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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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Open Church

Just as we had become accustomed to having "Open Church" again on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the many months of lockdowns, we now find that this will not be possible for a while (Christmas Mini-Market in November). So the next time the Church will be open on the 2nd Saturday of the month between 2.00pm and 4.00pm will be on 10th December. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat and have a look round.

CHRISTMAS MINI-MARKET



**Saturday 12th November
2.00–4.00pm**

**The Village Centre
Victoria Street**

CAKES, PRESERVES, JAMS
TEAS, RAFFLE,
TOMBOLA
CDs, BOOKS

Mince Pie Tea

**27th November
2.30–3.50pm
followed by
Service for Advent
at 4.00pm
All welcome**

November

Our island history is full of stories about our Leaders and the ways that they come to power and the ways that they give it up. These are many and varied. One particular event that shows what can happen when things do not turn out as expected is recalled at this time each year. It goes back to 1605 when Guy Fawkes (who was in charge of looking after the gunpowder) and his fellow conspirators put in place a scheme to blow up the House of Lords and assassinate King James I. The scheme was thwarted and 5th November became the date to mark the event which features bonfires and fireworks. As I grew up the evening of 5th November was an occasion for families and neighbours to get together. We would enjoy watching the fireworks and standing around the bonfire as it burst into flames. We would roast chestnuts and marshmallows. Over the years traditions have changed quite a lot as we have become more aware of the impact of our actions on our world and the people living around us. Thankfully we have also come to realise that there are better ways to deal with those who disagree with us!

I cannot recall the last time I was at a bonfire party. However, bonfires, fireworks and religion have often gone hand in hand for a very long time. China is a country where their religious traditions featuring fireworks go back for over 2000 years. Some communities in the Mediterranean link Saints Days with fireworks following Masses held for local saints. Our November 5th tradition probably grew out of the celebration of New Year which used to take place on the 1st November which people marked with bonfires all over the land.

The month of November also provides us with an opportunity to remember those who have died in the wars that have ravaged our world. In particular we think of previous generations who have lost their lives in the first and second world wars, but we know all too well that there have been many wars since then and we know that wars continue today. Year by year people gather together as families and communities to pay their respects and give thanks for the sacrifice made by so many in order that we may live peaceable lives. We owe them a great deal. It is worth bearing in mind just how blessed we are to live in a country that is at peace. Over the past few weeks many people have been caught up with what has been happening in the world of politics. I do not intend to delve into the rights and wrongs of what has happened, but by the time you read these lines we will have a new Prime Minister. We have perhaps seen in a unique way just how complicated it can be to look after a country as complex as ours. Maybe as we think about the peace that we enjoy we might also think of those in Parliament who seek to maintain this peace; that they will listen to each other and to the wider community to ensure that we can continue to enjoy peace and share it with all.

The Apostle Paul put it like this, "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity."

Andrew Reed

Food Bank

Thank you to all of you who regularly contribute to the Runnymede Food Bank by leaving non-perishable food items in St Jude's week by week. These items are delivered by Geoff Chew each Monday to the Food Bank Collection point on the Thorpe Trading Estate, Egham.

The quantities delivered in the first four weeks of October:

3 Oct 12kg; 10 Oct 26.5 kg; 17 Oct 14 kg; 24 Oct 13 kg; representing an average of approximately 16.5 kg per week.

The generosity shown in this way by members of St Jude's is commented on with pleasure and surprise, almost every week, by those operating the Food Bank. At a time when many are experiencing hardship because of the rising cost of living such generosity cannot be underestimated. Thank you everyone.

Fourth Sunday at Four

We are introducing an occasional service of early evening worship on the fourth Sunday in the month. The first of these will be a service for Advent Sunday on 27th November at 4.00pm. This will follow a Mince Pie Tea in the Monsell Room from 2.30pm. All are warmly invited – both to the tea and/or to the service which follows.

Christmas Services at St Jude's

Please find below the dates and times of our Christmas Services. More details in the December edition of this Newsletter.

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm

Blue Christmas Service

Saturday 17th December at 3.00pm

(A Service for those of us who find Christmas difficult – for whatever reason)

Children's Crib Service

Saturday 24th December 4.00pm (Christmas Eve)

Holy Communion

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm (Christmas Eve)

Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December 8.00am and 9.30am
(Christmas Day)

Readings at Communion

6th November (3rd Sunday before Advent) Job 19. 23–27a
Psalm 17. 1–9
2 Thessalonians 2.1–5, 13–end
Luke 20. 27–38

13th November (2nd Sunday before Advent) Malachi 4. 1–2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3. 6–13
Luke 21. 5–19

20th November (Christ the King) Jeremiah 23. 1–6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1. 11–20
Luke 23. 33–43

27th November (Advent Sunday) Isaiah 2. 1–5
Psalm 122
Romans 13. 11–end
Matthew 24. 36–44

From the Registers

Baptisms: (16th October) Bella Autumn Tobin

Funerals: (5th October) Edward Green
(17th October) Derek Brian Hartnell
(19th October) Patricia Mary Scott "Pat"

Burial of Cremated remains:
(18th October) Kenneth William Richards

Diary for November

- 2 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 6 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion 3.00pm Blessing of graves
- 8 Tuesday 7.30pm Church Council meets
- 9 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 12 Saturday 2.00–4.00pm Christmas Mini-Market in the Village Centre
- 13 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion 10.55am Act of Remembrance outside followed by Remembrance Sunday service in church
- 16 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 20 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 23 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 27 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
2.30–3.50pm Advent Sunday tea 4.00pm Advent service

Please note that there will always be either a live-streamed service or a pre-recorded reflection on our YouTube Channel each Sunday from 9.30am. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.

