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ST JUDE'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

The Ship

How do you spend those dark Winter evenings, when there is nothing on TV? It used to be family games of Ludo, Snakes and Ladders or Monopoly. Now it could be Play Station games or the Wii or even Sudoku, perhaps it is games on your iphone or something else. However it is good to keep your mind active and alert at whatever age you are.

The Church is celebrating Pentecost (sometimes called Whitsun) in June. It is a celebration of God sending his Holy Spirit to help empower, teach and guide his followers and it has been celebrated for 2000 years. The Holy Spirit is referred to as 'he' and you could ask does he help? Christians would reply 'yes'. Take the Bible as an example. We believe the Holy Spirit helped in the writing of its many chapters.

Professor Brian Cox in his programme *The Wonders of the Universe* said that the earth would end by burning up. St Peter writing in his

letter 2000 years ago in the Bible says that the earth and the heavens will end by burning away in fire. Now, how could a former fisherman know that without profound help?

Luckily neither Brian Cox nor St Peter actually knew when this would likely occur, although both were very sure that it would happen at some time in the future.

If you want to stretch your mind put down the games machine, the crossword puzzle or Sudoku and pick up the Bible. There are a great deal of exiting mysteries to be discovered and some answers to our questions on life and death.

Jesus said 'Ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened.' God's promise is there for all of us. It is our choice to take it up or leave it there. If you want a change from TV, then try it!
Roy Gouriet



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From the Registers

Holy Baptism:

(17th April) Lucas Hamilton Richardson; (15th May) Harry Nutman.

Weddings:

(16th April) Samuel Collard and Zara Chaudhury; (21st April) Michael Bateman and Chantelle Armstrong.

Funerals:

(1st April) Grace Evans; (6th April) Ronald Williams; (20th May) Ruby Heath.

Taizé Service

Still new at St Jude's Church is a monthly Taizé service. This takes place at 6.30pm on the first Sunday of each month. The next one is on Sunday 5th June.

2011 Concert Series in St Jude's Church

Piano Recital

by James Webb

Saturday 4th June

4.00pm

Village Centre

The Village Centre and Rendezvous Community Café has now had its doors open to the public for over 8 months.

Serving hot and cold drinks, home made cakes and light snacks, Rendezvous is already living up to its name as being a great place to meet with friends.

If you haven't found us yet, we are in Victoria Street, almost opposite Albert Road. Open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am - 2.00pm plus other times as advertised on our website:

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June Diary

- 1 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 2 Thursday ASCENSION DAY 8.00pm Holy Communion (with hymns)
- 4 Saturday Concert 4.00pm Piano Recital by James Webb (music by Scarlatti, Chopin, Haydn, Debussy, Tchaikovsky etc)
- 5 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30pm Family Communion 6.30pm Taizé service
- 7 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour at the Village Centre with Mrs Joan Faulkner speaking about her experiences as an evacuee
- 8 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) 8.00pm Church Council meets in St Jude's Church
- 11 Saturday 9.00–11.30am Big Breakfast in the Village Centre
- 12 **PENTECOST** 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 18 Saturday Village Fair on The Green 12 noon–4.30pm
- 19 **TRINITY SUNDAY** 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) *Traidcraft goods after 9.30am service*
- 21 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour at Joyce's in Barley Mow Road
- 26 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung)

All events take place at St Jude's Church unless otherwise marked

The Church is open every Saturday 2-4pm for tea and a chat and to discuss weddings and baptisms

Where do you go to think?

Thinking time is a lost art. Our culture is so busy that solitude and silence often equal boredom. Folks just don't know what to do with themselves unless they are working, talking, or being entertained.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, "Let him who cannot be alone beware of community."

My ability to be a contributing force in my family and faith community depends on times of quiet introspection and processing my life before the Lord. Who I am becoming is really hammered out in the stillness, not in the noise.

I am a person who needs huge doses of silence and reflection. Without it, I become a crabby woman — successful on my job as far as getting tasks accomplished, but a failure at doing things in a life giving manner.

My altar consists of a cup of coffee, my couch, the early morning sunrise, and a huge picture window. It is there that I do my thinking before the Lord; where we hash over the attitudes that need adjusting and the actions that need repentance.

My grand-daughter uses the underside of her tree fort. One day the tree will be too difficult to climb and the bark too rough to lean against. But I hope her heart has learnt the value of building an altar where she can think in solitude and silence.

Where do you go for thinking time?

Do you suffer from overload?

Do you suffer from overload? One more thing won't hurt, will it? One more piece of pie, one more hour of work, one more expense on the Visa—yes, they will hurt. Most of us have our lives prescheduled into every inch of our Day Planner. We lack the margins necessary for a balanced life.

Think of a book. If there were no margins on the page, you would see printing from the very top left corner to the very bottom right corner. It would be difficult to read, and there would be no space to write notes. How would you know where one thought ends and another begins if there was no paragraph spacing? That is how it feels when we have no margins in our life. That is also how it looks to others who "read" us when we have no margins in our lives.

Margins give our lives breathing room. They allow us space where we can look inward and upward. Jesus practised margins. He often said "No" to the crowds who desperately needed him, and he often went off by himself for a spell. This was his regular practice. He asked his disciples to do the same. Read through the gospels just looking for margins in his earthly life, and you will find them spread all over.

Why do we lack margins? Why do we overload our lives? Why do we have to keep adding one more thing? We don't realise how much we already have—how much time, material goods, information, and more.

Time to slow down, commit to saying "No" to things that would fill up the margins of my life, and balance out what does fit within the margins. Summer is here — time to slow down and re-evaluate my life.

What about you? What margins do you need to enable your life to be more balanced?

The Village Centre

The Village Centre is pleased to announce that help can now be offered with computing. Our Computer Room is opening very soon and we are wanting to hear from people who need help. From absolute beginners to those more advanced we can offer help, guidance and support. Come and talk to us to find out more. Contact Linda on 01784 471110.

Still Appropriate

This was sent to me by a Canadian friend after I had told him about meeting a Canadian Cree Indian called Xavier Kataquapit who had come to Englefield Green to look for his great grandfather's grave. His grandfather had come to the village with the Canadian Forestry Corps in 1917, died here and is buried in the cemetery. I keep in touch with Xavier so my friend thought I would be interested in this which was written by a 19th century Cree Indian. It is beautifully written and decorated and still so relevant two centuries later.

Joan Wintour

