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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 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 look forward to seeing you.

Watch out for..

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

Christmas Market (Saturday 12th November) in the Village Centre.

Piano Recital

by Geoff Chew
Sat 3rd September

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments available

Donations welcome

Coffee Morning

outside St Jude's Church

Sat 10th September

10.00–11.30am

Cakes, preserves, marmalade
will be available

Please do come along for coffee
and a (suitably distanced) chat

Things can only get better

Please allow me, for a moment, to take a stand on behalf of pessimists the world over. We know who we are. We're the ones who get told frequently that our glasses are half-empty, or we get called Eeyore or, as my father would often say to me: "if you don't stop frowning your face will stay like that". To be fair, time has shown that he was probably right but I'd still like to speak a few words in our defence.

By the time you're reading this edition of this newsletter, the race to become leader of the Conservative Party, and thereby the next Prime Minister, will be almost over. Whatever we may feel about the race itself; whether we have a preferred candidate; would have preferred someone else all together or whether we are not particularly interested, it is fairly certain that the winner "has their work cut out" - another thing my father used to say!

In the unlikely event that neither Liz Truss nor Rishi Sunak is aware of the challenges which could lie ahead, there is no shortage of journalists ready to keep them informed. Broadly speaking the new Prime Minister will be required to address the crisis in the NHS, the escalating price of fuel, inflation, border control, the war in Europe, climate change, industrial unrest, violence against women in particular and the uncertain future trajectory of COVID, as soon as he or she takes up office.

As a pessimist, or to use a term I like better, as a realist, I would have to say that none of these issues is likely to resolve itself any time soon and equally that none of them will get better by themselves. Some of them are likely to affect us very directly; maybe they are doing so already. If that's being a pessimist then I'm afraid I have to go on defending my position.

The Bible challenges us consistently to trust God to supply all our needs. Jesus very famously told his disciples not to worry (Matthew 6:25). But he didn't adopt a "things can only get better" approach to life. He was honest about what our day to day lives can often be like and so he said: "Do not worry about tomorrow...each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34). He also told His disciples: "In the world you will have trouble..." (John 16:33). Some of his friends may well have accused Jesus of being a "gloomster" (an accusation levelled recently at one of the leadership candidates by a BBC presenter) when Jesus spoke frequently, and openly, about the suffering which lay ahead for him. But, in fact, just as Jesus had tried to tell them, His life did come to an untimely end on a scaffold.

"Good Morning" says Eeyore to Winnie the Pooh in AA Milne's wonderful narrative - and follows it with another touch of realism "If it is a good morning, which I doubt"! That line reminds me of the age-old question "Why do we call Good Friday "good"?" At Easter I recently received a wonderful answer to that question from a child in year 2 of St Jude's Infant School: "It's because Jesus died so that we could be friends with God again – and that's good".

The death of Jesus is in so many respects the greatest debacle in human history. Here was a man who had done nothing but good; who had healed the sick; welcomed the rejected; comforted the bereaved; showed respect to the poor; challenged religious pomposity and fed the hungry. Yet he had become such a thorn in the side of authority that he was crucified. We like to think that we live in a better world today but the evidence on the whole suggests otherwise (sorry!).

But Jesus' death, and his remarkable resurrection, tells me that I can trust God. The world might be a mess in parts and I might have real worries and uncertainties for the future but the God in whom I trust has the power to take care of me, and of the people I love. Things won't get better by themselves. Our next Prime Minister is in for some sheer hard graft. And there are many things that only God himself can change. But, although I may be a pessimist, I have hope in him.

Judith Allford

Our Church Schools

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

Please remember our head teachers and school staff, children and parents as the new term begins. We are privileged to have two excellent church schools in our community. If you want to know more about them, please contact:

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From the Registers

Baptism: (31st July) Frederick Stewart Gray; (7th August) Georgia-Ann Alicia Parker, Freddie-Lee Parker, Betty-Rose Parker, Micky Richard Parker, Monty Robert Parker, Presley Albie Parker, Bobby-Joe Parker.

Renewal of Marriage Vows: Ian Stewart Gray and Chanel Jade Gray.

Funerals: (12th August) Janet Mary Crowther; (15th) Shirley Celia Hurley; (16th) Patricia Violet Harvey; (17th) Stephen Thomas Bristow.

Memorial Service: (8th August) Sadie Taylor.

Knitting Matters

(If not natters!)

Although our regular Saturday afternoon "Knit and Natter" sessions came to an end with the first Lockdown, knitting has continued apace! On 3rd August Pat and Brian Summers delivered a large number of knitted items, plus a box of tools, to the "Revive and Thrive" Charity at Mytchett Baptist Church.

All the items had been donated over the last few months by friends and members of St Jude's Church and the residents of Lynwood Village, Sunninghill. The knitting consisted of 39 blankets, 59 jumpers, 54 hats, 4 scarves and 28 teddies. In the tool box were saws, drill parts, an electric sander and a blow torch! All were very gratefully received and will be sent to Uganda in the near future.

