



The Ship

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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 11.00am and 4.00pm on 14th September. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

Fourth Sunday at Four A service for a summer afternoon

Have you been to one of our Fourth Sunday at Four services yet? The next service is on Sunday 22nd September 4pm. 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!

Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th September

**11.00am and then
church is open until
4.00pm**

Cakes, preserves, marmalade

Do come along for coffee
and a chat

Concert

**Lesley Shrigley-Jones
(cello)**

**Saturday 21st September
4.00pm**

Admission free
Donations welcome
Refreshments

For Everything there is a Season

How will you remember the Summer of 2024? Recently I heard these last weeks described as the "Summer of the Swifties". The incredibly talented and universally popular American singer Taylor Swift has been completing a major European Tour, including, I think, eight nights at Wembley. It would be true to say that her amazing performances, and her seemingly invincible stamina, have appeared to bring a lot of summer joy to a lot of people.

One event I shall remember is the Paris Olympics. At the time of writing, I am also looking forward to the Paralympics, which begin in a couple of days. I have been captivated by the skill and endurance of the athletes and by the many examples of joy in success and graciousness in disappointment. All of them deserve our congratulations and our admiration.

The Summer in Englefield Green has been somewhat dominated by road works and the negotiation of a temporary one-way system. But we've welcomed some hard-working and engaging workmen – all the way from north-east England! In between-times we have seen the refurbishment of our beautiful Village War Memorial and the emerging transformation of the local Spar shop into a branch of the Co-op. The latter is a reminder of everything we owe to all our local retailers. Thank you for the character and commitment you bring to the village.

Nationally we have had a change of Government, and we have also seen some of the worst city riots of recent years. Sadly, the riots seemed initially have been triggered by the overwhelmingly tragic events in Southport when three little girls lost their lives and others were injured. Ironically, they had been participating in a Taylor Swift themed dance event.

For some, the Summer of 24 will be remembered as a Summer of freedom before taking up places in higher education or embarking on a new career. We look forward to welcoming to Englefield Green a new cohort of students at Royal Holloway College, University of London. Within the College itself, members of the multifaith Chaplaincy Team will be among many people on hand greeting new arrivals and supporting them to settle into student life. Please remember especially the Revd Daniel Walker, Anglican Chaplain, and Nisar Shaikh, Muslim chaplain.

The Chaplaincy website reads: *Chaplains are available to see all members of the University – students and staff, of any faith or none. We aim to support students and staff in building supportive communities of faith, where fundamental questions can be explored and a deep personal search for meaning is encouraged.*

For some of us, the Summer of 2024 has raised its own questions and intensified our search for meaning in life. My heart goes out to those who have experienced these months as a time of personal loss, or have perhaps been struggling with their own illness, or the illness of someone dear. Globally, we watch on with sadness, horror and fear as escalating war dominates our headlines. Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia – and the very many almost forgotten conflicts elsewhere in our world – continue to rob innocent children of their futures, tear families apart, wreak immeasurable havoc in many lives and cast long, dark shadows over any hope or prospect of a world at peace.

As we begin to leave Summer behind, what will be uppermost in our minds? One of my stand-out moments from the Olympics came in the rowing when Team GB's Imogen Grant and Emily Craig won gold in the lightweight double sculls. It was the last time that would be an Olympic event. Afterwards the women were asked if they were disappointed that they would not be able to defend their title. Definitely not, they agreed, because we shall always be the Olympic champions! They had won a gold medal and a constant in their changing, competitive world.

In the changing seasons of 2024 and beyond, I too look for a constant. I find it in Jesus Christ, the same "yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). As Autumn 2024 dawns why not join us at St Jude's in celebrating the unchanging love of our ever-present God?

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 1st September Deuteronomy 4. 1–2, 6–9
(14th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 15
James 1. 17–end
Mark 7. 1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Sunday 8th September Isaiah 35. 4–7a
(15th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 146
James 2.1–10, (11–13), 14–17
Mark 7. 24–end

Sunday 15th September Isaiah 50. 4–9a
(16th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 116. 1–8
James 3. 1–12
Mark 8. 27–end

Sunday 22nd September Jeremiah 11. 18–20
(17th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 54
James 3. 14–4.3, 7–8a
Mark 9. 30–37

Sunday 29th September Revelation 12. 7–12
(St Michael and All Angels) Psalm 103. 19–end
Hebrew 1. 5–end
John 1. 47–end

Runnymede Food Bank

We are grateful for all your continuing donations. Geoff Chew kindly passes on your donations to the Runnymede Food Bank each week and thanks are always expressed for your generosity. Donations of imperishable foodstuffs and other goods can still be left in the crate in the Monsell Room. Thank you all.

