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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Covid 19

We continue to be as careful as we can to keep both St Jude's itself and our Village Centre COVID safe. At the Village Centre "sign-in" facilities and hand sanitiser remain available in the lobby and you are invited to wear face coverings if you wish as you move around the Centre. Our staff and volunteers continue to wear masks and tables are still well-spaced.

Much of our normal worship pattern at St Jude's has been restored although services are still somewhat shorter than pre-COVID and we have yet to return to congregational singing. We are still encouraging the wearing of face coverings wherever possible and some social distancing also remains in place. We have not yet returned to a Sunday Evening Worship pattern but plan to offer the option of a Zoom Service of Compline on some Sunday evenings in the weeks ahead. If you would like to be included in an email invitation please contact the Vicar on

vicar@stjudeschurch.info.

We have been delighted to welcome several children in baptism in recent weeks and we have also celebrated some weddings! Funeral services have continued and our hearts go out to all who are facing loss at this time, as well as those who continue to mourn the death of a loved one during the darkest of COVID times.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Coffee Morning

outside St Jude's Church
**Saturday 11th
September
10.00-11.30am**

Sadly we are still not able to sell cakes but jars of preserves, marmalade will be available

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

Belief and Action

Those of you who know me will know that I have a distinct liking for chocolate. I am not necessarily proud of the fact because I know just how damaging it is. However, the fact remains that chocolate is something that I really like. I could put this down to George Cadbury who was born on the 19th September 1839. At the age of 21 he and his brother Richard, took over the company business from their father. The company was in a bad way. They tried to pay off the debts and held on to the sale of tea, coffee and cocoa nibs which they sold as a nutritious breakfast drink. The trouble is that no one wanted to drink it because it was so bitter. They tried to add things to it, but even George had to admit that it was just a, "comforting gruel." In the end George went to Holland where he bought a machine that pressed out the cocoa butter, In 1866 Cadbury's put the first pure cocoa essence up for sale. It was sweet and it sold well. In fact, the company began to make bars of chocolate as well. Thus the start (many years later), of my own enjoyment of chocolate.

George was a Quaker and each Sunday, which was his day off, he took an adult Sunday School class. Each person attending was given a flower. He described the school as, "a sort of co-operative system of carrying on class where one is our Master, even Christ." Everyone was treated equally, even though many attending were off the streets. The first activity of the day was reading and then writing which were followed by a Bible Study. In the factory each day would begin with a Bible reading and prayer. When the business grew the brothers brought some land near a stream called the Bournbrook which provided inspiration for the name for the new factory – Bournville. The company provided several football pitches and a playground with a garden and a pond for all the staff. Some time later they realised that the journey to the factory was a problem for many of the staff so George and his brother decided to build a new village for the workforce. Each house had a garden big enough to grow vegetables and each garden had fruit trees as well. Later, along came shops and schools.

The two brothers identified a clear link between what they believed and what they did. Sometimes people may think that there is little or no connection between what we believe and what we do in our lives. This story shows me that people who follow Jesus are going to see that when Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, he really meant it!

As I finish off this letter I recollect that some years ago I visited the factory as part of a Business Studies Project. I did enjoy the outing and I also enjoyed the "free" bars of chocolate, but the smell of the chocolate that permeates the area has rather diminished my wish to eat quite so much these days! *Andrew Reed*

Audio-Visual Appeal


Our appeal has now reached £9500 and once again we should like to express our very great gratitude to everyone who has given so generously. Our target of £10,400 is within reach. Please do get in touch if you would like to help. Thank you all.


How to donate

Donations to St Jude's Church can always be made using online banking directly to our accounts (CAF Bank 40-52-40, 00013020 St Jude's United Church) and (NatWest 60-07-33, 02317990 St Jude's Parochial Church Council). Please mark donations AV if they are for the AV equipment appeal.

Food Bank Matters

Please do make use of the Food Bank collection crate in the Monsell Room to leave donations of non perishable food items. Geoff and Jenny Chew are continuing regularly to pass on our donations to the Collection point in Egham and will be glad to give you further details of how you can help. Our thanks to them and to you.

