



# The Ship

**St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter**

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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 is normally open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on the second Saturday of each month. In November, our Christmas Fair is on the second Saturday so do come along to that instead (see below).

## Christmas Fair

**Saturday 11th November**

**2.00–4.00pm**

**The Village Centre  
Victoria Street**

Cakes, Preserves, Jams  
Teas, Raffle, Tombola  
CDs, DVDs,  
Books

## Piano Recital

by Geoff Chew

playing music by Chopin,  
Bach, Fauré and Chabrier

**Sat 25th November**

**4.00pm**

**St Jude's Church**

Admission free

Refreshments available

Donations welcome

## Lest we forget

November is a month of Remembrance. For many of us it can be a dark time when the impact of loss, recent and raw, or further back in time but no less painful or destructive, can be felt almost afresh, cold as the onset of winter.

But for many of us Remembrance can bring a fresh opportunity to say "thank you". Memory enables us to keep in our hearts the legacy of the love we have known, and the joys we have shared with those whom we see no longer, but who are forever woven into the very fabric of our lives.

November provides stand-out opportunities for Remembrance (more information below). In his preface to this year's services in Englefield Green John Scott, MBE has written: *"We remember with pride and thanksgiving, but also with sorrow, the sacrifice of men and women of past generations, and of more recent times, who gave their lives to ensure that we might enjoy the rights and freedoms we have today"*.

In the world as we are experiencing it today, perhaps these words have an even more poignant ring. The devastation and destruction brought about by war in these past weeks is unthinkable. We deeply mourn the loss of innocent lives, not least of the elderly and frail, and of children. Many of us have been moved to bitter tears by unspeakable suffering in the Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia, and in so many parts of the world where conflict is widespread. On every side there are young men and women still going off to fight for a cause in which they believe, and others being forced to go off to fight even whilst crying out "Not in my Name".

War can never be a good thing, even though it may sadly sometimes be inevitable and even necessary. But war, wherever it may be, imposes a responsibility on us all. War calls us to address the humanitarian disasters which may have brought it about, or which become a consequence of it. War calls us to honour those who have laid down their lives or who have had their lives laid down. War calls us to remember those who returned from war, but whose lives have been irrevocably changed because of what they experienced and saw. War calls us to pray for those who hold in their hands the things that make for peace. War calls us to pray for a new order of peace and a renewal of hope to rise from the ashes of suffering.

Perhaps war might remind us, above all, of the God who in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ gave himself in the cause of our eternal peace. Perhaps in our Remembrance we might hear his voice again, calling us to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46 v. 10)

*Judith Allford*

## In Remembrance

Several important events are planned for November. Please join us, if you can, at any or all of them. For further details please telephone the Vicar on 01784 434133.

**Sunday 5th November**, Annual Blessing of Graves, 2.45pm: We meet at the entrance to Englefield Green Cemetery (St Jude's Road) with Father Chris Spain and our friends from the Church of the Assumption of our Lady for our annual blessing of the graves. Many more personal memories are honoured during this ceremony as we pray for loved ones laid to rest in our beautiful cemetery close to home. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. If you have a loved one who has a grave in the cemetery, a Blessing can be offered during our shared walk among the graves. The ceremony of blessing will be followed by refreshments in the Monsell Room at St Jude's.

**Friday 10th November**, Schools Remembrance Service: Representatives from several of our local schools will walk to the Village Memorial for a short service at 11.00am to mark the traditional two minutes' silence. This will be co-ordinated as always by Mr John Scott, MBE.

**Sunday 12th November**, Remembrance Sunday Service at the Village Memorial, Englefield Green Cemetery: We gather in the cemetery from 10.45am and the traditional two minutes' silence, in honour of those who gave their lives to secure our freedom, will be observed at 11.00am. This will be co-ordinated as always by Mr John Scott and will be followed by a parade service in St Jude's Church.

## Fourth Sunday at Four

Does a shorter, more informal Service of Worship appeal to you? If so, why not join us for our monthly afternoon service, Fourth Sunday at Four? The service lasts for just half-an-hour, includes some lively singing and provides opportunity for those who would like to do so to share in leading our readings and prayers. It takes place every fourth Sunday in the month at 4pm and next happens on Sunday 26th November when our theme is "Praying for the Peace of the World". Refreshments are served before the service – from 3.15pm onwards in the Monsell Room. All welcome!

## To be confirmed

Perhaps you were baptised as a child but have never had the opportunity to think about Confirmation? We shall be starting a Confirmation course sometime in the next few months. If you would like the chance to explore the Christian faith a little bit more – and to think about making for yourself the promises made for you at your Baptism – please do get in touch. And maybe you have never been baptised? Well then perhaps now is the time to think about both Baptism and Confirmation? We don't as yet have a date for a Confirmation service but hopefully it would be in the early months of 2024 – so please contact us for further details (01784 434133). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Readings at Communion

Sunday 5th November (All Saints' Day)	Revelation 7. 9–end Psalm 34. 1–10 1 John 3. 1–3 Matthew 5. 1–12
Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Sunday)	Amos 5. 18–24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4. 13–end Matthew 25. 1–13
Sunday 19th November (2nd Sunday before Advent)	Zephaniah 1. 7, 12–end Psalm 90. 1–8 1 Thessalonians 5. 1–11 Matthew 25. 14–30
Sunday 26th November (Christ the King)	Ezekiel 34. 11–16, 20–24 Psalm 95. 1–7 Ephesians 1. 15–end Matthew 25. 31–end

## From the Registers

**Baptisms:** (1st October) Nancy Lauren Neeley

**Funerals:** (4th October) Julian Richardson;  
(18th October) John Townend.

## Diary for November

- 1 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 5 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion 2.45pm Blessing of Graves in Englefield Green cemetery followed by refreshments in church
- 7 Tuesday 7.30pm Church Council meets (Zoom)
- 8 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10 Friday 11.00am St Jude's Schools to church for Remembrance
11. Saturday 2.00–4.00pm Christmas Fair at the Village Centre
- 12 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 10.55am Act of Remembrance outside followed by Remembrance Sunday service in church 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 15 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion service
- 19 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 22 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 25 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by Geoff Chew
- 26 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 29 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Please note that our 9.30am 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.

