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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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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

Open Church

In addition to service times, St Jude's Church will be open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on 12th October. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

Fourth Sunday at Four

Have you been to one of our Fourth Sunday at Four Services yet? The next service is on Sunday 27th October at 4pm – the day we are celebrating the Feast of St Jude! 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. Do join us if you can – we'd love to see you there!

Concert

Geoff Chew
(piano)

Saturday 5th October
4.00pm

Admission free
Donations welcome
Refreshments

Coffee

Morning

to celebrate St Jude's Day
Saturday 26th October

10.00–11.30am

Cakes, preserves,
marmalade, etc
Do come along for coffee
and a chat

The Time of Harvest

How many words can you create from the word HARVEST? Very soon our St Jude's Infants and Juniors will come into St Jude's to celebrate their own Harvest Festival. Previously the children have used the word "harvest" to draw attention to the significance of the season.

HARVEST is a time to give thanks to God for all that we HAVE and especially for all that we have to EAT. We remember those who do not have, because we do SHARE God's blessings equally. We remember the VAST number of those who STARVE today because so often we do not have their best interests in our HEARTS. If we are to SAVE the world from hunger, then perhaps we need to SET different priorities in our own lives.

It's a reminder that as we celebrate the abundance of the blessing we so often enjoy, there are many who go hungry because of the greed of others. And yet, Harvest in the 21st Century is also an opportunity to celebrate the work of Food Banks, Community Fridges, food recycling agencies and many other charities and initiatives seeking to address the needs of those who would otherwise go without. We are so thankful for the work of the Runnymede Food Bank on our own doorstep.

Our St Jude's Church Harvest Festival celebration is on Sunday 13th October. Do join us for our 9.30am Holy Communion Service when together we can rejoice and reflect on the joys, challenges, hopes and opportunities of Harvest 2024.

Please join us too as we celebrate St Jude's Day (a day early!) on Sunday 27th October. Jude was one of Jesus' first disciples and possibly a fisherman, so he would have had first-hand experience of the harvest of the seas. But in later life Jude took to the sea as a means of reaching others to share with them the good news of Jesus. It was a decision which would ultimately end in martyrdom alongside another of the apostles – his friend Simon.

We don't know a great deal about Jude. He's not one of the big names of the New Testament. But what we do know makes me very proud to be a part of the schools and church in Englefield Green which bear his name. Jude probably had a nickname – "Thaddeus" which roughly means "of a courageous heart": a moniker with which most of us would be honoured to be dubbed!

Jude was also an educator, with a passion for ensuring that the gospel truths were honestly and accurately presented, and that false or misleading teaching was called out. The New Testament book he is believed to have written is one of the shortest in the Bible, but it packs a real punch! It suggests that Jude was a fearless and uncompromising man, but also a compassionate man, committed to the encouragement and protection of those dear to him. In a day and age when letters are all too rarely written and received, it is a joy to read a letter which begins, as Jude's does, with a loving greeting "Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance".

Jude has also traditionally become known as the Patron Saint of Lost Causes. The ancient church historian Eusebius records that, while Jesus was still alive, the ruler Abgar V of Edessa, an ancient city in what is present day Turkey, succumbed to an incurable disease. Having heard of the miracles of Jesus, the ruler wrote and asked Jesus to visit him. Jesus promised instead to send one of his disciples. After the Ascension of Jesus, Jude went to visit Edessa. He laid his hands on Abgar who was healed immediately.

Jude would not be deflected from his determination to SHARE the love of God. He believed men, women and children would STARVE without Jesus, the Bread of Life, who came to SAVE the world. He reaped a HARVEST of men and women coming to faith in Jesus. He remains a role model for the church today and a testimony to the loving HEART of the Gospel.

Judith Allford

Spick and Span

We are immensely grateful to those who clean our church

BUT – many hands make lighter work!!!

If you have an hour to spare once a month on a Saturday morning, PLEASE come and join our Team!

We can guarantee fun and friendship as well as the satisfaction of keeping our beautiful church looking good.

Please contact Judith on 01784 434133

Readings at Communion

Sunday 6th October
(19th Sunday after Trinity)

Genesis 2. 18–24
Psalm 8
Hebrew 1. 1–4, 2. 5–12
Mark 10. 2–16

Sunday 13th October
(20th Sunday after Trinity)

Amos 5.6–7,10–15
Psalm 90. 12–end
Hebrews 4. 12–end
Mark 10. 17–31

Sunday 20th October
(21st Sunday after Trinity)

Isaiah 53. 4–end
Psalm 91. 9–end
Hebrews 5. 1–10
Mark 10. 35–45

Sunday 27th October
(Simon and Jude, Apostles)
(Last Sunday after Trinity)

Isaiah 28. 14–16
Psalm 119. 89–96
Ephesians 2. 19–end
John 15. 17–end

Runnymede Food Bank

Harvest time gives us a special opportunity to acknowledge those who continue to give so generously through St Jude's to the work of the Runnymede Foodbank, and to thank Geoff Chew who has been overseeing and passing on our contributions for several years now. These are still especially challenging times, financially and in other ways. This means that your donations, in cash and kind are even more appreciated and needed. Donations of imperishable foodstuffs and other goods can still be left in the crate in the Monsell Room. God bless you all.

