

# 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 8th June. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

## Fourth Sunday at Four

Our next Fourth Sunday at Four Service is on Sunday 23rd June 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**  
**Vox Mundi**  
(a ladies' choir)  
**Saturday 15th June**  
4.00pm  
Admission free  
Donations welcome  
Refreshments

## My Sabbatical (contd)

I look forward to coming back in September to share what I have learnt whilst away with a view to supporting the Circuit and local Churches over the next Connexional year that starts in September.

In the meantime, I hope that you have a blessed and peaceful summer with the opportunity for rest, relaxation as well as finding time to spend with family and friends.

On Sunday 1st September at 9:30am I will be sharing in a special Methodist Covenant service at St Jude's and I do hope that you will be able to join me.

Andrew Reed

## My Sabbatical

Over the years that I have been involved with the life of the Church and the Village Centre here in Englefield Green I have enjoyed writing articles for "The Ship". Some time ago I was asked to write an article for this edition. I think that at the time I was asked I did not know that from 1st June to 31st August I would be on a Sabbatical. I am not sure if there is a scheme for Anglican Vicars or how it might work, but Methodist Ministers are very strongly encouraged to take a period of time out of their normal routine. I know that some people struggle with the idea of Ministers taking a Sabbatical and I thought that it might be helpful to know why they are part of the requirement for Presbyters and Deacons in the Methodist Church. The rule is set out in our Standing Orders.

(1) The main point is that "...a presbyter or deacon in Full Connexion stationed in an appointment within the control of the (Methodist) Church shall (in the performance of his or her duties as a minister) at intervals (normally every seven years) undertake a sabbatical, that is a period of release from the ordinary duties of the appointment, in addition to normal holidays, for the purpose of pursuing an approved programme of study, research, or experience.

(2) Normally the length of the sabbatical shall be three months.

The programme to be followed is arranged between the South East District Sabbaticals Advisory Group and the Local Sabbatical Support Group. We have been working over the past few months to devise the programme which in my case has three elements:

(a) Working with a Charity based in Worthing on the south coast who refurbish wheelchairs. This is something that I feel would enable me to explore what I might do when I "sit down" (retire) in August 2025. I like working with mechanical and electrical things and would like to put these skills to use and perhaps enhance my knowledge at the same time.

(b) Continuing a process that began during my previous Sabbatical when I looked at the Minor Prophets. I have been through all of the books and have a good understanding of the story, but I would like to extend this by looking at hymns, songs and music that relate to these books. The other day I discovered that several years ago someone wrote a musical about the book of Hosea. The really strange thing is that I found out that I actually knew one of the songs! Anyway, I will introduce you to it in the autumn. It seems that this might be a prolonged and interesting piece of work which I will enjoy.

(c) The third task is to trawl back through hours of video recordings that I have collected over the years in order to compile a series of videos for my family. This will add to the collection of short films that I have created for many of the foster children who have stayed with Pat and me over the years.

At the end of the Sabbatical I will write a report for the District Sabbaticals Advisory Group which is also shared with the Circuit and Churches which will include St Jude's.

One of the roles of the Local Sabbatical Support Group is to make sure that arrangements are in place to cover my duties whilst I am away. Much time has been spent to ensure that tasks have been covered. I have also endeavoured to complete some tasks before heading off. At St. Jude's Judith is covering those Services that I would normally conduct and at the Village Centre the Centre Manager and the staff and Volunteers will continue to function with the able support of members of the Methodist Circuit Team when necessary. You can see that a lot of work goes into setting up a Sabbatical and I am grateful for all that has been done to get to this point.

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## Annual Meeting – 12th May

Thank you to those who attended our APCM. At the meeting our two churchwardens, Claudia Tubb and Mike Brooking, were elected to serve for another year. Gratitude was expressed for their leadership and for their willingness to continue in their roles.

Two of the longest-standing members of our Ecumenical Church Council, Jenny Chew and Aidan Hopkins, stepped down this year. Gratitude was expressed to them for their commitment and length of service. There remain two vacancies on the Council, which we shall be looking to fill in the year ahead.

Our Electoral Roll now stands at 90 people. Brian Hooker, our Hon Treasurer, presented our 2023 accounts. We are grateful to those who give generously to the work of St Jude's, and we also recognise that our giving needs to grow if we can maintain this work.

A special highlight of our meeting was the presentation of the report on our Church Schools by our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Vicki Chiverton.

Our printed Annual Report for 2023 contains more information about our church activities, including a report on our Village Centre. Copies are still available in church.

We thank God for his grace and love towards us.

