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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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Open Church

This is just to remind you that St Jude's Church will be open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on the second Saturday of the month in both August and September as follows:

13th August

10th September

We warmly invite you to drop in during that time. The kettle will be on and tea and coffee will be on offer! It is a good opportunity to catch up for a chat, to enquire about making arrangements perhaps for a wedding or baptism, or simply to spend a short time in private prayer.

We have recently generously been donated a supply of individual prayer cards covering a number of themes, both personal and more general. These are available on the bookcase to your right as you come into church. Please do feel free to browse them and to take one or more for yourself or for someone else who might appreciate them.

We look forward to seeing you.

Foodbank

In these challenging economic times the demands on our food banks are increasing and will probably continue to do so. We continue to be grateful to everyone who contributes to the work of Runnymede Foodbank, both through St Jude's Church and our Village Centre.

In an addition to our previous practice we now have collection crates for non-perishable food and other items, at two points in church. These items are regularly taken by Geoff Chew to the collection centre in Egham. Our Village Centre collection and distribution points remain open throughout the summer, the latter each Wednesday afternoon from 1-3.00pm.

Thank you to all for your practical and caring generosity.

Cream Teas

outside St Jude's Church
Sunday 28th August
3.00-4.30pm

Caring counts

I continue to rejoice in the privilege of living and working in this beautiful village of Englefield Green. To most of you I guess I'm still an "incomer", having only moved here from London in 1995. But I find so much to celebrate in this community and in the beauty of so much of our surroundings here.

Recently my attention has once again been drawn to the care that many people in the village show to some of the most vulnerable and isolated in our midst. I reflect on the daughter whose mother called "my rock" because of the unstinting care she had given to both her parents through painful and difficult times. I think of the neighbour who pops in and out to the lady next door who is housebound and whose mobility, even within the small confines of her own home, is steadily deteriorating. I think of many people known to me who regularly extend their online shop to embrace friends and neighbours who might otherwise go without.

You will, I'm sure, be able to think of many other such examples. I find each one both humbling and challenging. And I know that none of these people would want attention drawn to their often sacrificial kindness, nor would they perceive what they do as in any sense heroic. But to me they are the unsung heroes of our times. They make our village an even more beautiful place to be.

Two disturbing stories have surfaced in the press during the last week or so. One is that of 58 year old Sheila Seleoane who lay dead in her London home for over two years before her body was discovered. The other is that of 15 year old Sebastian Kalinowski, murdered by his mother and her partner who had already subjected him to a year of neglect and abuse. Both stories, in different ways are heart-breaking. In both cases there are statutory authorities who will undoubtedly need to shoulder some of the blame for what happened. In Sheila's case at least, the concern of neighbours seems to have been almost completely disregarded. The voices that spoke up for Sheila, and perhaps also for Sebastian, were ignored and the result, for both of them, was utterly tragic.

Almost equally tragic perhaps, is the fact that stories like this seem to disappear from our newspapers and television screens almost as quickly as they come to light. Such is the volume of headlines surrounding global and national events especially perhaps at this present time, the suffering of individuals swiftly becomes yesterday's news.

But let's hope and pray that the names of both Sheila Steleaone and Sebastian Kalinowski are not easily forgotten. To me they are powerful reminders of the immeasurable importance of the care given by so many in our community to family, friends and neighbours; of all that is done by so many for so many.

Sheila and Sebastian also serve to challenge all of us not to become complacent. They remind us all of the responsibility placed on us by our shared humanity: the responsibility given to each of us to look out for one another. They remind us too of the unique and infinite value of every human individual and of our duty to affirm and respect that uniqueness by the honour we show, and the compassion we extend, to those around us.

The Gospels bring into sharp focus the concern shown by Jesus to the individuals who encountered him during the course of his three year ministry. One of them was a woman who had been ill for twelve years and, who, in the words of the gospel writer Mark, "had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse" (Mark 5:26)!!

But the point of the story is not a polemic against the medical profession! Rather, it is the care Jesus showed to this woman. The nature of her illness probably meant she had become very isolated and even depressed. Jesus singled her out in the midst of a busy crowd. He addressed her as "Daughter". He broke into her isolation, healed her suffering and gave her a new sense of her value as a human being.

Each genuine, selfless act of care is a reflection of the love of God himself.

Judith Allford

Our Church Schools

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

Our schools are currently of course taking a well-earned break for the summer holidays. However, as we noted last month, for our head teachers and many of their colleagues, these weeks will include significant time preparing for the next academic year. We are grateful to them and wish them well.

And if any of our school staff, parents and children are able to get away this summer, we do wish you relaxing and refreshing holidays – and not too long overheating on busy roads! Travel safely!

Just before the end of term I was invited, with two of my fellow clergy, to be part of the panel for a "Question Time" organised by Year 5 of St Jude's Junior School. The pupils had been studying "Christianity" as part of their curriculum and had prepared questions for the three of us about our faith, and what motivated us to enter full-time ministry. I think it would be fair to say that the Revd Jeremy Brown (Children and Families Pastor at Christchurch, Virginia Water), the Revd Dr Orion Edgar (Anglican Chaplain to Royal Holloway) and I went along in some trepidation!! But we were blown away by the well-crafted and insightful questions which we were asked, and by the concentration and interest of the children, especially on a very hot day! Special thanks to Mrs Jackie Austin, RE lead, who made the arrangements and to the Year 5 teachers who hosted us along with the children.

If you want to know more about our schools, please contact: Miss Michelle McNamee head@stjudesinfant.surrey.sch.uk 01784 435586
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From the Registers

Funerals:

(5th July) David Leonard Price; (18th) Joycelyn Margaret Doleman; (21st) David King; (25th) Marion Amy Richards; (27th) Clive Curtis Bristow.

Burial of cremated remains:

(15th July) Rita May Wells.

The next scheduled concert..

Piano recital by Geoff Chew
Saturday 3rd September at 4.00pm

Watch out for..

Harvest lunch (Saturday 8th October in the Village Centre) – tickets available nearer the time.
Christmas Market (Saturday 12th November).

Diary for August

- 3 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 10 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 13 Saturday Church open 2.00–4.00pm
- 14 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 17 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 21 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 24 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 28 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion 3.00pm Cream Teas outside St Jude's Church
- 31 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Sorry – please note that there will not be a live-streamed service or a pre-recorded reflection on our YouTube Channel for the next few weeks. These will be resumed in September.

The Village Centre

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If you are spending August in Englefield Green please remember that our Village Centre remains open throughout the summer and there is always a welcome awaiting you! Our Café opening hours during the holidays are 10am–2pm Monday to Friday and our Outreach projects will all be running as normal.

In July we had the privilege of celebrating, at the kind invitation of her family, the life of Joy Doleman, who has long been such an integral part of our Village Centre. Joy was unfailingly generous in the giving of her time and resources to the work of the Centre. We thank God for Joy and for so many others who, since the very beginnings of the Village Centre have supported us in so many prayerful and practical ways. Many, like Joy are no longer with us, but the legacy of their vision and commitment will endure. We are grateful to them, as we are grateful to everyone who continues to share the Village Centre vision today.

Our Computer "Drop In", provided by Paul Docherty, is now open each Wednesday from 11am–1pm. Please do look in if you have computer problems, would like some advice on a specific issue, would like to learn a bit more or would simply just value a chat! I am reliably informed that even technophobes like me are welcome!

Huda, our resident chef and project manager of our Community Fridge and Kitchen, is providing some cookery lessons and some afternoon teas for children during the summer weeks. Please get in touch for details and dates.

Please do come and see us! And if you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or if you would like to offer your help to the Centre please contact Ali Watts, our Centre Manager as below. Thank you!

manager@villagecentre.org.uk

Readings at Communion

7th August (8th Sunday after Trinity)	Genesis 15. 1–6 Psalm 33. 12–end Hebrews 11. 1–3, 8–16 Luke 12. 32–40
14th August (9th Sunday after Trinity)	Jeremiah 23. 23–29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11. 29–12.2 Luke 12. 49–56
21st August (10th Sunday after Trinity)	Isaiah 58. 9b–end Psalm 103. 1–8 Hebrews 12. 18–end Luke 13. 10–17
28th August (11th Sunday after Trinity)	Proverbs 25. 6–7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13. 1–8, 15–16 Luke 14. 1, 7–14