



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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Piano Recital by Geoff Chew

playing pieces by Schubert
and Mozart

**Saturday 5th October
4.00pm**

St Jude's Church

Admission free
Refreshments provided
Donations welcome



is discontinued
for the time being
in St Jude's Church
at 4.00pm

*Children should be
accompanied by a parent*

Harvest Supper

**Saturday 12th October
7.00pm**

**Village Centre
Victoria Street**

Tickets £7.50
available in church

All profits to WaterAid

It's only words

Previous readers of this column may recall that I have on occasion been somewhat challenged by mobile phone technology, however, I can text. Dinosaurs like me will remember that originally sending a text message was a long and laborious process, spelling out words by clicking a button for each letter, sometimes repeatedly. Texts tended to be very short and very to the point, full of strange abbreviations (remember 2NTE or BTW) which needed deciphering. Then came the 'joys' of predictive text and touch screens which meant one could easily and quickly 'write' whole words, or even complete sentences. Although one does have to be aware of the pitfalls of auto correct, when one's phone knows better than you what you want to say and which one rarely notices until you have already pressed the send button. Texting and all its variations, as a means of communication has become as much a way of life for some people as talking, or sadly in some cases even more of a way of life.

Being a churchwarden can have its challenges, not the least of these being the unique, some might say archaic, vocabulary of the Church of England. I have found, however, that predictive text is able to rise to the challenge and over the last few months my phone has learnt to predict three new words. Put in 'inter' and up comes 'interregnum', 'quin' and up pops quinquennial and 'coll' brings up collation. All words that have been relevant to the congregation at St Jude's over the past year or so.

Quinquennial unsurprisingly means 'lasting for or relating to a period of five years', which is the time between the official inspections of the Church building by an architect. St Jude's was inspected a few weeks ago and although generally in quite a good state for a building of its age, there are a few inevitable tasks that need doing such as cleaning the gutters and touching up the paint work. One slightly unexpected thing that was thrown up by the inspection was that we have bees, but not in a good way, as these are masonry bees and will need dealing with quite soon as they are damaging the stonework (and if there is anyone reading this who has experience of how to deal with them please contact us on the email below). A churchwarden's lot is indeed a varied one.

An interregnum can be described as 'an interval or pause between two periods of office' and as a church we have officially been in that situation, ie between Vicars, since April last year. For much of that time we have been very fortunate to have had Canon Judith Allford as Priest-in-charge, working alongside our Methodist minister, the Revd Andrew Reed. However, as Judith herself told you last month she is soon to officially become our new Vicar; which brings me to the last of my three words, collation.

The collation is the service during which a new incumbent is installed. One article explaining the collation service, suggests that if you look up this process you may end up none the wiser and having done just that I cannot disagree. The important fact is that the collation is the occasion at which Judith becomes the Vicar of St Jude's, at a service presided over by the Bishop of Dorking. This will take place at 7.30pm on November 7th at St Jude's Church and we do hope that many people will join us for this significant service and to celebrate this event with refreshments afterwards in the Monsell Room.

Meanwhile, I wonder, can predictive text unlearn words?

Diana Bendall

Englefield Green Cemetery

We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries from families who are anxious to trace the locations of graves in the cemetery by St Jude's Church. Unfortunately we are unable to help – Englefield Green cemetery is the property of and maintained by Runnymede Borough Council based in Addlestone.

The Council Office are open as follows: Monday to Thursday: 8.30am to 5pm. Friday: 8.30am to 4.30pm.

The telephone is 01932 838383.

CHRISTMAS MARKET SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

The Organ of St Jude's

Many thanks to those of who have responded so kindly to the article in recent Newsletters about the pipe organ in St Jude's Church. We are hoping that the work on the re-leathering will start soon – this is the most important repair needed. The other repair needed is the restoration of the Trumpet stop which was added in 1999, and which has been unavailable for the past couple of years due to a failure of an electronic board.