From the Registers

Baptisms: (8th August) Edith Winnie Hazel Groves
(18th August) Jude Alexander Marc Lamble
(25th August) Freya Isabella Elizabeth Coyte
(25th August) Jsaac Langham Bradbeer-Dubery

Funeral: (22nd August) Shirley Clara Long

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 September

- 1 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Covenant service and Informal Holy Communion
- 4 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 8 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 11 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 14 Saturday Coffee Morning from 11.00am and Church open until 4.00pm
- 15 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 18 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 19 Thursday 7.30pm Church Council meets
- 21 Saturday 4.00pm Concert – Lesley Shrigley-Jones (cello)
- 22 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 25 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 29 Sunday St Michael and All Angels 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist

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.

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Last month we published a Job Outline for the role of Honorary Treasurer to the Village Centre. You will remember that our present Treasurer, Andrew Sheer, who has fulfilled this role for many years, is hoping to relinquish the role in the very near future. As we said last month, we are immeasurably grateful to Andrew and extremely reluctant to let him go, but we need to find his successor!

At the most recent meeting of the Village Centre Management Committee, we looked again at the Job Description. The Treasurer is, of course, a full member of the VCMC and we do need someone who is in full sympathy with the Christian foundation and ethos of the Centre and able to attend Management meetings.

We have revised the Job Description, and we are now simply looking for someone who would be willing to concentrate on budgeting, book-keeping and accounting. The practical day to day aspects of the role, such as cashing-up and banking will be covered in a different way. This may make the Treasurer's role rather more straightforward and less demanding of time day to day.

We still hope that perhaps someone reading this article may know of someone who could be right for this role and who would be willing to consider it. So – for further information and a Job Description, please contact Ali Griffin, our Centre Manager on 01784 471110. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you! Please pray with us that the right person will be found.

With the start of the new school term our Café hours of opening revert to 9am–2pm each weekday except for Thursday, when we are open all day from 9am–5pm.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our activities during the summer weeks. A reminder that our over 55s lunch on Mondays at 12noon continues, plus all our other outreach activities. There is no charge for lunch, but you will need to book in advance, by lunchtime on Friday please, by calling 01784 471110.

For more details about all our activities and for regular news of events, visit our website (see above): 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!



St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation

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



September is a season of new beginnings, and we especially invite your prayers for children and school staff making fresh starts of their own.

Please remember students who last year were in Year 6 at our Junior School. They will now be starting life in secondary schools. Many will be doing so alongside friends from St Jude's. Others will be more on their own. For all of them we hope for new friendships and exciting opportunities to grow in maturity and knowledge. We wish them all very well.

And of course, there are similar major transitions between year 2 and year 3, moving from Nursery into Reception, and from home into a school setting. Please remember both children and families adjusting to these big life changes.

We have some new teachers and teaching assistants joining us this term – and some of those who have previously worked with us are beginning their retirements or starting new jobs elsewhere. We are grateful to them all and send our very best wishes to them as they too embrace the different opportunities and new challenges ahead.

This promises to be another busy academic year. Thank you to all our School Staff and our Governors as they lead us through 2024–2025. And a special thank you to our Schools Leadership Team: Vicki Chiverton, Pru Ashplant and Emily Stanton.

Bereavement Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th September 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.

Stop Press!!

"The Trumpet and Clarion are now back and available on the Great"! Some of you, like me, may struggle to interpret the precise meaning of this piece of news, but some of you will understand its implications! The trumpet stop on the St Jude's organ has now been at least partially restored, meaning that we can once again revel in the joy of a magnificent piece of music like Jeremiah Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary".

Those of you who are especially familiar with church organs will know that there is always work remaining to be done. Such a beautiful sensitive instrument needs almost constant attention. But this latest news gives us the opportunity to say "Thank You" to those of you whose generosity has contributed to the latest set of repairs. Thank you also to our organ builder, and to our resident organist, Professor Geoff Chew, for managing the work for us.

Welcome Back!

For the last three months, the Revd Andrew Reed, our Methodist Minister at St Jude's, has been away from us on a well-earned Sabbatical break. Andrew returns on Sunday 1st September, when he will be leading a Methodist Covenant Service at 9.30am at St Jude's. Please do come if you can and welcome Andrew on his return.

You may remember Andrew wrote an article for "The Ship" before he went away. He shared with us some of the plans he had for his Sabbatical. Whether it worked out quite as planned we don't know! However, we hope it has been a refreshing time as Andrew so deserved.

Welcome back, Andrew! We have certainly missed you and, along with all the churches in the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit, we are looking forward to your renewed ministry among us. God bless you, Pat and all the family. Thank you for all you are and all you do.