From the Registers

Funerals: (20th September) Darren Bradley George
(30th September) Richard Thomas Smith

Putting your stamp on it!

We are grateful to all who continue to pass on their used postage stamps to us. They are sent on to a charity and put to very good use! Thank you and thank you to Joan who so kindly organises this collection for us.

Diary for October

- 2 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 5 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital of Czech music by Geoff Chew
- 6 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 8 Tuesday 7.30pm Church Council meets in Village Centre
- 9 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 13 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 16 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 12 Saturday 1.00pm Harvest Lunch (tickets required) and Church open 2.00–4.00pm
- 20 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 23 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 26 Saturday 10.00–11.30am Coffee Morning
- 27 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 30 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

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.

The Village Centre

Victoria Street, Englefield Green TW20 0QX

With the start of October, we are well and truly into Autumn, which this year seemed to start very early and has brought us some very autumnal weather with cold snaps and plenty of rain and then even more rain.

We are lucky to have the Village Centre to go to where we can enjoy both good company and good food. The Cafe hours have now returned to normal after the summer break, and they are 9am-2pm Monday to Friday, apart from Thursday where they are open late till 5pm.

The Monday Lunch Club goes from strength to strength, offering a cooked meal and good company each week. Recent menus have included Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Braised Cabbage, followed by Apple Crisp and Custard, Crustless Quiche with Salad & Asparagus. with Vanilla & Raspberry Ice Cream and Cottage Pie followed by Tiramisu. As you can imagine these menus have proved very popular. The Lunch Club welcomes people aged 55 and over. Please email or phone us by Friday lunchtime to book your place for the following Monday. The meals are provided free, but donations are welcome to help cover costs.

The Community Fridge continues to provide our community with food that would otherwise be wasted. It is open for business on a Monday & Friday morning, from 9am till 11am. The Village Centre Community Fridge joined the St John's Eco Fair on Saturday 14th September and chatted to attendees about our Community Fridge and the Lunch Club They made scrummy bread pudding using leftover bread and gave out leaflets on how to turn surplus food into dishes for the family.

A relationship has been formed with the new Co-op in Englefield Green to collect surplus food on a Sunday and Thursday to tie in with our Community Fridge operating days.

Diana Bendall

For more details about all our activities and for regular news of events, visit our website (see below): or follow our social media accounts. 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!

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St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation



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

As I write I'm very especially looking forward to our Infant and Junior Schools coming into church on Thursday 3rd October for their Harvest Festival Service. It's always a joyous and inspiring occasion, as you can see from the article on page one.

This was always going to be a busy term! But, just three weeks into term, it got even busier with the arrival in the Junior School of the Ofsted Inspectors. A lot of hard work for everyone concerned, but also an opportunity to showcase the school. The Inspectors' report is not due for a while, so it will be business as usual whilst we await their judgment.

Our School Assemblies this term are as usual following the theme provided by the Education Department at the Diocese of Guildford. This time it's "The Topsy-Turvy, 'How-to-Be'-at(t)itudes". We shall be exploring the themes of the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 with emphasis on what Jesus had to say about the qualities of humility, forgiveness, compassion and peace – to name but a few.

Special thanks as always to our amazing team of leaders, teachers, staff, governors, parents and carers – and, most of all, to our children!!!

Bereavement Coffee Morning

Thursday 31st October at 10.15am

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 the 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 anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently, or further back in time. 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.

Still Knitting!

Our Team of knitters is still working hard. Pat and Brian Summers will soon be returning to "Revive and Thrive" at Mychett with another supply of knitted blankets, jumpers and teddies. Many of those have been produced by knitters at the Lynwood Retirement Village in Sunninghill – our special thanks to them and to Di and Alan Fone.

We also have a large supply of knitted squares waiting to be transformed into blankets. For many years Mrs Annie Hudgell, a dear friend of St Jude's who died earlier this year, used to sew the squares together for us. We're looking for volunteers who can carry on this work for us, please! If this would interest you, we would be delighted to hear from you! Please contact us on 01784 434133.

Harvest Lunch

This year's Harvest Lunch will be on Saturday 12th October at 1.00pm in the Monsell Room at St Jude's Church.

Tickets for this are £10 with all profits going to WaterAid. Space is limited so please contact harvest@stjudeschurch.info if you would like to book a place.



MUSIC LESSONS!

FLUTE | SAXOPHONE | CLARINET
VOICE | HARP

Free taster lesson!
£40/hr thereafter

All ages and abilities welcome!

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Chris has recently joined our church choir and would be interested to hear if anyone would like music lessons