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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism:

(1st October) Louise Wyatt, Calum Cousins-Moss; (23rd) Harry Smith.

Wedding:

(30th September) Stephen Malley and Katey Wood.

Funerals:

(27th September) Graham Webb; (18th October) Pamela Brown.

CALENDARS 2012

The 2012 calendar for Englefield Green is now on sale for £6. It contains twelve historic photographs of Englefield Green, together with views of the same spots today.

Calendars can be bought at St Jude's Church after any service or on Saturday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm, or from Cafe Rendezvous in the Village Centre, which is open from 9am (10am in school holidays) to 4pm on weekdays and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. Alternatively we can send copies by mail: please send £1.50 extra for post and packing within the UK or £3.00 extra for overseas.

For more information please email calendar@stjudeschurch.info

Mosaic Choir

conducted by Karen Pepper

Saturday 5th November

4.00pm

Music by

Mozart, Stanford, Joplin

Rodgers, Hart, Rutter

Chilcott and many more

**Admission free
(donations invited)**

As a little child

I have just had the great privilege and pleasure of travelling through Canada in the Fall where every tree was aglow with autumn colour. It brought home again so vividly the wonder of Creation and my camera was working overtime.

It could all have been so different as a child growing up in a pit village in South Yorkshire but dad made sure we went on long walks along the river bank, through the woods, uphill and down dale to see the real world outside the grit and the grime. He was also 'digging for victory' on his allotment most days after his shift on the railway. He opened our eyes to a world of beauty and to the amazing growth of the seeds he planted.

But he also planted many other seeds - filling the house with books, taking us to art galleries, to brass band and choral concerts - to hear the Halle orchestra and to sing most of the lyrics from Gilbert and Sullivan. We also had more than one newspaper so that we could 'know what the other side was thinking'!

Mum was the one who kept us grounded when our heads had been too long in the clouds - the practical one who knew when neighbours needed help with the washing or shopping - the one who would bake a cake or take a bunch of flowers from the allotment to cheer someone not doing so well.

Both she and Grandma were fine needlewomen and everything had to be done properly down to the finest detail. Grandma always looked at the back of a piece of needlework first - it had to be just as good as the front before it had her seal of approval. But mum was never short on praise or encouragement even if it meant starting all over again!

It was many years before I realised that during this childhood they had taught me how to pray.

- to pray in adoration for the wonders of creation - for the grand panorama and the minute detail of God's world.
- to give thanks for His provision for us and for the talents he had given to us
- to be aware of the needs of the world both far away and closer to home and to be ready to put prayer into action
- to be the best we could be and when things went wrong to be ready to try again.
- to be sure that nothing could change the love our parents had for us and to know that nothing could ever change the love our heavenly father would show us day by day.

At 70+ I still remember that little child and I thank God that I do!

Margaret Willis

Village Centre

The Village Centre and Rendezvous Community Café situated in Victoria Street is open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am-2.00pm.

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.

A computer room is now available at The Centre. Tuition is available for all levels from toddlers to Silver Surfers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am-12 noon. Other times may be possible - please contact the Manager on 01784 462396.

The next Community Big Breakfast is on Saturday 12th November from 9-11am

www.villagecentre.org.uk



Rendezvous

11-11-11-11

2011 is The Royal British Legion's 90th anniversary but this year is doubly special – because it is a once-in-a-lifetime Remembrance Day.

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 2011 – 11-11-11-11 – we will be remembering those who were willing to lay down their lives for their country – in many work places, shops, schools and colleges there will be a two minutes silence to remember and give thanks for those who have given their all.

Many people associate Remembrance Day with heroes of D-Day or the Battle of Britain's Spitfire pilots. Some people think of the deeds of the SAS during the Falklands conflict or, of course, Flanders Fields from World War I, carpeted in poppies growing where so many men lost their lives. Each year the list of those who have died grows longer and as the theatres of conflict continue, so too do the number of men and women badly injured need our thoughts, prayers and generosity.

UNICEF

Joan Wintour will be selling Unicef cards after the 9.30 service on 6th and 27th November. UNICEF is working in over 190 countries to improve the lives of children, to protect them from violence and exploitation, and from HIV, Aids and other deadly diseases. Now more than ever their work needs our support.

Bishopsgate W.I.

Englefield Green Bishopsgate W.I. will be holding its Autumn Sale on Wednesday 2nd November at 2.00pm at The Jurgens Centre, Harvest Road.

Stalls include: Cakes, Tombola, Handicrafts, Raffle, Books, Bric-a-Brac and Good as New.

There will be refreshments and admission is free.

Shoe Boxes

It is the time of year again to start putting shoe boxes together! These go to children in Africa, Asia and Europe, children in poor families regardless of their race, nationality or religion. Please ensure that shoe boxes are brought to St Jude's Church on or before Sunday 6th November. Many thanks.

Concerts in St Jude's

The last concert in 2011 will be Voices Anon directed by Guy Bunce on 10th December at 4.00pm. Admission is free. A list of the concerts for 2012 will be provided with the December Newsletter.

St Andrew the Apostle



St Andrew's day is 30th November. He was the first Apostle, a fisherman by trade, a brother of Simon Peter and a follower of John the Baptist. Andrew went through life leading people to Jesus, both before and after the Crucifixion. Missionary in Asia Minor and Greece, and possibly areas in modern Russia and Poland. Martyred on an saltire (x-shaped) cross, he is said to have preached for two days from it.

St Jude's Church CHRISTMAS MARKET



**Saturday 19th November
2.00–4.00pm**

**The Village Centre
Victoria Street**

JAMS PRESERVES CHUTNEY

COOKS' CORNER TEAS

BRIC-A-BRAC RAFFLE TOMBOLA

RECORDS CDs BOOKS CARDS

November Diary

- 5 Saturday 4.00pm Mosaic Choir conducted by Karen Pepper
- 6 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30pm Family Communion 6.30pm Taizé service
- 8 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour at the Village Centre
- 9 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) 8.00pm Church Council meets
- 12 Saturday 9.00–11.00am Big Breakfast in the Village Centre
- 13 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung)
10.55am Act of Remembrance followed by service in Church at 11.00am. 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 16 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 19 Saturday 2.00–4.00pm St Jude's Church Christmas Market in Village Centre
- 20 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) *Traidcraft goods after 9.30am service*
- 22 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour at Joyce's
- 23 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 27 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung)
- 30 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)

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