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Looking back to Easter

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for some of our services during Holy Week and Easter. We enjoyed some special times recreating in worship and word the journey of our Lord Jesus Christ from the first Palm Sunday to the Day of Resurrection.

One of the services which will stay especially in my mind is our Service of Light on Easter Eve. It was not a long service but we were able to rejoice in the light of Christ coming into the world as we lit candles from our Easter Candle to illuminate the dusk of the church at evening. These beautiful words were read; especially significant and poignant in these dark times: *Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light. For Christ the Morning Star is risen in glory, Christ is risen from the dead, and his flame of love burns within us. Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world! Christ is alive, and he is King forever and ever! Amen.*

And then all the lights in church were lit as we celebrated Christ's resurrection life!

This service may be unfamiliar to many – it only happens once each year! But do think about joining us for our Easter Eve Service (as well as some of our other Holy Week services) at Easter 2023! The service concluded as together we renewed the promises made for us at our Baptism.

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5)

Recital

by piano students
studying with James Kirby

Saturday 7th May
4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free
Refreshments available
Donations welcome

Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was born on 12th May 1820. When she was fifteen years she heard a call from God that she should become a nurse. However, it took seven years before she answered that call. She waited for two main reasons; the first was that she came from a wealthy family and she was expected to follow her mother in the social round. When she tried to step out of this mould she ended up arguing with her parents, so she knuckled down and did as she was told. At the same time and at the suggestion of Lord Shaftesbury she also studied mathematics and looked at public health records and hospital reports in order to get ready for her career. The second obstacle was the image that nursing had. Hospitals were filthy and the staff untrained. Yet, when the time was right, Florence stepped into this world fully equipped and the fact is that she made a huge difference.

It was on 21st October 1854 that Florence Nightingale set out for the Crimea with thirty eight volunteer nurses who included her head Nurse, Eliza Roberts and her aunt, Mai Smith. The company also included fifteen Catholic Nuns. Florence had been commissioned for this task by the British Government. In November she and her team arrived at Selimiye Barracks in Scutari. Here she saw such horrific sights that she felt obliged to write to The Times about what she had seen. She asked for the Government to find a solution to the problems she had witnessed. They commissioned Isambard Kingdom Brunel to design a prefabricated hospital that could be built in England and then be shipped out to the Dardanelles. When it arrived it was set up as the Renkoi Hospital. The death rate at this hospital was far less than the rate in Scutari. Stephen Paget writing in the Dictionary of National Biography stated that Nightingale had reduced the death rate from 42% to 2%. One of the schemes that she introduced was the simple expedient of handwashing. It has to be noted that she never took credit for the reduction in the death rate for herself.

Florence had very fixed ideas on nursing and her experiences certainly helped shape her approach to the role. In 1860 after her return from Balaklava she set up a nurses' training school in London. She also wrote a book called "Notes on Nursing." Apparently, it was the book to be seen on the coffee table in any good home. Not everyone agreed with the ideas that Florence expressed. One young lady wrote, "That about skin and washing and hot water. I don't believe a word of it, I'm quite satisfied with my skin and I don't want it better than it is." In her book Florence stated her interest in the needs of the patient suggesting that they needed flowers, a view from the window, a pet of some kind, freedom from the sound of rustling skirts and someone to understand the many fears and worries of the patients and an ability to guess those things that a patient was too afraid to mention, whatever those things might be. She also noted that the type of food that a patient eats is important. Food should include milk and a good supply of vegetables. Tea must also feature even though it has little value as nourishment. Her views on the role of women is interesting. She stated that women should neither strive to do something because it is usually a man's job nor hold back from a job because it is not considered women's work. She went on to state, "You want to do the thing that is good whether it is suitable for a woman or not." All this at the end of a career that broke all the rules.

