



The Ship

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Piano Recital by Geoff Chew

playing music by
Haydn and Chopin

Saturday 1st August at 4.00pm

The programme will include

Piano Sonata in E minor, Hob. XVI/34 (c1781)
Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Three Mazurkas, op. 63 (1846)
Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

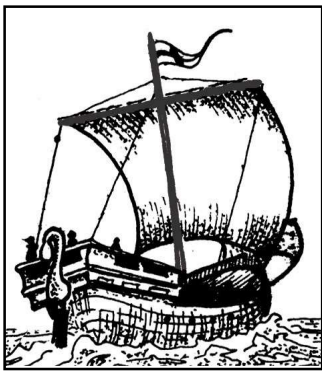
Piano Sonata in G major, Hob. XVI/27 (c.1776)
Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Two Nocturnes, op. 48 (1841)
Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

This will be streamed on

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_BcMnFpfC4PvBe0mqRp4Q
at 4.00pm on Saturday 1st August and available thereafter

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Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

We are so looking forward to welcoming you back to St Jude's for these most significant of life events. We deeply regret that in recent months we have been unable to offer support with so many important celebrations and rites of passage. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

The latest Church of England guidance on baptisms, weddings and funerals was issued on 21st July 2020. We strongly recommend that you look at the Coronavirus section on the Church of England website. Please follow the links carefully as there is a lot of information contained there: www.churchofengland.org Please also note that the advice is updated on a regular basis so we would suggest that you take a frequent look at the relevant pages.

New guidance about the wearing of face coverings in church has just been issued and reads as follows: We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

As you read the following advice please could you also bear in mind that we are not allowed at present to include singing in any act of worship.

BAPTISMS: We hope that we may be able to resume baptisms once we have reopened St Jude's for public worship. Unless the density of the pandemic in our local population increases, we expect a limited pattern of worship in Church to begin from Sunday 6th September. If you have already booked a Baptism or made a Baptism enquiry, or if you now wish to think about a date for your baby's Baptism, please do contact our Vicar on 01784 434133. We do have to tell you that significant restrictions will still be in place on the way in which your child's baptism is conducted. We may have to limit the area of the church that you can use and potentially this would impact the numbers you can invite to be with you. But we shall do our very best to support you, advise you and celebrate with you.

WEDDINGS: Likewise, weddings in church are likewise still subject to considerable restrictions, both national and local. These restrictions allow an absolute maximum of

In search of normality

Last time I wrote a piece for the Ship, for the February edition, I told you about all those beady WIPs I have sitting at home just waiting for me to find the time to finish them. If then someone had said to me then, don't worry soon you will have plenty of time on your hands to finish them, I'm not quite sure I would have made of that comment. In theory it would have sounded wonderful, but as with many such things the reality was very much less than that, as it turned out that all the time in the world meant lockdown, enforced staying at home.

The last few months have brought about very real changes in our everyday lives. To begin with we were all very focused on how we were going to be able to go food shopping safely and whether or not we had enough loo rolls! Time has gradually eased those problems and we have been very fortunate living in our village as we have been able to call upon an army of volunteers from the Hub and the Village Centre, who have been shopping, collecting prescriptions, making phone calls and also the many local shops who now have delivery services; they have kept us going through what have felt like challenging times.

Over the last few months, I wonder if like me you have found yourself saying such things as 'do you remember the last time when we?' and 'when we get back to normal' rather frequently, when zooming meant the using the lens on one's camera to get a close up and being socially distant was a bad thing, as it meant being stand offish. How things have changed.

I'm sure you all have a long list, as I do of 'last time whens'; for me it included things like the simple pleasures of going out for a meal, getting one's haircut, wandering round the shops and of course seeing one's friends and loved ones.

For many of us communicating has been a steep learning curve; in the last few months, I have Zoomed, Facetimed, Skyped, and WhatsApped, among other ways to communicate, its so good to be able to talk to others in this way and to be able to keep in touch with little bits of our normal lives. I've learnt other things too; we have all had to make do with what was available, especially in the early days of lockdown, and we have been so grateful to all those who have work tirelessly to get food onto the shelves and made it safe to go shopping in our supermarkets. There have been some shortages, which have led to some more unusual ingredients being used; who knew that one could make a very good cake with butternut squash, to be honest, who knew that I could actually make cake at all.

In his Covid-19 briefing on 21st July, Bishop Andrew described the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions as both welcome and confusing. He likened it to a missionary returning home after many years away, who says . 'For one thing, I've changed and for another, home's changed'. This is something we are all going to have to face up to over the next months and years, as we gradually adapt to what will become our new normality, including as Judith describes below, a new approach to worship. It's a challenge we look forward to facing together.

As for those WIPs, I have finished some, including one that has been languishing for years, but this week sees the start of the annual beading week and the excitement of the secret beadalong (as you don't know what you are making, until it is well under way), so now I have another new project to complete and some newly appointed WIPs.

Diana Bendall

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30 people attending a wedding, and this will include both the clergyperson and the organist. A wedding service is planned to take place within St Jude's shortly before the beginning of September. That will help us to confirm what is possible for conducting weddings in future. Again, please contact our Vicar on 01784 434133 for further advice.

FUNERALS: Whilst the Government has given permission for funerals to take place in church we cannot at present offer this option at St Jude's. Our Vicar can conduct a funeral service in a local cemetery or crematorium, where we must continue to respect the COVID 19 guidelines to which they adhere. It will be our privilege to offer you a Memorial Service for your loved one at St Jude's at a later date.

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Spotlight on our Services

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

As you will know, the Government has now given permission for churches to re-open for private prayer and public worship. We are hoping to welcome you back to St Jude's in the near future so please watch out for announcements on our website, Facebook page and in the next edition of this newsletter.

A small COVID 19 committee has now been set up by our Church Council and their work on the completion of our Risk Assessment (completion of which is mandatory under current guidance about the re-opening of public buildings) is now well under way. Our Worship Committee is at the same time looking a pattern of worship for September which is likely to include a combination of worship in church and pre-recorded online worship. We apologise that because of the inevitable ongoing changes in COVID 19 regulations and legislations we are not yet in a position to publish that pattern of worship. But we very much hope that our first Sunday service back in St Jude's will take place on Sunday 6th September.

Please use our St Jude's website www.stjudeschurch.info and/or our Facebook page to access our current Sunday Worship service, premiered from 9.30am each Sunday on YouTube. You will also find a "Jotting" or "Thought for the Day" from our Vicar each weekday.

Online services continue throughout the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit to which we belong. They can be accessed through the circuit website which is: www.sfmc.org.uk

We are continuing to offer a Bible Study via Zoom. We meet on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm or a Thursday at 3.00pm. The programme is the same for both sessions. If you would like to join us at one of these please get in touch and we'll send you a Zoom invitation.
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Readings at Communion

2nd August (Trinity 8)	Isaiah 55. 1-5 Psalm 145. 8-9, 15-end Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14. 13-21
9th August (Trinity 9)	1 Kings 19. 9-18 Psalm 85 8-13 Romans 10. 5-15 Matthew 14. 22-33
16th August (Trinity 10)	Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15. 21-28
23rd August (Trinity 11)	Isaiah 51. 1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12. 1-8 Matthew 16. 13-20
30th August (Trinity 12)	Jeremiah 15.15-21 Psalm 26. 1-8 Roman 12. 9-end Matthew 16. 21-end

Food Bank

Under lockdown, we can no longer support the Foodbank. But support is still urgently needed, and now only through cash donations made direct to Runnymede Food Bank in Chertsey, for the food banks in Egham, Addlestone, Chertsey and Weybridge. Such donations can be gift-aided if you are a taxpayer. Donate online at <http://runnymede.foodbank.org.uk>

Other contact details: phone 01932 988350;
email info@runnymede.foodbank.org.uk;
main location 95 Guildford Street, Chertsey KT16 9AS.

Diary for August

- 1 Saturday 4.00pm "Streamed" Piano Recital by Geoff Chew
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_BcMnFpfC4PvBeOmqr4Q

All services, concerts, activities etc in church are cancelled for the time being

The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk

We are very grateful to the Ali Watts, Manager of our Village Centre, for taking part in our online worship in order to update us about what is happening down there in Victoria Street, Englefield Green! It would be easy to think that, because the Centre doors have been closed since March, not a lot is going on. But nothing could be further from the truth!

Most recently Ali reported that, with the increasingly rapid movement out of lockdown, there is now less demand for volunteers to fulfil errands such as shopping and prescription collection. Many people have become more mobile, and are able themselves to resume such tasks. But there are still, of course, those who are continuing to shield, some until the end of August and some beyond. Those people are still being very much supported by our volunteers.

Volunteers are increasingly taking on roles to enable self-help, especially for activities such as shopping. They are offering assistance with online shopping, including providing worksheets which act a guide through the process. GPs and local pharmacists are beginning to offer the delivery of prescription medicines to their more vulnerable clients. The telephone buddy system continues with up to 50 people receiving weekly calls. This has proved of enormous help to those who remain particularly isolated.

At the same time, the Village Centre is taking tentative steps towards reopening. The focus at present is the re-opening of the Child Contact Centre. This is very much a priority in the wake of family separation during lockdown. Vulnerable children have been unable to meet with other members of their family and the Child Contact Team is working hard on plans to facilitate this contact once again.

A number of Risk Assessments are in the process of completion and September will possibly see the re-opening of the Centre to certain groups including the weekly Art Group, the local Carers' Alliance and Dance and Fitness classes. Those groups are all likely to look somewhat different, especially in the very early stages of return, but it will be good to have them back with us.

Some progress is also being made on the proposed refurbishment of the Centre. Initial plans for the redevelopment of our cafe area have already been drawn-up by a company called Catersales. Progress is being made on obtaining appropriate permission for the work to go ahead later in the year.

So...as Ali said, this is panning out to be a busy start to September! We hope to see the beginnings of a return to some kind of normality as the year continues. And we are still looking forward to celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Centre in the not too distant future!

If you, or someone you know, have particular needs, please remember that you can still access help from the Village Centre/Mutual Aid by contacting 07526 360704 or the Runnymede Borough Council triage line, 01932 838383. We shall keep you in touch with our progress towards reopening via social media and our website: www.villagecentre.org.uk If you would like to contribute to the work of the Village Centre please contact Ali: manager@villagecentre.org.uk

From the Registers

Funerals: (3rd July) Allan Richard Packer (Interment of Ashes); (7th July) Gladys Violet Chard; (14th July) Violet Emma Pimm; (17th July) Jacqueline Ruth Tate; (28th July) Dorothy Jean Belchamber; (30th July) Lloyd Cooke.