



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

Number 107

May 2019

Piano Recital

by

**Shawn Loh Hong Wei
Munkit Soong
Sing Yee Tan**

playing works by
Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin
and Liszt

Saturday 4th May

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome



Sunday 12th May

(and on the **second Sunday** of
each month) in St Jude's Church

at 4.00pm

*Children should be
accompanied by a parent*

Annual Meetings

The Annual meetings took place on Sunday 14th April. At the first meeting, Diana Bendall and Claudia Tubb were re-elected as churchwardens for the year.

At the second meeting, we received the Annual Report and Accounts and the new Electoral Roll. Mike Brooking, Geoff Chew, Susie Harben, Aidan Hopkins, Renuka Humphrys and Brian Hooker were re-elected to the Church Council to serve a further three years. We were also able to say thank you to all those who help with so much in Church life throughout the year

From the registers

Our Rock

Can you recall where you were when you first heard the news that Notre Dame in Paris was on fire? This is one of those events that somehow sear themselves in our minds. The answer for me is that I caught the tail end of a news item that mentioned that a medieval building was on fire and that images were to be seen on twitter feeds. I do not have a twitter account and I was not near a machine where I could find out the details. I had no idea where the building was or how important it might be. Later on I caught the late night news on the television and saw exactly what had happened. By this time, the fire was under control. The news report included images of the crowds that had gathered to watch, along with the reactions of individuals within the crowd. At the time of writing this article the exact extent of the damage is not yet known, but already indications have been given that no effort will be spared to return the building to its former glory. One of the pieces of information that was shared with us is that thirteen million people visit Notre Dame each year, which is more than the number of people who visit the Eiffel Tower.

As I thought about what had happened and in particular about the number of visitors that walk around that place I found myself wondering why it is so popular. After all, we live in part of the world where religion and church attendance are in serious decline. Various commentators picked up on this point and asked various people their opinion. One response was interesting because the person suggested that the church continues to have an impact on society, even if it is from a distance. Many people have a feeling that the church needs to be there as a point of stability and continuation even if it is not a significant part of their daily life. This, it is suggested is why when a building such as Notre Dame is damaged in a fire that our sense of permanence and dependability is challenged. Churches are just there whether we use them or not and when something happens to one we are forced to think about what they represent. The writer of Psalm 62 wrote, "(God) alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress, I shall never be shaken". He realised that things such as possessions, church buildings and even relationships are temporary and will pass, whereas a relationship with God is solid and cannot be destroyed.

St Jude's sits in the middle of our Village and I believe has an important part to play in the life of our community. Whilst we do not have millions of people coming through our doors each year, you can be sure that there is definitely room for a few more. In the meantime we continue to remember the people of France at this time.

Andrew Reed

Minibus Driver

The Village Centre is looking for a volunteer Minibus Driver! This would involve picking up elderly members of the community from their homes in Englefield Green and taking them to the Tesco in Egham (with the help of a chaperone) on Thursdays between 10am-1pm.

Please contact us if you are interested! Many thanks, Ali Watts (Centre Manager 01784 471110).

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.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Please do remember that if you register with easyfundraising.org.uk and select St Jude's Church, Englefield Green as your chosen charity, you can then shop online with many organisations (including Amazon, John Lewis, etc) and make money for St Jude's

How to contact us

Email: enquiries@stjudeschurch.info

Telephone: 01784 434133 (24 hr answerphone)

In addition to service times, the Church is also open on Saturday afternoons from 2.00–4.00pm.

Readings at 9.30am Communion

5th May (Easter 3)	Psalm 30 Acts 9. 1–6 John 21 1–19
12th May (Easter 4)	Acts 9. 36–end Psalm 23 Revelation 7. 9–end John 10. 22–30
19th May (Easter 5)	Acts 11. 1–18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21. 1–6 John 13. 31–35
26th May (Easter 6)	Acts 16. 9–15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21. 10, 22–22.5 John 14. 23–29

Organ Voluntaries in May

5 May	9.30am	Canzonetta in G major (Dietrich Buxtehude)
12 May	9.30am	Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein BWV 734 (J.S. Bach)
12 May	6.30pm	Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ BWV 628 (J.S. Bach)
19 May	9.30am	Fugue in F major BWV 540 (J.S. Bach)
26 May	9.30am	Prelude in C major BWV 547 (J.S. Bach)
30th May	8.00pm	Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn BWV 630 (J.S. Bach)

Coffee Morning & Book Stall

outside St Jude's Church

Saturday 11th May

10.00am–12 noon

Offers of cakes, preserves etc
and books will be gratefully received

Please do come along for coffee and a chat

The Village Centre (01784 471110)

The Village Centre has now been open for nine years and it continues to grow from strength to strength. The building is now booked, virtually every day, for regular events and provides a real variety of activities such as exercise and slimming classes, karaoke, a dementia support group, pre-school French lessons and of course ballet and dance. For full details please see our website:

www.villagecentre.org.uk

The 'Friends of the Village Centre' scheme is progressing well, but if you would like to be involved in supporting us financially please give Ali, the manager a call. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you have at least two hours a week to spare let us know.



YOU CARE, WE CARE.

The Runnymede Medical Centre and The Village Centre have formed a Carers Alliance and working in partnership to provide support to carers within our community



HELP US TO KNOW HOW WE CAN BETTER HELP YOU

Come along to meet fellow carers whilst enjoying some tea (or coffee) and homemade cake. Your local GP, Social Prescriber, Action for Carers and Village Centre Manager will be here to support and offer advice.

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY

1.30–3.30pm

The Village Centre,
Victoria Street, Englefield Green

FREE EVENT, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

For more information, please contact Ali Watts
on 01784 471110

manager@villagecentre.org.uk

Diary for May

- 1 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 4 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital – admission free – refreshments provided – donations welcome
- 5 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 7 Tuesday 8.00pm Church Council meets
- 8 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 11 Saturday 10.00am–12.00 noon Coffee Morning outside St Jude's
- 12 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 15 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 19 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 22 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 26 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch
- 30 Thursday ASCENSION DAY 8.00pm Holy Communion (sung)