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Big  **Why?**

Questions
with the
Archbishop of Canterbury

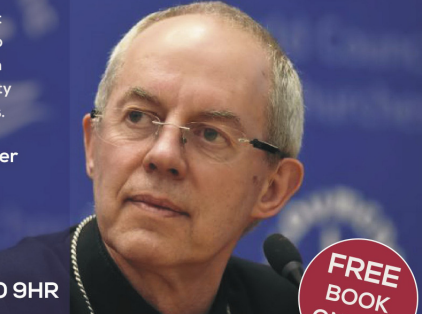
A unique opportunity to put questions to the Archbishop of Canterbury and hear him speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times.

Saturday 25 September
8.00 - 9.00pm

St John's Church
Manor Farm Lane,
Egham TW20 9HR

Book your free places at
BigQuestions-Runnymede.eventbrite.co.uk

FREE BOOK ONLINE



This is an amazing opportunity: Archbishop Justin is offering to address with us some of the biggest concerns of today. Bring a friend, come alone or let us know if you would like company - whichever suits you best. But please book in good time!

A bit of a polish!

Please can you spare a couple of hours out of your month?

We are still looking for volunteers willing to give an hour or so each month to help with the regular cleaning of St Jude's. No qualifications needed! You do not have to be a church attendee - just someone who shares our aim to keep in good shape this beautiful building which has been entrusted to our village.

We are very grateful to Christine Vine who is happy to co-ordinate a rota of weekly volunteers. The more help we receive, the smaller and less time consuming the task! And we shall not be expecting you to work on your own (unless you want to of course!)

Please contact Claudia Tubb, one of our churchwardens, or the Vicar, via our website, (www.stjudeschurch.info) if you would like to participate. Thank you so very much.

The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk

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Our Village Centre Manager and her team will be taking a well-earned rest from Monday 30th August until Monday 6th September. We wish them all a peaceful and relaxed few days, and we remain enormously grateful to them for all their hard work and care for our community.

Even though the Centre will be closed for those few days the Food Bank will be accessible as usual on Wednesday 1st September from 1pm-3pm. The Community Fridge will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August but will re-open on Friday 3rd September from 9am-11am.

From Monday 6th September it will once again be business as usual with our Centre Cafe opening from 9am-2pm Monday to Friday. Do call in to see us and enjoy a cuppa or even some of the delicious food served by our team of staff and volunteers.

Please do get in touch with Ali:

manager@villagecentre.org.uk

if you would like to know more about what we are doing, or if you would like to offer to help in any way. Thank you!

Readings at Communion

5th September (14th Sunday after Trinity)	Isaiah 46. 4-7 Psalm 146 James 2.1-10, 14-17 Mark 7. 24-end
12th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)	Isaiah 50. 4-9a Psalm 116. 1-8 James 3. 1-12 Mark 8. 27-end
19th September (16th Sunday after Trinity)	Jeremiah 11. 18-20 Psalm 54 James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a Mark 9. 30-37
26th September (17th Sunday after Trinity)	Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19. 7-end James 5. 13-end Mark 9. 38-end

From the Registers

Baptisms: (8th August) Darcy Eve Balloch; (14th) Grace Victoria Ingela Evans.

Marriage:

(21st August) Gary Peter Ledsom and Kathryn Louise Roberts.

Funerals: (5th August) Robert Charles Sallis, (19th) Jean Morey Lilian Williams.

Diary for September 2021

- 1 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 5 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Informal Holy Communion (live-streamed)
- 8 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 11 Saturday 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning outside Church
- 12 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion in Church (NOT live-streamed)
9.30am A pre-recorded reflection will premiere at 9.30am on our Youtube channel
- 15 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 19 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion (live-streamed)
- 22 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 26 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion (NOT live-streamed)
9.30am A pre-recorded reflection will premiere at 9.30am on our Youtube channel
- 29 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion