



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Songs and Opera Arias since Purcell

Vivaswath Rao

(tenor)

Padmavathi Divakaran

(piano)

Saturday 7th September

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome



NO MESSY CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

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of each mo-th)

i- St Jude's Church
at 4.00pm

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accomp-ied by a pare-t*

Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th September

10.00am-12.00 noon

outside St Jude's Church

Offers of cakes, biscuits.

More Time for Prayer

In July I had the great privilege of meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury. The occasion was one of a series of garden parties at Lambeth Palace to mark the 25th Anniversary of the first ordination of women to the Anglican Priesthood. What will always stay with me is the character of the Archbishop. Here is a man who has rubbed shoulders with so many famous names (and has now rubbed shoulders with me!) yet still radiates the humility and compassion that comes from one who has been with God. It would not be necessary to ask Justin Welby if he prays - it is very plain that he does.

Last month our Methodist Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed wrote about "Time for Prayer". He invited us to find space during the summer to bring our nation and our world before God in prayer. One of our recent Old Testament readings was from Genesis 18. Here we find Abraham praying to God on behalf of two of the great cities of the ancient world. As Abraham ventured deeper into a prayer-conversation with God he discovered more of God's character of justice and compassion.

It can be our human instinct to cry out to God when things go wrong and I think many of us find ourselves in conversation with God at different times in our lives. I have a friend who is not a church-goer but that certainly doesn't stop her talking with God, questioning God; even remonstrating with God. Like so many, she is a gardener, and she reminds me so much of the words of Dorothy Frances Gurney: "One is nearer God's Heart in a garden than anywhere else on Earth".

I am also reminded words from Alfred Lord Tennyson: "Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day." In our baptism services parents and godparents promise to pray faithfully for the child who is being baptised. In our wedding services friends and loved ones affirm their intention to support and pray for the couple who are beginning a new stage in their life journey together. At our funeral services we pray with thanksgiving for those whose lives have blessed and enriched our lives and we pray too for those whose sorrow is hardest of all to bear. Sunday by Sunday we pray for the needs of the world and of our own nation and community. We take home with us a guide to our prayer for the week ahead. Perhaps like Abraham there are times when we begin to find that prayer can be an adventure into the heart and mind of our great God.

Yet there are also times when prayer is hard; when it seems a lonely journey; times when prayer seems to go unanswered or we are too weary or sad to pray. In the Vicarage I have a poster made by children of our Junior Church. It depicts Abraham gazing up at the stars. The caption is "God Keeps Promises". Here then is a promise from the New Testament which reminds us that we are not alone: "Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also praying for us" (Romans 8:34).

On 7th November 2019 I shall be formally instituted as Vicar of St. Jude's. Next month's edition of the Ship will carry more information about that event. I am so excited and humbled by the challenges that lie ahead and I find myself echoing Tennyson's words: "Pray for my Soul". This is an adventure that I hope to share not only with those who already worship at St. Jude's, but with many, many others across our remarkable village. Please pray for me - as I shall pray for you. And I am very sure that our Archbishop too is praying for us. Thank you all.

Judith Allford

From the Registers

Holy Baptism:

(18th August) Klara Audrey Lloyd.

Funerals:

(10th July) Roger William Smith; (12th) Dorothy Prince; (30th) Rita Nancy Goodey; (9th August) Walter Owen Lovegrove; (13th) Doreen Margaret McInnes; (13th) Adelle Patricia Goddard; (30th) Andrew Clive Dobson.

The Organ of St Jude's

Many thanks to those of who have responded so kindly to the article in last month's Newsletter 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.

It is not too late 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.
- 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.

Readings at Communion

1st September (Trinity 11)	Psalm 112 Hebrews 13. 1–8, 15–16 Luke 14. 1, 7–14
8th September (Trinity 12)	Deuteronomy 30. 15–end Psalm 1 Philemon 1–21 Luke 14. 25–33
15th September (Trinity 13)	Exodus 32. 7–14 Psalm 51. 1–11 1 Timothy 1. 12–17 Luke 15. 1–10
22nd September (Trinity 14)	Amos 8. 4–7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2. 1–7 Luke 16. 1–13
29th September (Trinity 15)	Revelation 12. 7–12 Psalm 103. 19–end Hebrews 1. 5–end John 1. 47–end

Englefield Green Cemetery

We are unable to help with information about the cemetery – it is the property of and maintained by Runnymede Borough Council based in Addlestone. Their telephone number is 01932 838383.

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.

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 at the same time without costing you a penny.

Future Concerts

5th Oct	Geoff Chew (piano)
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

Diary for September

- 1 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 4 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 7 Saturday 4.00pm Songs and Opera Arias – admission free – refreshments provided – donations welcome
- 8 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist NO MESSY CHURCH 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 11 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 14 Saturday 10.00am–12.00noon Coffee Morning outside St Jude's Church
- 15 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 18 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 22 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 25 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 26 Thursday 8.00pm Church Council meets
- 29 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch