



# The Ship

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

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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## Are you new to St Jude's?

It's lovely to welcome you among us – in person or online. Please make yourself known and let us know how we can help you feel at home. If you have any questions, suggestions, requests for prayer or if you would like to come and talk more personally, please contact our Vicar on [vicar@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:vicar@stjudeschurch.info)

## Open Church

In addition to service times, St Jude's Church will be open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on 13th July. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

## Fourth Sunday at Four

### A service for a summer afternoon

Our next Fourth Sunday at Four Service is on Sunday 28th July at 4.00pm. Refreshments are served before the Service (from about 3.15pm) in the Monsell Room. This service is about half an hour long and it doesn't include Holy Communion. We'd love to see you there.

## Could this be you?

We are very grateful to those who act as sidespersons or "Meeters and Greeters" at our Sunday Services. It is always so very good to see the welcoming smiles of people like Susie, Renuka, Brian, Pat, and others as we come into church. But they need help to continue this vital ministry. If you would like to join them, please contact us on [enquiries@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:enquiries@stjudeschurch.info) or please speak to Claudia or Susie, who will be happy to tell you more about the role.

## Piano Recital

**Catherine Chew  
and Geoff Chew**

(2 pianos)

playing music by American  
composers including Scott Joplin

**Saturday 6th July**

**4.00pm**

Admission free  
Donations welcome  
Refreshments

## The Way Forward

As I write, we are about to enter the knock-out stage of the tournament which will decide whether we shall be able to make further progress in the competition. No – I'm not talking about the General Election (that comes a few days later) but about the European Football Championships 2024. Football fans will know of the criticism that has been levelled at the current England team, and of the response in their defence from some who have previously "had the privilege of wearing the England shirt". Looking on, are those of us who cherish hopes and dreams that maybe, just maybe, a gleaming silver trophy will at last be "coming home"!

In the election campaign several themes have emerged. Two of those stand out for me. One is the persistent criticism of the perceived errors of judgement and decisions of those who have held power for the last 14 years. The second is the persistent criticism of the perceived lack of realism behind the hopes and dreams of those who aspire to gain power.

Recently I re-read a striking story from the Old Testament Book of Kings. The High Priest of the day (around the 7th Century BC) discovered the Book of The Law of God lying unused and gathering dust in the House of God. This is brought to the attention of the King, who reads the Book and realises to what extent God's people of old failed to keep God's Law. He becomes immediately aware of the consequent shadow of judgment hovering over the heads of the people of the day. He gathers the people together and leads them in an act of repentance and of re-dedication. The story highlights the willingness of the government and its people to acknowledge the mistakes and failings of the past, and then to affirm a shared desire to do all they can to bring new hope and promise for the future.

As individuals, few of us would say that we have never made an error of judgement or a wrong decision. And few of us would say we have never cherished hopes and dreams – and seen some of them dashed and others gloriously fulfilled. Governments, and even football teams, are surely no different. At moments in life when a line is drawn, such as in the event of a General Election, maybe there is an opportunity for us all to make peace with the mistakes of the past, and to look with renewed hope to the future.

In 2 Kings 22, it is the people who bring the attention of the governing authorities to the error of their ways. We still today have a responsibility to bring the attention of those who govern us to fundamental principles like forgiveness, justice and compassion and respect, which should unite us all. Using our democratic right to vote can be an expression of our understanding of that responsibility.

In our own individual lives, the Word of God still challenges us today to a recognition of the mistakes we have made, and to a joyful embrace of the reality of forgiveness. The familiar epithet "To err is human, to forgive divine", drawn from the sense of an eighteenth-century essay by Alexander Pope, sums the situation up perfectly. We all get things wrong, and the promise of forgiveness is held out to us all in the Lord Jesus Christ. Along the journey from repentance to hope, we need also to learn to forgive others, and indeed to forgive ourselves.

Perhaps in making peace with the mistakes of the past, the lessons we learn from them can become the building blocks of new hope for the future. In the words of the Apostle Paul: "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus".

Pressing on could be the way forward for the England Football team. It is certainly the way forward for us all, under God, as we look into the future that is all unknown.

*Judith Allford*

## Coffee Morning and Mini Fair

**Saturday 13th July 11.00am–2.00pm**

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## Thank You

Thank you to Mr John Scott MBE and to all the members of the Englefield Green Village Memorial Trust for leading us in a unique Act of Remembrance at our War Memorials on 6th June 2024, the 80th Anniversary of the "D" Day landings. We will remember them.

And thank you to the EGVRA Village Fair Committee for organising a wonderful Village Fair on 22nd June. Our gratitude to all who participated.

## Readings at Communion

Sunday 7th July (6th Sunday after Trinity) Ezekiel 2. 1-5  
Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12. 2-10  
Mark 6. 1-13

Sunday 14th July (7th Sunday after Trinity) Amos 7. 7-15  
Psalm 85. 8-end  
Ephesians 1. 3-14  
Mark 6. 14-29

Sunday 21st July (8th Sunday after Trinity) Jeremiah 23. 1-6  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2. 11-end  
Mark 6. 30-34, 53-end

Sunday 28th July (9th Sunday after Trinity) 2 Kings 4. 42-end  
Psalm 145. 10-19  
Ephesians 4. 14-end  
John 6. 1-21

## Runnymede Food Bank

Thank you as always for your continuing generosity, which is greatly valued. Thank you once again to Geoff Chew for passing on our donations to the Runnymede Food Bank week by week. Please continue to leave donations of imperishable foodstuffs and other goods in the crate in the Monsell Room. Thank you all.

## From the Registers

*Wedding:* (7th June) Paul Adrian Thompson and Victoria Anne Belchamber.

*Funerals:* (6th June) Wendy Angelina Jennifer Bolds; (13th) Vera Winifred Taylor.

## Putting your stamp on it!

A reminder to please keep your donations of used stamps coming. They are put to very good use! Thank you and thank you to Joan who so kindly organises this collection for us.

## St Jude's Schools' Summer Fair

The Fair will be held on the Junior School site in Bagshot Road from 12noon until 4pm. Please do come along and support the Fair – there are lots of special activities this year.

## The Village Centre

Victoria Street, Englefield Green TW20 0QX

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We at The Village Centre invite you to come and enjoy a hot drink, a snack, or even lunch with us in our Café. The Village Centre Café is a welcoming place for you to bring your laptop, visit with your little ones, or meet a friend for coffee. There's plenty for children to do in our lovely play area. The Café is open 9.00am-2.00pm during the week (extended 9am-5pm opening on Thursdays).

If you're on Facebook or Instagram, do follow us for the latest updates about what's on:

<https://www.facebook.com/villagecentreenglefieldgreen> and <https://www.instagram.com/villagecentreenglefieldgreen>

Our Community Fridge is open on Monday and Friday mornings, 9.00am-11.00am.

Our Child Contact Centre runs regular fortnightly sessions on the first and third Saturdays of each month, from 2.00pm-4.00pm. There is no charge for this service. You can contact [coordinator@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@villagecentre.org.uk) or visit our website for more information on making a referral to this service.

Our Lunch Club launched in June and is already growing in numbers. Come and enjoy a free lunch with us on Mondays between 12 and 2 pm. Book your place by the Friday lunchtime of the week before. Email [manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk) or call 01784 471110 to book your place, or come into the Café.

Our team of volunteers is key to the success of the Village Centre. We have a number of outreach programmes where volunteers can get involved. The Englefield Green Child Contact Centre, our Community Fridge, our Café, and our Baby Basics scheme all benefit from our volunteers' dedicated support, and being a volunteer with us means making a difference and being a welcomed and appreciated part of our family. Please do get in touch if you'd like to join us as a volunteer.

For more details about all our activities and for regular news of events, visit our website:

<https://www.villagecentre.org.uk/> or follow our social media accounts (see above). If you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or if you would like to offer your help to the Village Centre, please contact Ali Griffin, our Centre Manager as below. Thank you!

[manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk)

## Diary for July

- 3 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 6 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by Catherine Chew and Geoff Chew – admission free
- 7 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 8 Monday 7.30pm Church Council meets with Archdeacon
- 10 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 13 Saturday Mini Fair/Coffee Morning 11.00am-2.00pm Church open 2.00pm-4.00pm
- 14 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 17 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 21 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 24 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Church Council
- 28 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service

Please note that our 9.30am service each Sunday is always live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.



## St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation



"Excellence in Education, Kindness in Community, Courage through Faith"

Our Schools are nearing the close of another challenging academic year, with some changes on the horizon for September 2024. Please continue to pray for Vicki Chiverton and her Leadership Team and for all the teachers and school staff. They do a wonderful job – we can be very proud of them.

In the last few weeks St Jude's Infant School has had its expected visit from Ofsted. The report from the Inspection Team has not yet been published but will be available very shortly.

A special date for July is the Schools' Summer Fair on Saturday 13th July. The Fair will be held on the Junior School site in Bagshot Road from 12noon until 4pm. Please do come along and support the Fair – there are lots of special activities this year and a huge amount of work goes in to all the planning and preparation and, of course to what happens on the day itself. See you there!

Once again this year, Year 2 of the Infants' School will be holding their Leavers' Service in St Jude's Church. It is a joy to welcome them and to pray for them ahead of their transition to the Junior School.

We wish all the schools' staff, children, parents, carers and governors all the very best for what will be a busy end to the Summer Term! God bless you all.

### **Bereavement Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 25th July from 10.15am onwards**

at the Jurgens Centre,

Church of the Assumption of our Lady, Harvest Road

*Everyone is welcome*

We have an open invitation to join our neighbours at the Church of Assumption of our Lady, Harvest Road, TW20 0QR for their regular Coffee Morning in the Jurgens Centre beside the Church. The Coffee Morning is on the last Thursday of each month. We welcome those who have been bereaved. You will find a quiet and welcoming space to talk or simply to listen and to be amongst friends. The invitation is to everyone, you may or may not be a church goer. You may drop in and out as you wish. We shall be very glad to see you.

### **St Jude's Church Coffee Morning and Mini Fair**

**Saturday 13th July**

**11.00am–2.00pm**

**Books  
CDs, DVDs  
cakes, biscuits  
preserves, marmalade**

This event will close at 2.00pm to enable you to go to the St Jude's Schools' Summer Fair which is open until 4.00pm.

However the Church will remain open until 4.00pm as it's the second Saturday of the month