## Readings at Communion

Sunday 2nd June (1st Sunday after Trinity)	1 Samuel 3. 1-10 Psalm 139 . 1-5, 12-18 2 Corinthians 4. 5-12 Mark 2.23-3.6
Sunday 9th June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)	Genesis 3. 8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Mark 3. 20-end
Sunday 16th June (3rd Sunday after Trinity)	Ezekiel 17.22-end Psalm 92. 1-4, 12-end 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 Mark 4. 26-34
Sunday 23rd June (4th Sunday after Trinity)	Job 38. 1-11 Psalm 107. 23-32 2 Corinthians 6. 1-13 Mark 4. 35-end
Sunday 30th June (5th Sunday after Trinity)	Wisdom 1.13-15, 2. 23-24 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8. 7-end Mark 5. 21-end

## Could this be you?

Special thanks were also expressed at our APCM to members of the congregation who have been acting 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 or please speak to Claudia or Susie, who will be happy to tell you more about the role.

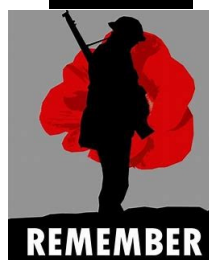
## Diary for June

- 2 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 4 Tuesday 7.30pm Church Council meets in church
- 5 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 6 Thursday 11.00am Anniversary of D-Day at War Memorials (in church if wet)
- 8 Saturday 2-4.00pm Church open
- 9 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 11 Tuesday 7.00pm Deanery Synod meets in St Jude's Church
- 12 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 15 Saturday 4.00pm Concert Vox Mundi (a ladies' choir)
- 16 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 19 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 22 Saturday 12.00-5.00pm Village Fair on The Green
- 23 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 26 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 30 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Morning Service NO 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.

## 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 27th June 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 in Harvest Road for their regular Coffee Morning in the Jurgens Centre beside the Church.

## Runnymede Food Bank

Thank you as always for your continuing generosity, which is greatly valued. Please continue to leave donations of perishable foodstuffs and other goods in the crate in the Monsell Room. Thank you all.

## From the Registers

*Baptisms:* (5th May) Jaxx George Kelly and Maxx Cain Charlie Kelly

*Wedding:* (25th May) Thomas James Caplin and Katherine Anne Carr

*Funerals:* (9th May) Ann Patricia Hudgell; (10th May) Daphne Ann Nicolaou; (30th May) John Leonard Barrow and in Remembrance Yvonne Barrow

## 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.

## **The Village Centre**

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We have a busy month ahead in June! On Friday 7th June we have our Barn Dance. We are hoping to raise funds for our Outreach programmes through Ticket and Raffle sales. 60 tickets have already been sold and the event is now full! Our caller for the evening is Barry Bullimore, who, before his move to Gosport, used to run weekly barn dances at Laleham Methodist Church. We very much look forward to a happy evening. Thank you all for your support.

The week commencing 10th June is "The Big Green Week"! There are various eco-friendly events happening around Englefield Green during this week. On Thursday 13th June we have a Children's Cooking afternoon from 3.30pm. The theme of the afternoon is "bees" and we are delighted that Richard Emmett will be visiting us with his display bee-hive. There will then be an opportunity for the children to do some honey-based cooking. We also have another special visitor that afternoon. Elaine Gill, who is just beginning a second term as Mayor of Runnymede, will be looking in on us! We look forward to welcoming her once again to the Village Centre.

On Friday 14th June from 12.30pm–2.30pm, we shall be holding another of our Adult Cooking Classes. On this occasion especially we shall be promoting healthy, sustainable cooking.

Our Child Contact Centre and our Baby Basics Programme both continue to thrive, and June will be busy for them also. And the Centre remains busy each month with private bookings for birthday parties, baby showers and other family gatherings. The Flow Church continues to meet on our premises each Sunday.

Please contact us in one of the ways suggested above if you would like more information about any of our activities — or if you would like to become a volunteer at the Centre! Our Manager, Mrs Alison Griffin, would always be glad to hear from you. Thank you!



## **St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation**

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



Last month I was privileged to be in St Jude's Junior School on two days when children in Year 6 were sitting their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests).

My task, together with that of other School Governors, was to see that everything was done properly and in order: that no one had a chance to look at the papers before they were put in the hands of individual children; that the papers were all safely gathered up at the end of each test and then securely packaged up ready to be collected later. So, in fact our role was a very tiny one, but hugely important too.

It made me want to congratulate all of Year 6, as well as all members of the school staff and volunteers who were involved in the process, on how calmly, efficiently, and courageously everyone tackled such a daunting and demanding four days. It was a huge challenge for everyone, and the normal day to day life of the school was still happening! Congratulations to children in other years who passed their "Bikeability" test the same week!

In our Collective Worship we've been thinking about how we tackle some of life's challenges and it was inspiring to see SATS being addressed with such a sense of responsibility and respect, and compassion for each other.

These are challenging times throughout education and the St Jude's Schools Federation is facing the prospect of several changes during the next academic year. Please pray especially for our Senior Leadership Team, and the Governing Body, as they lead the consultation on these changes. Please pray too for all our staff, parents and children as they share in the decision making process, with that same sense of responsibility, respect and compassion towards one another.

## **Royal Holloway College University of London Multi-Faith Chaplaincy**

Our congratulations to the Revd Daniel Walker who was licensed on 2nd May by the Ven Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking, as the Anglican Chaplain at RHUL. Please continue to pray for Daniel 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.