The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk 01784 471110

The main message this month is – please look at our new website! We are hugely grateful to Ali, our Centre Manager for the enormous amount of work she has put in to getting the website up and running. Please take some time to explore it. You will find lots of information about the Centre and the variety of projects which the Centre supports. You will also find up to date details of current and future activities in the Centre.

Please do share the website address with family and friends, neighbours and colleagues within our community. There is something to appeal to everyone and the website provides an excellent insight into the vital role that our Village Centre plays in the life of our Village. You will also find links there to the Staines and Feltham Methodist website and the St Jude's website also. There are also details about how you can further support our work by becoming a "Friend of the Village Centre".

Coming up very soon is one of our first celebrations for Christmas. Please save the date of Saturday 12th November, 2–4pm when there will be a Christmas event for children in the Village Centre Hall and a St Jude's Christmas Market running at the same time in the Café area. There will be no charge for entry to either event but there will be refreshments and other goodies on sale. We are looking for volunteers to help – please contact us if you can offer your support. Further details will be available on our website nearer the time! Thank you!

As always, if you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or if you would like to offer your help to the Centre please contact Ali Watts, our Centre Manager as below. Thank you!

manager@villagecentre.org.uk

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Please do remember that if you register with easyfundraising.org.uk and select St Jude's Church, Englefield Green as your chosen charity, you can then shop online with many organisations (including Amazon, John Lewis, etc) and make money for St Jude's at the same time without costing you a penny. So far we have raised over £1200 by this scheme.

Concerts in Church

Our thanks to James Kirby for a marvellous recital last month of Beethoven, Chopin and Ravel – plus a lovely piece by Rachmaninov.

The next scheduled concert in Church is on Saturday 3rd December at 4.00pm when we will welcome Vox Mundi, a ladies choir.

Our Church Schools

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

The Governing Bodies of both our schools are continuing to consult on a proposal to federate. More details are given below and we are grateful to those who have already responded to the consultation using one of the website addresses. There are still a few days before the consultation closes.

"St Jude's Junior School has long been a cornerstone of our parish and last year it was joined by St Jude's Infant School, a new church infant school created from the closure of Englefield Green Infant School and Nurseries and Christ Church Infant School. From the outset, the two schools have had a shared Christian vision and set of values and have worked closely together. The Governing Bodies of each school are currently consulting on a proposal to federate, which means that a single Governing Body will be responsible for both schools from next February; a natural extension of the schools' evolution to date. The consultation proposal and how to respond can be found on each school's website: www.stjudes.surrey.sch.uk or www.stjudesinfant.surrey.sch.uk.

The consultation will close on the 11th November".

St Jude's Junior School came into church at Harvest time and offered a wonderful celebration with singing, readings, prayers and visual aids. Both schools are marking St Jude's Day with assemblies exploring what we know about the saint who gave his name to a church and two schools in the heart of Englefield Green!

We are privileged to have two excellent church schools in our community. If you would like to know more about them, please contact:
Miss Michelle McNamee head@stjudesinfant.surrey.sch.uk
01784 435586
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01784 432180

In Remembrance

As always, November is a significant time of Reflection and Remembrance.

At St Jude's we shall be observing this poignant time as follows:

Wednesday 2nd November — ALL SOULS DAY

At our 10am Service of Holy Communion we shall be commemorating the lives of some of those who once worshipped with us at St Jude's.

Sunday 6th November 3pm

We gather at the Cemetery Gates on St Jude's Road to participate in a blessing of the graves of loved ones led by Father Chris Spain of our Lady Church of the Assumption. Refreshments afterwards in the Monsell Room at St Jude's.

Sunday 13th November

We gather at the Englefield Green War Memorials within the Cemetery from 10.45am onwards to share in an Act of Remembrance for the fallen which will include the traditional two minutes silence at 11am. This will be followed immediately afterwards by a Parade Service in St Jude's for our uniformed organisations. Our preacher will be the Revd Will Bissett.

ALL welcome

Angeli's Art Sessions

We are pleased to advertise these art classes for Angeli who uses our Monsell Room every Tuesday.

Angeli's Art Sessions



Haven't done any art since school days?

Looking for a pastime to you'll enjoy?

Join our adult art sessions and
tap into your creativity!

Exploring a variety of media and styles
to stretch your skills

Beginners and Improvers welcome

Tuesday mornings 9.30am–12.30pm

The Monsell Room
St Jude's Church, Englefield Green

Limited places available

Further details contact Angeli on:
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The Village Centre & St Jude's Church



**CHRISTMAS
MARKET & FREE
KIDS FAIR
12TH NOV
2PM-4PM**

**FACEPAINTING*
TOMBOLA
XMAS CAKE & COOKIE DECORATING
HOOK A BAUBLE*
PIG RACING
RAFFLE*
REFRESHMENTS & MINCE PIES
SANTA FLIP*
CAKE STALL
ARTS&CRAFTS CORNER
PLUS MUCH MORE....**