Email: [enquiries@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:enquiries@stjudeschurch.info)

## Clocking On!

We are delighted that we now have permission to begin the work on restoring the clock face on the St Jude's tower. Our church clock has a unique place in the heart of our village and it will be wonderful to see it restored to its former glory. Work begins on Thursday 9th November when the clock face will be removed by specialist contractors, Smiths of Derby, who will undertake the work at their factory.

We are appealing for support to cover the cost of this further expensive, but very needful, maintenance. Please do get in touch if you are able to help.

Donations may be made directly to the Church's bank accounts as follows:

CAF Bank Ltd St Jude's United Church  
40-52-40 00013020

OR NatWest Bank St Jude's Parochial Church Council  
60-07-33 02317990

OR Clicking on the Donate now button on the front page of our website [www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info)

OR Cheques made out to St Jude's United Church may be sent to our treasurer, Brian Hooker, 11 Willson Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0QB

We are so very grateful to God that we can all enjoy a beautiful church building right in the heart of our lovely village. We pray that the iconic building of St Jude's will be preserved as a place of worship and welcome for generations to come.

## Revive and Thrive

We continue to support this charity based at Mytchett Baptist Church – they send items abroad to Africa and to countries such as Ukraine and Romania.

We recently took them 4 old sewing machines (thanks to Carol and Jenny for donating these) together with 3 knitted blankets (thanks to Annie for sewing up all those squares) and 18 knitted teddies.

We are always happy to receive knitted items eg squares, blankets, hats, jumpers and teddies which we can pass on to Mytchett.

*Brian and Pat Summers*

## Runnymede Food Bank

We remain extremely grateful to everyone who contributes either in cash or in kind to our support of our local Runnymede Food Bank. Our Harvest celebrations in St Jude's enabled us to take an even larger quantity of donated goods. Thank you to all of you for your continuing support.

Web: [www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info)

## The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk 01784 471110

**Café Opening Hours:** These have returned to our normal 9.00am–2.00pm following our half-term break. But we are now open on Thursdays from 9.00am–5.00pm. Please do call in for tea and cake!

**Cooking classes:** Our Adult Class, scheduled for last month, had to be postponed and is now happening on Monday 6th November, 12.30–2.30pm. The theme is "Beautiful Beans and Pulses" with recipes for sausage and bean patties and cosy chickpea and leek soup. Our children's class took place during half-term – and the children who took part learned to make some pumpkin dishes!

**Film Club:** now in full swing on occasional Friday evenings – please keep an eye on our website for November's date.

**Village Centre Management Committee:** Please pray for the members of our Committee as they meet next week. We thank God for those who serve the Centre in this way.

**St Jude's Christmas Fair:** Saturday 11th November 2.00-4.30pm – free admission, with children's activities happening in the Hall. Come and join us!

**Tea Party:** Sunday 19th November, 2.00–4.30pm: This special event is being organised for our older village residents by students at Royal Holloway College – please get in touch with us if you would like an invitation. (Contact details below)

For more details about all our activities and for regular news of events, please do visit our website:

<https://www.villagecentre.org.uk/> or take a look at our Facebook page: "The Village Centre".

And, as always, if you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or if you would like to offer your help to the Centre, please contact Ali Griffin, our Centre Manager as below. Thank you!

*manager@villagecentre.org.uk*



## St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation

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



I'm writing this on the first day back in school after the half-term break. It's easy to forget that many of the school staff continue to work for at least part of each of the school holidays. We are very grateful to them all for the vast amount of work that is done behind the scenes – and at times we perhaps wouldn't expect! So, at the beginning of this half-term – our grateful thanks to them all!

Looking back - it was wonderful to be all together in Church to celebrate the special blessings of harvest-time. And we sang some great harvest songs, thanking God for all he gives us day by day. And who would have thought so many words could be made from the word "harvest"? Words like "Have" and "Eat" and "Rest"! And then, "Starve" which is a reminder that so many people across the world do not enjoy so many of the good things which we can easily take for granted. The last word was "Share" which challenges all of us to think about what we can do to help make sure that food and many other things which are essential to life are distributed more fairly across our world.

And looking forward – It will be great to welcome representatives from our Schools' Community to the Special Act of Remembrance for Armistice Day on Friday 10th November (details elsewhere in this newsletter). Both our schools will also have Remembrance Assemblies during the week leading up to the Armistice Commemoration and, as many of our children belong to local uniformed organisations, they will also be joining us on Sunday 12th November.

The next edition of the SHIP will bring details of Christmas activities!

## Christmas at St Jude's Church 2023

Saturday 9th December  
Mince Pies (and Lebkuchen) Tea  
2.00–4.00pm

Wednesday 13th December  
Christmas Service of Remembrance  
6.30pm  
(Arranged by Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors)

Saturday 16th December  
Blue Christmas Service  
3.00pm  
(A special service for those of us who find Christmas difficult —  
for whatever reason)

Sunday 17th December  
Carol Service  
4.00pm

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)  
Holy Communion (said)  
8.00am

Sung Eucharist  
9.30pm

Crib Service  
4.00pm

Midnight Mass  
11.30pm

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)  
Holy Communion (said)  
8.00am

Family Holy Communion  
9.30am

