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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. If you have any questions or 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 9th November. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

Music & Poetry of World War I

a recital of clarinet, piano and poetry

Saturday 9th November

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Donations welcome

Refreshments

Piano Recital

by James Kirby

Saturday 23rd November

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments available

Donations welcome

Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November

2.00–4.00pm

The Village Centre
Victoria Street

Cakes, Preserves, Jams, Teas,

Raffle, Tombola,

CDs, DVDs, Books

Remembrance

In the last week the Bodleian Library at Oxford University announced the discovery of a collection of potentially very exciting squiggles and doodles. The collection is believed to be the earliest engravings made by the 18th Century artist and poet, William Blake. The engravings are spread over the back of a series of copper plates and some of them are too small to be seen with the naked eye. They date from William Blake's time as an apprentice in the 1770s and they would be the result of practice work, never intended to be seen.

William Blake was apprenticed at the age of 15 and, although some of the markings are clearly practice strokes, others are perhaps the idle doodles of wandering thoughts. Strangely comforting perhaps – most of us have done the same, but probably with paper and biro, and far less skill!

We know very little about etchings, but I've been reminded by the publicity which has followed this significant discovery, that the marks of etchings cannot be erased. Once the marks are made, they will not disappear, the only way they can be changed is by adding to them.

The deep scores left by centuries of war and conflict are similar. The marks of sorrow and loss cannot be erased. But, thankfully, neither can history remove the outstanding imprints of courage and self-sacrifice. As we approach Remembrance tide 2024, we continue to grieve the bitterness and loss of war, but we continue to show our gratitude to those whose costly heroism secured, and still secures, our freedom and peace. Here are the plans for Armistice 2024.

Armistice 2024 Englefield Green

As usual, there are several events to honour Villagers who have served our country, including:

Friday 8th November from 10.30am at the Village War Memorials in Englefield Green Cemetery. Our local schools observe their own Act of Remembrance. The children will walk to the Memorials in procession from their schools, led by the Piper, the Revd Will Bissett. The Muster, led by Mr John Scott MBE, will begin at 10.45am and include children participating in readings. The Ceremony of Remembrance will follow promptly at 10.55am and will include the traditional two minutes silence, followed by the Laying of Wreaths. Our trumpeter is Mr Rob McHarg. Our local MP for our Windsor Constituency, Mr Jack Rankin, will be in attendance.

Sunday 10th November from 10.45am at the Village War Memorials in Englefield Green Cemetery. The Marching Party sets off at 10.45 am from their assembly point in Bagshot Road, led by our Piper, Mr Robert Williams. The short service of Remembrance will begin promptly at 10.55am and the Last Post will be sounded at 11.00am by Mr James Pherson of the Egham Town Band. This will be followed by the traditional two minutes silence and the sound of the Reveille, after which wreaths will be presented at the Memorials.

Approx 11.15am Our Commemoration continues with a Parade Service in St Jude's Church. Please stay on and join us for this special annual Service. This year we are particularly honouring with our remembrance a courageous daughter of Englefield Green who, together with other members of her family, is at rest in our village cemetery.

Our thanks to Mr John Scott for organising these events for us once again and to everyone who is participating in these ceremonies. Our thanks also to Harrison's Funeral Directors on Harvest Road, who have kindly donated the orders of service for both Sunday services and to Mr John Walsh for providing the sound system once again this year.

Please join us. To remember, to be thankful, to acknowledge that the marks we add to life count. We can choose to add bitterness or kindness. We can choose to be defined by fear, or we can find practical ways to reach out to those bearing the suffering that war, past and present, leaves behind. We can mourn the horror of war, but also pray for peace. And we can be forever grateful that the cross of Jesus, indelibly impressed into history, has carved out the way of salvation for the world.
Judith Allford

Fourth Sunday at Four

Have you been to one of our Fourth Sunday at Four Services yet? The next service is on Sunday 24th November at 4pm. November is often seen as a month of remembrance and our service will reflect that theme and focus on prayer for the Peace of the World. 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.

Runnymede Food Bank

A special thank you for the additional Harvest gifts we received at St Jude's last month on behalf of the Runnymede Foodbank. As always, the Foodbank was appreciative of your generous giving. Thank you all and, as always, thank you to Geoff Chew who continues to manage and to pass on our donations week by week. With the approach of Christmas many people will be facing additional financial challenges, so your generosity means even more. Thank you. Donations of imperishable foodstuffs and other items can still be left in the crate in the Monsell Room.

From the Registers

Funerals: (16th October) Diana Mary Snaith
(23rd October) Margaret Eileen Joyce Hampstead

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.

Readings at Communion

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| Sunday 3rd November (4th Sunday before Advent) (All Saints' Day) | Isaiah 25. 6-9 Psalm 24. 1-6 Revelation 21. 1-6a John 11. 32-44 |
| Sunday 10th November (3rd Sunday before Advent) (Remembrance Sunday) | Jonah 3. 1-5, 10 Psalm 62. 5-end Hebrews 9. 24-end Mark 1. 14-20 |
| Sunday 17th November (2nd Sunday before Advent) (Safeguarding Sunday) | Daniel 12. 1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13. 1-8 |
| Sunday 24th November (Sunday next before Advent) (Christ the King) | Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1. 4b-8 John 18. 33-37 |

The Village Centre

Victoria Street, Englefield Green TW20 0QX

The Village Centre plays an important part in the life of the Church of St Jude's, in the life of the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit and in the life of the community here in Englefield Green. The Village Centre was the dream of members of the original church that met on the site who were no longer able to sustain the work that they were doing and, together with friends in the Circuit they formed links with the church at St Jude's where they were able to worship and at the same time they re-organised the Methodist church so that it could become a focal point for the village.

