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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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Piano Recital James Webb

playing music by Mozart,
Beethoven, Grieg and Ravel

Saturday 3rd August

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free
Refreshments provided
Donations welcome



NO MESSY CHURCH IN AUGUST

(normally on the **second Sunday**
of each month)

in St Jude's Church
at 4.00pm

*Children should be
accompanied by a parent*

Tutti Classical Musicians

There will be an exhilarating programme present by young musicians from the junior department of the Royal College of Music, Royal Academy of Music and National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain. They will play music by Grieg, Vaughan Williams, Britten and Holst. The concert is on Saturday 31st August at 7.00pm in St Jude's Church. Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection for the church.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism: (23rd June) Beowolf Bruce Brewer; (30th June) Kakalea Leka.

Wedding: (13th July) Paul Witter and Rowena Backhouse.

Funerals: (25th May) Darrell Evans; (28th June) Robert Jarvis (graveside)

Time for Prayer

By the time you read this we will have known who our new Prime Minister is. I realise that many people have struggled over the past few months to cope with the ongoing story of who was going to win that particular race and it is linked very closely to the complex issue of our relationship with Europe. A great deal of uncertainty surrounds this topic and then, when we look even further afield we find ourselves following events as they unfold on other continents. The situation in the Gulf of Hormuz may become more and more significant over the coming days as the story continues to unfold.

Last month many people in the UK were captivated by the sporting events that were going on; especially over the weekend of the 15/16th July. Formula One, tennis, and cricket all vied for our attention. On the Sunday evening I was preaching at a local Church and I knew that people were itching to look at their phones to find out what was happening. The service ended at 7:30pm and straight away people were checking to see who had won the cricket. It was obvious when one person excitedly told everyone what had happened.

The next morning I heard on the radio that during the day the BBC had had the greatest number of "hits" on their Sports App to date with some 40 million enquiries about the score. So there is no doubt some things do keep our attention. My problem is that I cannot always tell what is really important or what I should be following. I am glad that there are lots of things going on in the world for me to enjoy and that I am free to decide which ones I will follow. When it comes to significant world events I am reminded that the Bible encourages me to pray for people in positions of authority and responsibility. Paul urges his readers that, "...supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." (1 Tim 2: 1). As a nation we might find this a challenge, but it does not stop you or I praying about the serious matters that are happening each day. I invite you to pray for all who exercise leadership as Paul suggests. Over the summer things might quieten down a bit, but October is not that far away and we all know what is supposed to happen then.

But for now many of you will be looking forward to a restful time over the summer and I hope that you will be able to make the most of any good weather that comes our way. I hope that you might find space to bring our nation and our world before God and ask that he would indeed allow us to lead quiet and peaceable lives. *Andrew Reed*

Damage to the Church Roof

We have recently suffered some damage to our church roof and stonework. This includes the loss of some slates and lead flashings. The cost of repairs will run into several thousand pounds and we are keen to avoid further loss of this kind. We have been in touch with Mr Vic Smith, Crime Reduction Advisor to Surrey Police and we are also ensuring that the Englefield Green Village Residents Association (EGVRA) and our local Neighbourhood Watch Groups are made aware. We shall also be contacting Safer Runnymede at Runnymede Borough Council to ensure that the church is kept under CCTV surveillance.

We also need your help please! If you see anyone attempting to gain access to the church roof please let us know! We have been advised to refresh the "Anti-Climb" paint that we used for the same purpose some time ago and we shall also be looking at other security measures. But we are also greatly concerned for the safety of anyone who may be making unauthorised attempts to climb on to the roof. Your support in helping us to prevent any further damage and/or personal accident or injury would be very greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Open Day and Gift Day

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Summer Open Day and Gift Day on Saturday 20th July. It was good to welcome visitors to St Jude's and we are grateful to many people who gave so generously of their time, energy, talents and financial donations.

The Organ of St Jude's

A pipe organ has been central to worship at St Jude's ever since the foundation of the church in 1859. The current organ is only the third instrument to have been installed; originally built around 1900 by J.W. Walker & Sons, it has been in use at St Jude's since 1935, when it was bought second-hand, and it has proved amazingly reliable.

