



# The Ship

**St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter**

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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## Piano Recital

**Arnold Ma,  
Sing Yee Tan  
and Truman See**

playing pieces by Schubert  
Beethoven, Mendelssohn  
and Chopin

**Saturday 5th May**

**4.00pm**

**St Jude's Church**

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome



on Sunday 13th May  
(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

## Business as usual!

Last month we said goodbye to our Vicar Revd. Mark Ewbank, who has become the Rector of the Cathedral Church of the Good Shepherd in Lima, Peru. So now we find ourselves in what the Church calls an interregnum. This is the period of time between the leaving of one incumbent and the appointing of another. It will be some time, but we are keen to say our services will be as usual, thanks to those on our staff and to visiting preachers. Baptisms, marriages and funerals will be have to be subject to the availability of priests to take the services.

The Bible tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever" These words give us hope and stability. So whatever changes we experience in our lives, good or bad, unnerving, perhaps causing worry and anxiety, we can draw strength that Jesus is there for us at all times. He understands what we are going through and we can seek his help and comfort.

This period of the vacancy of a Vicar will give our Church various challenges and we will meet them with prayer and the confidence knowing from past experience that God will help us resolve them. The Easter message of God's great love for us in Jesus' death on a cross and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins, our broken relationship with God healed, carries on throughout the year. It is our mission to share it with anyone who would listen.

Half way through the month we will be celebrating Pentecost, for some it is called Whit Sunday. We are celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit on to the disciples of Jesus, who had witnessed his death and resurrection, yet were fearful of the authorities and the people around them. The coming of the Holy Spirit changed their lives for ever. They were filled with boldness to go out and tell everyone about Jesus and his love, giving them the reason behind the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus. Three thousand people believed in their testimony on that day and the number has continued to grow over the centuries.

Yes, we will be open, and business will be as usual, for we truly believe the message of the 'Good News' is for everyone.

*Roy Gouriet*

## Margaret Willis

Margaret Willis, who died on Good Friday, 30th March, was one of the founding members of The Village Centre. Her work in the Centre was remembered at the Service of Thanksgiving held for her at St. Jude's on 24th April.

The service was attended by over 150 people, representing many aspects of Margaret's life. In the early years of her marriage Margaret and her husband Robin established the local Ratepayers Association in Old Windsor. After Robin's tragic death in 1975, Margaret and her three children: David, Andrew and Angela, moved to Englefield Green, where Margaret joined the local Methodist Church. She continued her teaching career for many years in Virginia Water, both at Christchurch School and at St. Ann's Heath Middle School, as it was then.

In 1986 Margaret became a Methodist local preacher. Her preaching reflected her unwavering faith and her longing to see others capture the vision of a just and loving God. She prayed daily for our world and our local community. Her practical faith underpinned how she lived. She rejoiced when the Methodists and Anglicans in Englefield Green became St. Jude's United Church.

Margaret was diagnosed last year with cancer. With true Yorkshire grit she refused to let illness stop her from doing many of the things she enjoyed. She determined to reach her 80th birthday. She celebrated that milestone quietly at home with her family, five days before she died.

Margaret loved her travels and saw much of the world. She once wrote: "With Jesus as our passport we shall one day travel safely into the Kingdom of God".

Margaret would want to thank those who cared for her. She was looked after by Dr. Charles Walker, Runnymede Medical Centre. His exemplary care was supported by

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## Annual Meetings

We were pleased to re-elect Claudia Tubb and Diana Bendall as Churchwardens at our annual meetings on 22nd April. We also (re-)elected Jenny Chew, Robert Jeffries, Dave Walker, Andrew Sheer and Liz Hopkins as members of the Church Council. The meetings were followed by a social gathering and presentation to Mark and Vanessa Ewbank in recognition of 11.5 years' service to St Jude's Church. We wish them well in their new venture in Peru.

## Organist

It is indeed the season to say goodbye as Becky Ryland-Jones who has been our organist and choirmaster has decided that it is time to move on. Becky's last service was on 29th April but she has promised to stay in touch. We wish her well for the future.

Geoff Chew has kindly volunteered to fill the post for which we are very grateful. We thought you might like to know what he will be playing at the end of services:

13th May	9.30am	Offertorio (D. Zipoli)
	6.30pm	Paeon (Percy Whitlock)
20th May	9.30am	Komm, heiliger Geist (J.S. Bach)
27th May	9.30am	"Fiddle" Fugue in D minor (J.S. Bach)

## READINGS AT COMMUNION

6th May (Easter 6)	Acts 10. 44-end Psalm 98 John 15. 9-17
13th May (Easter 7)	Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end Psalm 1 1 John 5. 9-13 John 17. 6-19
20th May (Pentecost)	Acts 2. 1-21 Psalm 104 Romans 8. 22-27 John 15.26-27, 16. 4-15
27th May (Trinity Sunday)	Isaiah 6. 1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8. 12-17 John 3.1-17

## Ascension Day

Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter. It occurs 39 days after Easter Day. It is a Christian holiday that commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven according to Christian belief. Ascension Day marks the 40th day after Jesus Christ's resurrection.

## Diary for May

- 5 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by Arnold Ma, Sing Yee Tan and Truman See – admission free – donations welcome
- 6 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 8 Tuesday 8.00pm Church Council meets
- 9 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 10 ASCENSION DAY 8.00pm Holy Communion (said)
- 12 Saturday 10.00-12.00 noon Coffee and Books Stall outside St Jude's Church
- 13 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 16 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 20 Sunday (PENTECOST) 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon (approx) Picnic in the Park
- 23 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 27 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch
- 30 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)

All events take place at St Jude's Church unless otherwise stated – The Church is open every Saturday 2-4pm

## 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](http://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?

## Nova Nutrition

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

Monday 14th May 19:30-21.00 (booking is essential)

### 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/>

## Margaret Willis (contd)

Oncology Teams at the Royal Surrey County Hospital; by staff on Kingfisher Ward at St. Peter's Hospital; by Hospital and Community Palliative Care Teams and by District Nurses of the Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

She would also thank St Jude's United Church for their love and fellowship and the way that love was demonstrated so powerfully at her Thanksgiving Service. Almost £800 has been given in Margaret's memory to the work of the Village Centre. Margaret's children, their partners and her grandchildren Russell, Stephen and Molly bear the greatest loss. Nonetheless they too will remember Margaret always with pride and thanksgiving.