



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Are you new to St Jude's?

It's lovely to welcome you among us — in person or online. If you have any questions or requests for prayer or if you would like to come and talk more personally, please contact our Vicar on vicar@stjudeschurch.info

Open Church

In addition to service times, St Jude's Church will be open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Saturday 9th August with tea and coffee available. Do come along.

Fourth Sunday at Four

We apologise that there will be no fourth Sunday at Four service on Sunday 24th August. Our next Fourth Sunday at Four service is on Sunday 28th September at 4pm. Refreshments are served in the Monsell Room from 3.15pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Future Ministry at St Jude's

We are all hugely indebted to the Revd Andrew Reed for his loving and committed ministry to the people of St Jude's and Englefield Green over the last ten years. He and his wife Pat will be greatly missed, and we wish them every happiness and joy in their new life and ministry on the south coast.

We are looking forward to welcoming Andrew's successor, the Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy, and his colleague, the Revd Jacqueline Esama-John, who is a Methodist Deacon. Both will be providing ministry across the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit of which St Jude's is a part. Their welcome service will be at Egham United Church, High Street, Egham on Wednesday 3rd September at 6.45pm.

The Revd Judith Allford is retiring from full-time ministry during August. But she will be staying with us at St Jude's on a part-time basis during the year ahead. The Bishop of Guildford has kindly agreed that she may still hold his Licence and so continue for the next 12 months as Vicar of St Jude's.

Mr Roy Gouriet will continue his ministry of many years as Licensed Lay Minister at St Jude's and Mrs Diana Bendall will also continue to assist us in preaching and leading our worship. We are grateful to God for them both and for all those who support the ministry of St Jude's.

Goodbye — for now

I received a card a few days ago. On the front were the words, "I hate goodbyes." I am not too sure how much I like them either. Generally when we say goodbye we know that it is a temporary situation and we will meet up again in due course. However, as the card pointed out there are times when the separation is for a longer period, or perhaps there is no expectation of ever meeting up again. Whatever the situation most of us would want to part from another person in a good way and on a positive note.

As you will know from previous letters in "The Ship" I have been in this area for ten years and over that time I have got to know many people. But now the time has come for me to say farewell. It has been my privilege to work with the congregation at St Jude's United Church who have always made me most welcome. I have lost track of the number of services and Church meetings that I have attended over the years. I am so grateful for members of the Ecumenical Church Council and the churchwardens who have steered me wisely and well through the processes that need to be followed. We have discussed many things relating to the church building and the services and I was especially pleased when the Church clock was repaired. It looks so glorious now and I believe that it is a real asset for the village.

Just over the road the Village Centre has a new Manager and continues to function and serve the village. Once again I owe a debt of thanks to the Village Centre Management Committee members, both past and present who again have worked so hard to maintain the premises and provide a space for people to relax and have a bite to eat, as well as providing facilities for groups and organisations to meet and share together. It has been my privilege to have served at the Centre. During my time I have shared my role with that of the Vicar at St Jude's. In more recent years I enjoyed working with the Revd Canon Judith Allford. I am grateful for the encouragement and support that she has offered me. Our aim has been to encourage both places in their ministry in the community and we have been supported by incredible people who do so many tasks to ensure that services go smoothly and I record my thanks to our organist, those who work on the AV, publicity, readers, the choir members and those who meet and greet at the door. It has been a real joy to work with such energetic folk who have a real passion for all that goes on at St Jude's.

The time is fast approaching to say goodbye — for now. The question I find myself asking is why we use this word? I did a small amount of research and seems that the use of the word goes back to about 1573 when it was a quick way of saying, "God be with you" which is a bit of a mouthful, but for Christians it is a reminder that God is very much part of our everyday life. I am always happy, when I leave someone, or a group of people to know that when I say, "goodbye" my sincere desire is that God will be with them.

I do write, "goodbye" with sadness, but it comes with this thought that God will be with you in the days that lie ahead.

Andrew Reed

Concerts

Our sincere thanks to Geoff Chew and to all those who provide excellent concerts for us month by month, and those who help to arrange them and to provide catering for them. We would always be grateful for more assistance, both practical and organisational. Please contact Geoff Chew if you would be willing to help in some way to enable our concerts to continue to flourish. The next scheduled concert is on Saturday 4th October at 4.00pm and will be a programme of Baroque chamber music.

From the registers

Burial of Cremated Remains: (9th July) Peter Lovell, Dorothy Betsy Lovell

Funeral: (30th July) Brian Tomlinson

Marriage: (24th July) Aaron James Norcott to Kimberley Anastasia Paige Hancock

Annual Memorial Services

Last month F. Harrison and Son, one of our local funerals directors, held their annual Summer Memorial Service in St Jude's Church. The service was a special opportunity to gather with others who have recently experienced the death of a loved one, and to honour their lives and the legacy of their love. Our thanks to all who attended and all who took part, and to the team at Harrisons for arranging the service.

We are also very grateful that donations left behind after the service amounted to a gift of £140 to the work of our Village Centre.

An advance notice that Lodge Brothers Funeral Service in Englefield Green will be holding their annual Christmas Memorial Service in St Jude's Church on 10th December 2025. More details nearer the time.