Pat writes: "We are very grateful to those who have donated these items and would like to encourage people to carry on Knitting!"

Foodbank

Thank you for your continuing contribution to the work of Runnymede Foodbank, both via St Jude's Church and our Village Centre. We are extremely grateful for your generosity. Tins and dried goods are always extremely welcome but we regret that the Foodbank is unable to accept non-perishable food items. Thank you all.

The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk 01784 471110

We are continuing to enjoy our newly refurbished café and we are seeing an increase in the number of visitors to the Centre day by day. We do encourage you to drop in for a hot drink and a piece of cake – or even a lunch from our regular menu or specials! Our opening hours during the school holidays are 10am–2pm Monday to Friday.

Our Cake of the Week scheme is thriving and we are lucky enough to receive fresh cakes delivered by local professional cake makers on a weekly basis. A huge thank you to Liz from Cake Make Create with Liz, Kate from Wentworth Patisserie, Jade from Jade's Bakes and Hazel from Short and Sweet for their tasty treats.

We are delighted that our Wednesday Computer Drop In service has resumed at the Village Centre. If you are struggling with working any of your appliances such as laptop, phone or tablet then we can help you. We can also help with booking flights, running updates, paying for road tax or booking appointments online. Please come in between 11am and 1pm if you need assistance.

For more details of what we do and if you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or would like to offer your help to the Centre please contact Ali Watts, our Centre Manager: Thank you!

manager@villagecentre.org.uk

Readings at Communion

4th September (12th Sunday after Trinity)	Deuteronomy 30.15–end Psalm 1 Philemon 1–21 Luke 14. 25–33
11th September (13th Sunday after Trinity)	Exodus 32. 7–14 Psalm 51. 1–11 1 Timothy 1. 12–17 Luke 15. 1–10
18th September (14th Sunday after Trinity)	Amos 8. 4–7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2. 1–7 Luke 16. 1–13
25th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)	Amos 6. 1a, 4–7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6. 6–19 Luke 16. 19–end

Jam Jar Appeal

Brian and Pat Summers are in the process of making jams, jellies and marmalade for sale in Church and at our Christmas Market (in the Village Centre on 12th November). All donations of jam jars would be gratefully received. Please bring into church or leave them outside the Monsell Room door! Thank you!

Diary for September

- 3 Saturday 4.00pm Piano recital by Geoff Chew
- 4 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 7 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10 Saturday 10.00–11.30am Coffee Morning 2.00–4.00pm Church open
- 11 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 14 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 15 Thursday 7.30pm Church Council meets in Church
- 18 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 21 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 25 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 28 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Please note that there will always be either a live-streamed service or a pre-recorded reflection on our YouTube Channel each Sunday from 9.30am. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.

A invitation from Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit

A Dance

to celebrate the life of Joyce Bullimore

Sunday 30th October

2.30pm–5.30pm

at The Jurgens Centre, 91 Harvest Road, TW20 0QR

Refreshments provided

Tickets £10 in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices

If you are interested please contact Graham Wells

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4 choir workshops

WHERE?
UNITED CHURCH
EGHAM HIGH ST, TW20 9EX

WHEN?
6.30PM - 7.15PM
FOR 4 WEEKS

COURSE LEADERS?
ELISABETH, ASIA & RICHARD

- Like singing but can't read music?
- Just want to brush up your skills?
- Join us for a 4 wk fun beginner/refresher course
- Led by Elisabeth, Asia and Richard

£12 total cost

12th Sept

MORE INFO / BOOK ONLINE WWW.EGHAMCHORAL.ORG
OR TEXT 07764 823299

REGISTERED CHARITY 277588

If it's a while since you've sung in a choir and feel like brushing up your skills, we are excited to tell you about our four-week singing course. Start date is 12th September 2022 (6.30-7.15pm) and it is supported by Royal Holloway's Community Volunteering Scheme and students from the Music Dept. This course is aimed at anyone less familiar with reading music, or those who want a refresher (United Reform Church, Egham High St, TW20 9EX).

At only £12 in total for four sessions this course is aimed to re-build your confidence in your singing. Attendees are also welcome to join our main rehearsal after each of these four sessions at no extra cost.

To book: please go to our website <https://www.eghamchoral.org/tickets/>, contact us on 07764 823299, or email chairman@eghamchoral.org. We also have a free Open Rehearsal scheduled on 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm (same venue; no booking required).

VIRGINIA WATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Village Show

68th Annual Horticultural, Handicraft & Cookery Show



Sunday 11th September 2022
Open to the Public at 2pm * Admission Free
Refreshments, raffle & plant sale
V.W. Community Centre, Beechmont Avenue, Virginia Water

Find us on **Facebook**
Virginia Water Village Show

Contact show@vwca.org.uk