Readings at Communion

6th October (Trinity 16)	Psalm 37 w 1–9 2 Timothy 1. 1–14 Luke 17. 5–10
13th October (Trinity 17)	2 Kings 5.1–3, 7–15 Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2. 8–15 Luke 17. 11–19
20th October (Trinity 18)	Genesis 32. 22–31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3.14–4.5 Luke 18. 1–18
27th October (Trinity 19)	Isaiah 45.22–end Psalm 119 w 129–136 Romans 15. 1–6 Luke 4. 16–24

160 years on

In October 1999 we published the following in the Newsletter. It makes interesting reading as we approach the 160th anniversary of the building of St Jude's Church.

"A hundred years ago it was taken for granted that there must be accommodation in the church for every resident of the area, and if possible that the church should be near at hand. As early as 1824 the people of Egham decided that new churches were needed, one at Virginia Water and one at Englefield Green. The land and money for Christ Church, Virginia Water were forthcoming quite soon, but the church at Englefield Green took another thirty years.

The Egham churchyard was full and a new burial ground was needed. Some people wanted this to be beside the old school on the Sandpits (*the east side of St Jude's Road – opposite the Cemetery*) area of Englefield Green, with the church as well. Others were bitterly opposed to this. Eventually, Mr Richard Wyatt Edgell made available the meadow land beside the main road, and one piece of this was bought for the church where it now stands.

The architect was Edward Buckton Lamb, a distinguished artist but with a mixed reputation for buildings. Mr James Oades, the builder of Egham Hill, gained the contract as a total price of less than £2,000. The first stone of the church

was laid in 1858 on 28th October in heavy rain, and the building was finished in eight months. This was in spite of the builders agreeing to allow their workmen to finish early on Saturdays – at 4pm!

A letter to a local paper complained that the new church was "notoriously harlequinised" by the coloured bricks. Another replied that it was in a "plain and painless" style in keeping with the new London offices of the Woking Cemetery Company, evidently a reliable standard of good taste.

The consecration of the church was deferred several times until the Bishop of Winchester could come. It took place on Monday 5th July 1859 in the presence of 300-400 ladies and gentlemen. (How did they all get in?). The Bishop preached on the "Consequences of Practical Atheism". Afterwards, at the luncheon in the school rooms given by the Vicar, the bishop congratulated Dr Monsell on the fine new church. Monsell came from Northern Ireland to be Vicar in 1852 and stayed for twenty years. He wrote many hymns, including "Fight the good fight" and several books. The original East window was a memorial to his son who died on the way to the Crimean War."

Sadly, Dr Monsell died following a fall while inspecting progress on the rebuilding of St Nicholas' Church, Guildford in 1875.

Some early events in St Jude's included the following:

11th August 1860 – the first wedding between George William Gibbons (21) and Sarah Monday (20).

25th November 1866 – Special service of thanksgiving for deliverance from cholera and cattle plague.

20th February 1866 – Dedication of the new transept – the preacher was the Bishop of Winchester – 75 in church!

21st January 1877 – special collection for sufferers from the floods, the occasion when Queen Victoria was stuck in Windsor Castle for a fortnight.

From the Registers

Funeral: (20th September) Sheila Griffiths

Future Concerts

2nd Nov	Wind and Words (clarinet and poetry, Chris Hooker/Valerie Fry)
7th Dec	Simon Lindley (organ)
4th Jan	Community Concert
1st Feb	Royal Holloway students
7th Mar	Royal Holloway students
4th April	Geoff Chew (piano)
2nd May	James Kirby (piano)
16th May	Students of James Kirby (piano)
6th June	Vox Mundi Ladies' Choir

Diary for October

- 2 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 5 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by Geoff Chew – admission free – refreshments provided – donations welcome
- 6 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 9 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 12 Saturday 7.00pm Harvest Supper – Village Centre – tickets needed (£7.50 – all profits to WaterAid)
- 13 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist (Harvest Thanksgiving) 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 16 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 20 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 23 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 27 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch
- 30 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)

All events are in St Jude's Church unless otherwise stated
The Church is open each Saturday from 2.00–4.00pm for tea and a chat