Readings at Communion

Sunday 3rd August Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-23
(7th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 49. 1-12

Colossians 3. 1-11
Luke 12. 13-21

Sunday 10th August Genesis 15. 1-6
(8th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 33. 12-end

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16
Luke 12. 32-40

Sunday 17th August Jeremiah 23. 23-29
(9th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 82

Hebrews 11. 29-12.2
Luke 12. 49-56

Sunday 24th August Acts 5. 12-16
(Bartholomew the Apostle) Psalm 147. 1-7

1 Corinthians 4. 9-15
Luke 22. 24-30

Sunday 31st August Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18
(11th Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 112

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16
Luke 14.1, 7-14

Looking ahead to next month

Saturday 6th September

Coffee Morning

10.00-11.30am

Saturday 13th September

Church Open and Cream Tea

2.00-4.00pm

St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation



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



In some of our recent collective worship sessions, we were thinking about "journeys" and especially the journeys which Abraham made as he followed God's leading. Thank you again to Jeremy who has planned those sessions for us.

We thought about some of the journeys we had been on – and what we had needed to take with us. I brought my backpack, which contained a water bottle, a Guidebook, a toothbrush, a packet of tissues, a Bible, a pen, some money, my passport (with its terrible photo!) my house keys (so that I could get back into the vicarage when I returned from my journey!) and my binoculars! I thought that was enough to be going on with!

Some of you will be going on journeys (short or long) during the school holiday. Please stay safe and have a good time. And for those of you who are not going away this year – we still have a lovely village to enjoy and special places not too far away. So, I do hope this will be a great summer for all of us to remember.

And then in September there will be different kinds of journeys, as Year 2 and Year 6 make the transition on to a different school site – with new friends to meet, new things to learn, new activities to enjoy and new teachers to meet. I wish you all very well. Abraham found that God was with him on his journey wherever he went and I believe you will find the same.

And I want to say special thank you too, on behalf of us all, to those on the St Jude's Schools staff who are moving on too. We shall miss you and we are very grateful for all you have done for us all. Stay safe and be happy!

Parents, carers, SLT, all school staff, PTA, governors and children – thank you for all your hard work during another challenging year! Who knows what travelling into September 2025 will bring? Let's make sure we have all we need for our journeys, and let's remember that, like Abraham, we never journey alone. God bless you all.

Putting your stamp on it

We are grateful to all who continue to pass on their used postage stamps to us. They are sent on to a charity and put to very good use! Thank you to Joan who so kindly manages this collection for us.

Diary for August

- 3 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 6 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 9 Saturday 2.00-4.00pm Church open
- 10 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 13 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 17 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 20 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 24 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist NO 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 27 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 31 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Service NO Holy Communion

Please note that our 9.30am service each Sunday is always live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.

The Village Centre

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We have been really happy to welcome back so many old faces since the school holidays have started. It has been great to see all the school aged children enjoying time in the café and reacquainting themselves with the toys and ball pit. We have the children's menu and lots of summer specials, so we hope to see you soon. If you have a neighbour who might enjoy a social lunch, please mention our Monday Lunch Club to them. It's free and a good opportunity to come and meet and chat over a meal cooked by a local chef. Just call and leave a message with your name to book 01784 471110.

Some dates for the diary:

Over 55's Lunch Club, Mondays 12noon will be running on Monday 4th August, Monday 11th August, Monday 18th August. (note, no Lunch Club on bank holiday Monday 25th August).

Community Bus to Brooklands, book in advance and register by calling and leaving a message on 01784 471110. £5 return trip, pay on the day. Tuesday 12th August, Tuesday 26th August.

Community Fridge will be open 9am–11am Monday 4th August, Friday 8th August, Monday 11th August, Friday 15th August, Monday 18th August, Friday 22nd August and Friday 29th August. (note, no Community Fridge on bank holiday Monday 25th August).

THE CAFE IS CLOSING FOR A TWO-WEEK SHORT BREAK IN AUGUST.

These are the timings for the cafe during August.

Friday 1st August OPEN 10am–2pm

Monday 4th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Tuesday 5th August – Friday 8th August CLOSED

Monday 11th August – Friday 15th August CLOSED

Monday 18th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Tuesday 19th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Wednesday 20th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Thursday 21st August OPEN 10am–2pm

Friday 22nd August OPEN 10am–2pm

Monday 25th August CLOSED (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 26th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Wednesday 27th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Thursday 28th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Friday 29th August OPEN 10am–2pm

Warm wishes, Helen Hallett

Food Bank

Thank you all as always for your generous donations to the Runnymede Foodbank. There is a slight temporary change in our delivery arrangements to the Foodbank. BUT donations of imperishable foodstuffs and other items can still be left in the crate in the Monsell Room. Just at present we cannot accept cash donations, but we continue to be very grateful to all who contribute, and we shall keep you informed as and when we return to our previous pattern. Thank you for your understanding.

Please remember that perishable food items are welcome donations to the Community Fridge and Kitchen at our Village Centre. The Kitchen is open on Mondays and Fridays, 9am–11am, excluding Bank Holidays. Donated food must still be within its sell by/use by date on the Monday or Friday or it will be recycled by the Fridge. If you feel this is something to which you can contribute, please contact the Centre on 01784 471110.

Bereavement Coffee Morning

Thursday 28th August 2025 at 10.15am

at the Jurgens Centre,

Church of the Assumption of our Lady,

Harvest Road

Everyone is welcome

We have an open invitation to join our neighbours at the Church of the Assumption of our Lady, Harvest Road, TW20 0QR, on the last Thursday in each month, for their regular Coffee Morning in the Jurgens Centre beside the Church. We welcome anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently, or further back in time. You will find a quiet and welcoming space to talk or simply to listen and to be amongst friends. The invitation is to everyone, you may or may not be a church goer. You may drop in and out as you wish.

We shall be very glad to see you.