The organ was given a general cleaning in 1951; at another overhaul in 1967, some voicing was probably done, to improve the sound quality. Then in 1983 the firm of Nicholson & Co. replaced the pneumatic action with solid state electronics. By 1996, major work was needed. The PCC finally decided to have the organ repaired and enlarged. Between 1998 and 1999, Robin Rust, of Fleet, Hampshire, gave the organ a major overhaul, cleaning it, replacing the magnets, patching the bellows and adding several new stops.

Now, in 2019, although Robin Rust's rebuild has given twenty years of service, some problems that were left untouched in 1999 require radical attention. The wind reservoirs were patched in 1999, as re-leathering was not considered economical. That patching is now fairly ineffective, and one or more of the reservoirs will need to be removed and re-leathered. Our current tuner and maintainer, James Richardson-Jones, of The Duplex Pipe Organ and Blower Company, estimates a cost of around £5,000 for this work.

Besides this, a spectacular addition made by Robin Rust in 1999 was a Trumpet solo stop, very useful for ceremonial and joyful occasions such as church weddings. For almost two years, this has been unavailable and disabled, as there are problems with the electronic circuit board that governs it. We would hope to replace the existing circuit board with a standardised board. No firm estimate is yet available for this part of the work, but it is also likely to be several thousand pounds.

In consequence, we are mounting an appeal:

Firstly, to re-leather the reservoirs, a high priority, if the organ is to remain reliably available for Sunday services and for many of its other services — especially weddings and funerals — at which the local community often calls upon the church for support;

Secondly, for the restoration to use of the Trumpet stop which was added in 1999, and which has been unavailable for the past couple of years.

If you feel able to make a donation, large or small, to this vital work, you are invited to do so in one of the following ways:

- by cash or cheque (payable to St Jude's United Church) brought to Church or sent to the Treasurer, Brian Hooker, 11 Willson Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0QB.

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The Village Centre (01784 471110)

www.villagecentre.org.uk

Life at the Village Centre continues to be busy! Our regular bookings include Ballet classes, Pilates, Music with Mummy, Jazz, Film and Chess Clubs and The Egham Women's Institute (Nightingales) monthly meetings. We also host an informal Arts and Craft Group each week. Our Child Contact Centre and our Baby Basics Project are two major areas of outreach.

Our Computer Drop-In sessions (Tuesday–Thursday from 9.30am to 12noon) offer the use of desk-top computers but also provide support to those bringing their own electronic devices such as laptops, tablets or mobile phones. Our skilled volunteers can provide training in the use of particular computer programmes and are even willing to help you with booking airline tickets or completing other on line forms!

We are currently exploring an alliance with our local GP surgery to provide additional support for those who are currently Carers for loved ones, neighbours or friends.

Our Café continues to thrive and is open Mon–Wed 9am–4pm, Thurs and Fri 9am–5pm, and in school holidays 10am–2pm each weekday. Do sample our delicious "Cake of the Week" donated each Monday by local suppliers! We also have rooms available to hire for a variety of celebrations including Birthday and Baptism Parties!

If you would like to support us on a regular basis you may wish to consider becoming a Friend of the Village Centre — and enjoy up to 10 free teas/coffees each month!

Further details from our Centre Manager, Ali Watts, on 01784 471110.

Open Day Grand Draw

Many thanks to all those who bought (and sold) tickets for the Grand Draw. The prizes were won as follows: £100 Crisswell; Hamper (donated by Harrison's) Natasha; Gin Pat Summers; Wine (donated by Lodge Bros) H. Meares; Candles Claudia Tubb; Chess set Ellie Heanue; Pot plant (donated by Tangerine and Green) Zachary; Prosecco Collier; Meat voucher (donated by Ansells) Gouriet; Pottery Painting voucher (donated by Genevieve's) Summers; Wine Gouriet; Wine Hopkins; Toy Rabbit Chew.

- by bank transfer - our account number is 00013020, sort code 40-52-40, account name St Jude's United Church (please give as reference Organ Appeal);

- by debit or credit card on a Saturday afternoon or after a concert or service — ask someone about this at the time.

If you are a UK taxpayer we hope that you will make a Gift Aid declaration so that we may reclaim tax.

Diary for August

- 3 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by James Webb — admission free — refreshments provided — donations welcome
- 4 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 7 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 11 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 14 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 18 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 21 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 25 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch
- 28 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 31 Saturday 7.00pm Tutti Classical Musicians concert — free admission — retiring collection

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