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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 11th May. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat and have a look round and perhaps stay for the concert (see below).

Fourth Sunday at Four

Our next Fourth Sunday at Four Service is on Sunday 26th May 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.

Concert

Ernest Lui and
Ben Norris
(piano)

Saturday 11th May

4.00pm

Admission free
Donations welcome
Refreshments

Concert

RHC students
(singing)

Saturday 18th May

4.00pm

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Refreshments

Anniversaries

The year 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the first women to the Church of England priesthood. For some, ordination marked the culmination of steadfast and intense campaigning to see the ministry of women recognised alongside their male colleagues. For others, including me, it had a different feel. I was truly uncertain as to whether this was God's way for me. As the pathway unfolded, I found myself in deep, prayerful, and painful reflection about the way ahead. I shall always be thankful for the counsel of wiser and more mature Christians who encouraged me. They helped me to see that perhaps I could accept this next step as the church's affirmation of my ministry thus far. It could also open the door to new opportunities for ministry. So I took that next step and the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination falls this month.

As I look back, I can only thank God for his utter faithfulness to me on a journey which has held its own challenges, ups and downs, joys, and sorrows, as all our life journeys do. Strangely, although we often reflect on how time flies, that moment of ordination in Southwark Cathedral seems a lifetime away! So often that seems the way of anniversaries. They can bring the past into sharp focus – or they can make us very aware of the swirling mists of time which hide so much from memory.

Every day marks an anniversary for someone. That anniversary may be a cause of joyful celebration or unbearable sadness. It may be a moment to take stock, remember, and to acknowledge our gratitude or our sorrow. Or it may be a time to pull the duvet over our head and wait for tomorrow. In my own life I experience both – and perhaps some of you do also.

Thursday 6th June 2024 marks an important anniversary for our nation. It is the 80th Anniversary of the 'D Day' landings in 1944, such a significant turning point in the progress of the Second World War. Seven men from our village took part in the Normandy landings and they will be remembered, together with many others, in a Service of Remembrance to be held at the village war memorials at 11am that day. We are grateful to Mr John Scott MBE for putting arrangements in place for this ceremony – further details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

This year May marks two significant anniversaries for the Christian Church. On Thursday 9th May we celebrate Ascension Day with a service in St Jude's at 7pm. Please join us if you can. Together we remember the day the risen Jesus returned to his home in glory. The disciples celebrated that day, filled with joy at all God had done for them. But somehow, I imagine there was sorrow too, as a dear and trusted friend was taken from their sight once again. The promise of Jesus' return would have touched their sadness with anticipation, but perhaps increased their bewilderment too. For Christians everywhere, joy, sorrow and anticipation are still present on the anniversary of that day.

On Sunday 19th May we celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church at Pentecost when God the Holy Spirit came. Our Celebration Service will be at our normal time of 9.30am. We look forward to welcoming you. As usual, the service will be live-streamed as we continue to welcome fellow-worshippers from other parts of the country – and other parts of the world! Not unlike the day when the Holy Spirit came among those from "every nation under heaven"! (Acts 2:5).

Sadness and thanksgiving seem so often to go hand in hand. Times of unmitigated joy seem to be all too precious and rare. My heart goes out to everyone who carries the burden of loss. As I continue to muse on my own time of anniversary I can only say that as the years continue to pass, the Lord Jesus Christ has remained faithful to his promises to those first disciples: "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). I believe that is his promise to us all. God bless you.

Judith Allford

Annual Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry Meeting at which the Churchwardens are elected (currently Claudia Tubb and Mike Brooking) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at approx 11.15am on Sunday 12th May. This is where we receive the revised Electoral Roll and the Annual Report and Accounts and elect members of the Church Council.

If you would like your name to be added to the Church Electoral Roll, please email roll@stjudeschurch.info for an application form. Please note that this is nothing to do with the local authority Register of Electors.

Readings at Communion

Sunday 5th May (6th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 10. 44–end Psalm 98 1 John 5. 1–6 John 15. 9–17
Sunday 12th May (7th Sunday of Easter) (Sunday after Ascension Day)	Acts 1. 15–17, 21–end Psalm 1 1 John 5. 9–13 John 17. 6–19
Sunday 19th May (Pentecost)	Acts 2. 1–21 Psalm 104. 26–end Romans 8. 22–27 John 15. 26–27, 16. 4b–15
Sunday 26th May (Trinity Sunday)	Isaiah 6. 1–8 Psalm 29 Romans 8. 12–17 John 3. 1–17

Runnymede Food Bank

Our Annual Parochial Church meeting will include a retrospective written report on our Runnymede Foodbank collection in 2023. We are humbled and delighted that it reveals a steady increase in your giving in this practical and life-sustaining way. Thank you as always for your continuing generosity and thank you once again to Geoff Chew for passing on our donations to the Runnymede Food Bank week by week.

