at approx 11.15am on Sunday 22nd April. This is where we receive the revised Electoral Roll and the Annual Report and Accounts and elect members of the Church Council.

We also have an opportunity to say thank you to those who work so hard to keep our church clean and running and those who arrange flowers, look after the gardens round the church and so many other jobs.

Farewell to Mark

Mark will conduct his last service in St Jude's Church on Sunday 22nd April, and we will be saying farewell after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Please join us from 12.30pm in the Monsell Room, for light refreshments and an opportunity to wish him well in his new post as Rector of the Cathedral Church of the Good Shepherd in Lima, Peru.

Anyone who wishes to be associated with a leaving present for Mark should send their gift to Brian Hooker at 11 Willson Road, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0QB.

2018 Concerts

5 May	James Kirby's students (piano)
2 June	Vox Mundi (ladies' international choir)
7 July	Emilio Casco and Rocío Herrera (Mexican concert)
4 August	James Webb (piano)
1 September	Keep the Home Fires Burning – Wind and Words (about WWI)
6 October	River City Saxes
3 November	James Kirby, piano

Nova Nutrition

Local nutritionist Vera Sterling from Nova Nutrition is hosting 2 educational talks in the Monsell Room at St Jude's.

Monday 30th April 19:30–21.00

Heal Your Metabolism – Hormonal Balancing

Learn about metabolism and its influence on not just weight but overall wellbeing.

Monday 14th May 19:30–21.00

Support Yourself Peri/Menopause

Learn about hormonal changes and the way nutrition can help through this transition.

For more information please call 0791 721 8665 or visit
Nova Nutrition Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/novanutritionuk/events/>

Booking is essential!

Living Church – The New Diocesan Magazine

Up-to-date, colourful, interesting - the new printed publication of the Diocese of Guildford comes in a handy booklet format a little bigger than A5. A few copies are available in St Jude's Church or you can follow it on their website: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/communications/living-church-magazine>.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism: (4th March) Jack Howe; (24th March) Atticus Moule.

Diary for April

- 1 **EASTER DAY** 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 4 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 7 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by Geoff Chew – admission free – donations welcome
- 8 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 11 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 15 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 18 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 22 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Annual Meetings followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to say farewell to Mark
- 25 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 29 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch

All events take place at St Jude's Church unless otherwise stated

The Church is open every Saturday 2-4pm for tea and a chat

The Village Centre (01784 471110)

The Village Centre has now been open for seven years and it continues to grow from strength to strength. The building is now booked, virtually every day, for regular events and provides a real variety of activities such as exercise and slimming classes, karaoke, a dementia support group, pre-school French lessons and of course ballet and dance. For full details please see our website:

www.villagecentre.org.uk.

The 'Friends of the Village Centre' scheme is progressing well, but if you would like to be involved in supporting us financially please give Jayne, the manager a call. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you have at least two hours a week to spare let us know.

Rendezvous Café

The Village Centre has a thriving café and a perfect place for you to meet your friends, let your children play, or just to have a fantastic coffee from our new barista style coffee machine. You will always receive a warm welcome.

We are open Mon–Wed 9am to 4pm, Thurs and Fri 9am to 5pm, and in school holidays 10am to 2pm. We rely on volunteers so if you are free during the week, why not come and join us?

Computer Room

Our volunteers are available Monday–Thursday 9am to 12noon (10 to 12 in school holidays) and they can help you with lots of issues such as using the internet, getting on line, CVs, laptop issues, tablets, iphones etc. Why not come and learn some new skills; only £2.50 which includes a free tea or coffee.

Jayne Watson

Jayne has been manager of the Village Centre for quite a while now and has decided that it is time to move on. Anyone wishing to contribute to a leaving present for her should send their gift to Andrew Sheer, 10 Englehurst, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0EE.

Knitting for the Needy

St Jude's Church, St Jude's Road Saturdays, 2–4pm

The knitting group at Englefield Green makes teddies, hats, jumpers and squares for blankets for those in need around the world, currently sending to Kids Club, Kampala, Uganda.

Come along or ring Diane on 01784 473404 for details and knitting patterns.

Taizé Style Service

Easter Day (1st April) 6.30pm