



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism:

(1st January) Felix Howe; (22nd) Rudi Mason-Giles.

Funerals:

(4th January) Ansell Ball; (12th) Joyce Wallace; (17th) Evelyn Collins.

Calendars 2012 — last chance (and at half price!)

There are just a few calendars available in St Jude's Church and are now being sold at half price (£3).

Email calendar@stjudeschurch.info if you would like one.

Please note!

The trees in the grounds immediately surrounding St Jude's Church are very old and liable to shed branches without any warning. Please avoid walking under the trees (especially the monkey puzzle and the cedar) particularly during windy or wet weather.

Christianity Explored

The current course of 'Christianity Explored' has its final evening on Shrove Tuesday, 21st February and an 'Away Day' at Virginia Water Methodist Church on 25th February will complete the course.

At the time of printing this newsletter, the Lent meetings are yet to be arranged — details will be available in Church and on the website (www.stjudeschurch.info)

Clarinet Quintets

by Mozart and Brahms

played by students from
Royal Holloway

in St Jude's Church
Saturday 4th February
4.00pm

Admission free
(donations invited)

You can trust me

Trust me I am your Captain - of your ship/aircraft. Or trust me I am your bus driver, train driver, child minder or whatever. Yes, we do not, however, expect our Captain to steer an erratic course or fall asleep in command. Every time we step on to a bus or train we trust the driver to drive with care. Sometimes they fail, but generally this does not put us off. If it did we would never leave the house at all.

We trust the experts, because they are qualified to do the job. We trust our friends, because we have come to know them and we have found them to be trustworthy. A mountain climber puts all their trust in the skills and reliability of the climber above to hold on to the rope as he ascends or descends. Fair enough, but what can we do about trusting God's promises about our future? Many think it is best to ignore them and they will go away, or tomorrow will never come. But what if they are true?

Christians have come to trust in God by taking a step of faith. Taking his word as truth and launching oneself out of our comfort zone, where one can keep control of most things, into a different zone of faith and belief. Not easy! Nor is it a psychological prop - "a just in case step for security".

In this period of Lent, which comes in the Christian calendar before Easter, we see it more than giving up chocolate, good as it may be for us, as a chance to reflect on why God should come to Earth in human form as Jesus and go through a horrible death on a cross then to rise three days later. It is then the words of Jesus in John's Gospel ch. 3 v16 strike home. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

This is perhaps the first step on a special journey, a journey with many ups and downs, but with a wonderful ending.

Furthermore, Jesus has promised in Matthew *Ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds and to him who knocks the door will be opened.*

It is in seeking, looking, that we begin trusting that God will show us himself and so the journey begins. It is well worth it — Trust me!

Roy Gouriet

Walk through the Bible

Where are all those places talked about in the Bible? Who are all those people? Who came first? And how does it all fit together?

This seminar is led by a qualified guide, from 'Walk through the Bible Ministries'. You will have great fun (yes, really) and it will all come together, and you will have good fellowship.

The Seminar will be at Staines Methodist Church, on Saturday 25th February from 9.30–4pm. Tea and coffee will be provided; please bring a packed lunch.

The cost is £14 and you will receive a full-colour workbook.

Children from 11–16 are able to attend for free if accompanied by an adult.

Contact Marian Izzard for queries or to book a place, 01784 25255 or email: marianizzard@btinternet.com

Canaan Books and Christian Resources

If you need a book for a present, or to study, or Bible reading notes or a Christening/Baptism gift, Canaan has an excellent selection, with Fair Trade items and CDs and DVDs as well.

Canaan is at 121 High Street, Staines, by the railway bridge. Tel: 01784 457194
Email: info@canaanbookshop.co.uk

Self- Development Group for Women

Would you like to share your thoughts with other women, learn more about yourself or be more self-confident? The self-development and counselling group is an environment where you can explore issues with other people and discover more about yourself. You can make new friends and connections and benefit from the experience of sharing your thoughts and feelings within a secure group-setting.

HOW TO JOIN

The groups will start on Thursday, February 16th, 2012:

The morning group: 11am-1.30pm

The evening group: 7pm-8.30pm

The groups will run weekly for 12 weeks, costing £10 per session.

To join or find out more, please call 01784 740402 or email to: haascounselling@gmail.com

THE GROUP FACILITATOR

Brigitte Haas, MBACP and MA, Dipl. Counsellor and Gestalt Psychotherapist.

Brigitte graduated in 2004 from the Gestalt Centre London and have been working with individuals, couples and groups since. For more information, please visit her website: www.haascounselling.com

LOCATION

Village Centre in Victoria Street, Englefield Green TW20 0QX

Lent — Why 40 Days?

The number forty has many Biblical references: the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God; the forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb; the forty days and nights God sent rain in the great flood of Noah; the forty years the Hebrew people wandered in the desert; the forty days Jonah in his prophecy of judgment gave the city of Nineveh in which to repent.

Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil before beginning his ministry.

It is the traditional belief that Jesus lay for forty hours in the tomb which led to the forty hours of total fast that preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church (the biblical reference to 'three days in the tomb' is understood as spanning three days, from Friday afternoon to early Sunday morning, rather than three 24 hour periods of time).

The Village Centre in Victoria Street

The Rendezvous Community Cafe is open 9am-4pm during school terms and 10am-4pm during school holidays. Saturdays 10am-1pm.

Our Community Computer Room is open Monday-Thursday from normal opening hours until 12 noon.

Our Information and Support Service (Similar to CAB with trained staff) is open Tuesdays from 1.30pm-3.30pm. Please book via the Centre Manager.

Wet room (walk in shower) is available at a small charge for people who cannot access their own bath at home.

Informal art group, support group for people with dementia and their carers and lots more.

See our website (www.villagecentre.org.uk) or phone the centre on 01784 471110.

VIRGINIA WATER METHODIST CHURCH

Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit

LAY WORKER

£435 per month

(10 hrs a week to include Sundays)

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, dynamic lay worker to enhance the spiritual and practical growth of the congregation.

The successful candidate needs to be flexible and able to contribute creatively to moving forward the vision of the church and facilitate changes to our acts of worship.

Full job description can be found at www.sfmc.org.uk/jobs or by contacting The Revd Beale Griffin on 01784 437973

Closing date: Friday 10th February 12 noon

Interviews will be held week commencing
Sunday 19th February 2012
(those being called for interview
will be notified by email or phone)

Application is by CV and covering letter (1 A4 side) to:
The Revd B. Griffin
7 Grange Road, Egham TW20 9QW
Email: Glenbeale6@aol.com

February Diary

- 1 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 4 Saturday 4.00pm Clarinet Quintets by Mozart and Brahms played by students from Royal Holloway— admission free
- 5 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) 6.30pm Taizé service
- 7 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour at Schroder Court
- 8 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 11 Saturday The BIG breakfast 9am-11am at the Village Centre (Cafe open until 1pm)
- 12 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 15 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 19 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung) *Traidcraft goods after 9.30am service*
- 20 Monday 9.30am Management Committee of the Village Centre meets
- 22 ASH WEDNESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion (said) 8.00pm Holy Communion with hymns
- 24 Friday 8.00pm *For Such a Time as This* Village Centre A time to pray for the young people in our village
- 26 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion (sung)
- 28 Tuesday 2.30pm Bright Hour at the Village Centre
- 29 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