From the Registers

Funerals:

(22nd April) Jean Spanos

(29th April) John Ralph Winship

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.

Diary for May

- 1 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 5 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 8 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 9 Thursday ASCENSION DAY 7.00pm Sung Eucharist
- 11 Saturday 2.00–4.00pm Church open 4.00pm Concert (music students from Royal Holloway)
- 12 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Annual meetings 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 15 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 18 Saturday 4.00pm Concert (music students from Royal Holloway)
- 19 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 22 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 26 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 29 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Please note that our 9.30am 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.

Email: enquiries@stjudeschurch.info

Service of Remembrance

WE WILL



The 80th Anniversary of the 'D' Day Landings on Thursday 6th June 2024 Mr John Scott MBE writes: "The 'D' Day landings of 6th June 1944 were the largest seaborne invasions in history. The landings also involved airborne operations and were the beginning of the liberation of France and western Europe".

Our village commemoration takes place at the cemetery village memorials at 11am on 6th June. Children from St Jude's and St Cuthbert's schools will be attending. We hope many from the village will be able to be with us for this short service which will include remembrance of the seven men from Englefield Green who took part in the landings.

Bereavement Coffee Morning

Thursday 30th May 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 the Assumption of our Lady 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.

Spring Photography Exhibition

Cooper's Hill House, Magna Carta Park,

Englefield Green TW20 0LJ

Monday 13th May 2024 12.00–17.00

Entry £5 payable at the door. All proceeds to Woking and Sam Beare Hospice/Cancer Research UK.

We are delighted that several residents from Cooper's Hill House now worship with us at St Jude's. Some are keen amateur photographers and have contributed to this exhibition, which is their third. They warmly invite us to come and see their work. The entry fee includes a welcome drink.

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We are very grateful to all those who are supporting us by using easyfundraising.co.uk when buying things through Amazon, John Lewis etc. You have raised well over £1400 (so far) for us through this scheme.

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The Village Centre

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April was another very busy month for our Village Centre! Plenty of cooking got done with an Adult Cooking Class on Thursday 11th April, a Children's "Pop-Up" Cooking Event on Thursday 25th April (making natural energy chocolate balls!) and another Adult Class (with a taste of Turkish cuisine!) on Monday 29th April.

One of the other special events was on Thursday 18th April when Jo Layton, an Englefield Green resident and CEO of CAP Worldwide brought a team of volunteers to the Centre for the day. The volunteers had travelled from different places (and different countries!) to be with us. Between them they did some cooking for the Community Fridge and the Café, served in the Café, put together Baby Basics referral baskets, painted the Hall and cleared weeds and debris from the alley and the lane! It was a hugely worthwhile day for which our special thanks to Jo and all the team.

At the end of April, we found ourselves on camera! Hubbub, an award-winning environmental charity, and sponsor of our Community Fridge sent a film crew along to film the Fridge in action! The result will be uploaded to their website and will assist their promotion and marketing.

The Englefield Green Community Bus Service is continuing its Thursday pick-ups from the Village Centre. The idea is to offer older residents, those with a disability, or just those without a car, an occasional shopping opportunity at Brooklands M&S/Tesco stores. The service will run every Thursday in May and departs from the Village Centre at 10.55am. Cost is £5 return, payable on the bus. Seats need to be pre-booked by phoning 07783 910497 or by emailing

communitybus@villagecentre.org.uk

If you'd like further information please phone the Centre directly on 01784 471110.

Last – but not least! – please look out for forthcoming news about a special fundraising event!



St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation

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



At the end of April our Church Council had a special visit from Canon Alex Tear, Director of Education at the Diocese of Guildford, and Mrs Vicki Chiverton, Executive Head of the St Jude's C of E Schools Federation. It was good to meet with them and to hear about some of the issues facing our schools at this time.

We value the support of the Diocesan Department of Education in so many ways, and one of those is the regular provision of themes and materials to guide our assembly planning. This term, with the approach of the Paris Olympics the theme is "Going for Gold". Rev Jeremy Brown, who alternates with me to deliver an assembly each week at both schools, has programmed a series of Bible stories to match each week's topic. We shall also be able to highlight some of our key values, including those of "Perseverance", "Responsibility and "Hope". Please continue to pray for everyone involved in leading this term's assemblies. Thank you!

Royal Holloway College University of London Multi-Faith Chaplaincy

By the time you read this article the Revd Daniel Walker will have been Licensed as the new Anglican Chaplain at RHUL. You can find a brief biography of Daniel on the College website. It is a joy to welcome him to Englefield Green. Please pray for him as he settles into his new role and to life in the Village. Please pray too for the recruitment of a new Roman Catholic Chaplain and for the College's Muslim Chaplain, Nisar Shaikh. We thank God for them.