Each time I follow the news from Ukraine, Crimea and the Donbas region I am saddened to think of the way that history seems to be repeating itself. I encourage you to pray for these regions, the families that live there, the soldiers fighting, the hospitals and their staff, for the whole infrastructure and for Government and world leaders, that they would all seek and work for peace. *Andrew Reed*

Englefield Green Village Fair

Saturday 18th June
11.30am – 5.00pm

Annual Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting (where we elect churchwardens – currently Claudia Tubb and Mike Brooking) will take place on Sunday 8th May at 11.00am. You are warmly invited to attend.

The meeting will probably take place partly in Church and partly, digitally, via Zoom. To take part on Zoom, please ensure that we have your email address and an invitation, with a digital link, will be sent to you nearer the time. We shall also be able to invite those who prefer it, to join us in person in church. Again, please let us know if you would like to do that. Thank you all!

The APCM is where we receive the revised Electoral Roll and the Annual Report and Accounts and elect members of the Church Council.

If you would like your name to be added to the Church Electoral Roll, please email roll@stjudeschurch.info for an application form. Please note that this is nothing to do with the local authority Register of Electors.

Readings at Communion

1st May (3rd Sunday of Easter)	Acts 9.1–6, 17–20 Psalm 30 Revelation 5. 11–end John 21. 1–9
8th May (4th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 9. 36–end Psalm 23 Revelation 7. 9–end John 10. 22–30
15th May (5th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 11. 1–18 Psalm 148. 1–6 Revelation 21. 1–6 John 13. 31–35
22nd May (6th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 16. 9–15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21. 10, 22–22.5 John 14. 23–29
29th May (Sunday after the Ascension)	Acts 16. 16–34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22.12–14,16–17, 20–end John 17. 20–end

Concert in April

On 23rd April, we were privileged to be given a recital in church by the Barbican Trio who played music by Haydn, Saint-Saëns and Brahms. The money raised at this recital has been donated to the the Ukraine appeal and we are delighted to report that we have been able to send £800. Many thanks to those who supported this worthwhile cause.

Diary for May

- 1 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 4 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by students studying with James Kirby
- 8 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Annual Meetings
- 11 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 15 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 18 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 22 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 25 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 26 Thursday Ascension Day 7.00pm Holy Communion
- 29 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Informal Service NO Holy Communion

Please note that there will always be either a live-streamed service or a pre-recorded reflection on our YouTube Channel each Sunday from 9.30am. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.

The Village Centre

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At the time of writing the refurbishment of our Village Centre Café is almost complete! It is looking very good and we are greatly looking forward to its reopening on Tuesday 3rd May at 9am. We know that the café and the opportunity it provides for relaxation and fellowship has been much missed. We are delighted that we can now welcome back former users of the café and new users too!

Please come and see us in our new surroundings and sample our new menu! You will find that the child play area has been extended and now includes a ball pit! Our hall has also been redecorated and the floor re-lacquered.

Our outreach projects all continued to function throughout our closure, along with many of our lettings. We are really thrilled that the New Egham Singers chose our Child Contact Centre as their charity when they performed at St Mary's School Ascot on 9th April. Ali, Debbie, Lily, Pam and Jan were invited to serve refreshments and provide a raffle and enjoyed a very special evening. They were made extremely welcome and there was much interest in the work of the Contact Centre. The total raised so far amounts to £697.99 with some money still to come in from ticket sales. We are very grateful to the New Egham Singers and to Dr Guy Bunce.

Our Village Centre Film Club is now operating again on selected Friday evenings. For details of dates, times and screenings please contact Dave on screenintimes@gmail.com

Many congratulations to Ali and her team of staff and volunteers for their vision and sheer hard work in bring the renovation of the Café to completion. See you there on 3rd May!!

If you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or if you would like to offer your help to the Centre please contact Ali Watts, our Centre Manager as below. Thank you!

manager@villagecentre.org.uk

From the Registers

Baptisms: (24th April) Edward Winston Davy Lovell;
(24th) Archie William Lockwood.

Funerals: (22nd April) Mary Heather Crocker;
(27th) Maureen Tierney

Interment of Ashes: (25th April) Reginald David Daniel Bishop ("Reg")