Over the years the team that runs the Centre has changed and each team has built on the work that had been done. The range of activities has changed as the needs of the community has altered. I came to the Centre in 2015 and was impressed by what was being done. We had to do a lot of work on the building to bring it up to the standards required and in more recent years we have been able to refurbish the Centre with the support of individuals and the Local Council. This process is never ending and we are currently looking at further enhancements to the kitchen area in the back hall. This is all very exciting and should enable us to continue to support the community in new and innovative ways.

We are blessed with a team of paid staff and volunteers who ensure that the Centre continues to function and the Management Committee realises how important everyone on this team is. Sometimes they are able to come up with ideas that we can explore and this helps us to be relevant to the needs of our churches and the community.

The Methodist Church is in the process of appointing new staff and one of the considerations is making sure that the Village Centre forms part of their remit. We have yet to work out the precise role, but the aim would be to build on the good things that have happened since the Village Centre opened so many years ago.

It is worth popping in to the Centre so that you can see for yourself what is going on and perhaps take advantage of what is on offer. If you look back to the article in The Ship last month Diana gave a good outline of things that are available.

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Diary for November

- 3 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 4 Monday 7.30pm Church Council meets (Zoom)
- 6 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 9 Saturday 2.00-3.45pm Church open 4.00-5.30pm Words and Music (WWI)
- 10 Remembrance Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 10.55am Act of Remembrance outside followed by service in church 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 13 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 17 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 2.30pm Blessing of Graves with tea afterwards
- 20 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 23 Saturday 4.00-5.30pm Piano Recital by James Kirby
- 24 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 27 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 30 Saturday 2.00-4.00pm Christmas Market in the Village Centre

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' Harvest Festival Service on 3rd October proved indeed to be an occasion of great joy, with one of our children raising her hand to remind us that we all have so much for which to be grateful to God. It was a timely reminder and gave us something very special to share with another team of inspectors who came into the Junior School the following week!

Yes! In a period of just four months St Jude's Schools Federation has had three major inspections – two by OFSTED and the most recent by an inspector from the SIAMS programme (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

Our Junior School was thrilled to have a truly encouraging report from OFSTED. The "single word" inspection outcome no longer exists, but we received very many "goods" throughout the report. Subsequently we received a similarly heartening report from SIAMS. I quote from the letter sent out to parents and carers by the co-chairs of our Governing Body to accompany the reports:

Inspections are a big deal. They give Governors an independent and objective view of a school and with that insight, action can be taken to improve weaknesses and capitalise on strengths. They also inform the direction along which a school can evolve and strengthen.

The latest inspection reports for the Junior school are tremendously encouraging and reflect the enormous progress that the school is making. They also reflect the dedication of our teachers and staff and the positive impact they are having on our children, day in, day out. The children are receiving a great education and more, they are experiencing 'life' in an environment which is loving, energised, accountable, inspiring and safe.

We are incredibly proud of our Headteacher, Vicki Chiverton and her entire team. Together, they are working selflessly to make St Jude's Schools Federation the very best it can be. Much has been delivered. There's more to do. And we have every confidence that working together – Leaders, Teachers, Staff, Governors, Parents & Carers – our children's potential will continue to flourish, inspired, as the SIAMS inspector particularly observed, by our very own St Jude and our Vision created around him.

All reports can be seen at <https://www.stjudes.surrey.sch.uk/information/ofsted-and-siams>

Congratulations everyone! And thank you for your prayers.

Bereavement Coffee Morning

Thursday 28th November 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. Please also see the invitation below:

All Souls' Day

Saturday 2nd November All Souls Day, 10.00am, Church of the Assumption of our Lady

A Mass will take place this morning for those who are bereaved. This will be followed by a quiet Social Coffee in Jurgens Centre. There is an open invitation to anyone who would like to attend.

Wednesday 6th November at 10.00am, St Jude's Church

As in previous years our regular weekly service of Holy Communion on the November Wednesday closest to All Souls' Day, will focus on the reading of the Roll of Remembrance for our loved ones no longer with us here. If you have the name of someone you would like to ensure is included, please let us know.

Blessing of the Cemetery Graves

Sunday 17th November 2024 2.45 for 3pm start in Englefield Green Cemetery

Please join us and our friends from the Church of the Assumption of our Lady for our annual Blessing of the graves of loved ones and families laid to rest in Englefield Green Cemetery. The Blessing will be led by Canon Chris Spain and the Revd Judith Allford. If you cannot be with us but would like a blessing for a grave of significance to you, please get in touch and tell us the name of the person and the location of their grave, so that we can include it. Tea and cake (generously provided by our friends from the Roman Catholic congregation) will be served afterwards in the Monsell Room at St Jude's.

Still Knitting!

We continue to thank all our knitters, including the team 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.