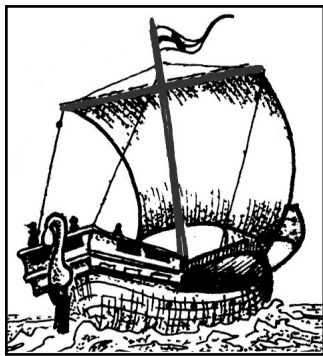




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Are you new to St Jude's?

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 3.30pm on Saturday 8th November (tea and coffee available). Do come along. This will be followed at 4.00pm by a piano recital — see below.

Fourth Sunday at Four

Please join us for our fourth Sunday at Four service on Sunday 23rd November. This is a short service (approximately 30 minutes) and does not include Holy Communion. Refreshments are served in the Monsell Room from 3.15pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Piano Recital by James Kirby

**Saturday 8th November
at 4.00pm**

Admission free - donations welcome

Concert

**of Baroque Chamber Music by
Julie Aherne and friends
Saturday 22nd November
at 4.00pm**

Admission free - donations welcome

Christmas Fair

**Saturday 29th November
2.00–4.00pm
Village Centre
(Victoria Street)**

Cakes, Preserves, Jams, Teas,
Raffle, Tombola, CDs, DVDs,
Books, Bric-a-brac etc

Memorial Matters

November is a month of Remembrance and a time to honour those who served us sacrificially in time of war. Helen's McKee's second "Memorial Matters" focuses on a soldier buried in the Englefield Green Cemetery. His tragic and untimely death occurred as he arrived in England just months after he had enlisted with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in July 1917. Thank you to Helen for this moving account of his life.

Please remember also that a set of the fascinating Books of Remembrance and the story of the Englefield Green Memorial Project, all compiled by John Scott were kindly donated by him to St Jude's Church and can be viewed on request.

Judith Allford

John Chookomolin

From the St Jude's Road entrance to the cemetery, walk down past the Orthodox Church and take the first turning left. This month's grave will appear after a while on the right, almost hidden by a large, encroaching shrub. The English inscription on the stone is headed with a maple leaf and followed with a cross.

J. CHOOKOMOLIN

SERVED AS

2497978 PRIVATE

J. JAKOMOLIN

CAN. FORESTRY CORPS

20TH SEPTEMBER 1917 AGE 22

Underneath this is an inscription in the Cree language — because Private Chookomolin belonged to the Canadian First Nation community of Attawapiskat, Ontario, and Cree was his first language.

This headstone has been here for less than a decade. The original Commonwealth War Games Commission headstone had Pte Chookomolin's name in the form 'Jakomolin', which is what is found in his Canadian military papers, but 'Jakomolin' is a phonetic spelling that does not reflect modern Cree spelling. John Scott MBE researched the grave, contacted John's family in Canada, and lobbied to have the headstone replaced — and the CWGC agreed to include the inscription in Cree (a first).

John Chookomolin had been born in June 1895. His home was Attawapiskat, on James Bay in northern Ontario, and like most men in that community John was a hunter. By 1917 he was married to Maggie and had a baby daughter, Louise.

John enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in Toronto on 8 July 1917. His attestation papers tell us that he was 5 foot 7, with a dark complexion, black hair and brown eyes, and his religious affiliation is given as Roman Catholic.

John embarked with his regiment on the SS Megantic (an ocean liner repurposed as a troop carrier) at Halifax on 5 September 1917, and arrived at Liverpool on 15 September, before travelling to his regimental base in Sunningdale. However, according to the War Graves register, he was already 'dangerously ill', and he was taken to Windlesham Court Military Hospital. There, on 20 September, more than 3000 miles from his home, he died of pneumonia. His death was registered under yet another spelling of his name, 'Jakamolin'.

Maggie Chookomolin died only a few years after John's death, and their young daughter Louise was brought up by her extended family. She married and has numerous descendants alive today: in 2016 one of her sons, Xavier, travelled to Englefield Green to visit his grandfather's resting-place.

The inscription at the bottom of John Chookomolin's headstone may be translated as 'I left my daughter and my wife at Nahmehkoo Seepee (Trout River) for this war': see <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/131481103/john-chookomolin>, where there is more information and a photograph of the young soldier. *Dr Helen McKee*

Englefield Green Armistice Day Commemoration 2025

Friday 7th November 10.45am

Representatives from our local schools will gather at the Englefield Green Cemetery War Memorials for their Act of Remembrance with 2 minutes silence at 11am

Sunday 9th November 10.45am

You are invited to gather at the Englefield Green Cemetery War Memorials where the ceremony of remembrance will begin at 10.58am and will include the traditional 2 minutes' silence from 11am.

Sunday 9th November 11.15am

Our annual Parade Service of our local uniformed organisations takes place in St Jude's Church.

Please do join us for these events. Our thanks to John Scott for arranging them once again.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" *(John 15:13)*

Readings at Communion

Sunday 2nd November (4th Sunday before Advent) (All Saints' Day)	Daniel 7. 1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1. 11-end Luke 6. 20-31
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Sunday 9th November (3rd Sunday before Advent) (Remembrance Sunday)	Job 19.23-27a Psalm 17. 1-8 2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-end Luke 20. 27-38
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Sunday 16th November (2nd Sunday before Advent) (Safeguarding Sunday)	Malachi 4. 1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 Luke 21. 5-19
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Sunday 23rd November (Sunday next before Advent) (Christ the King)	Jeremiah 23. 1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1. 11-20 Luke 23. 33-43
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Sunday 30th November (1st Sunday of Advent)	Isaiah 2. 1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13. 11-end Matthew 24. 36-44
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Easyfundraising.co.uk

We are very grateful to all those who are supporting us when buying things through Amazon, John Lewis by using easyfundraising.co.uk. You have raised well over £1500 (so far) for us through this scheme and that is without any cost to you.

Food Bank

Thank you all as always for your generous donations to the Runnymede Foodbank. Please do continue to leave your donations of imperishable foodstuffs, toiletries and other items in the crate in the Monsell Room. We apologise that we cannot accept cash donations at present. Thank you all.

Donations of perishable food items are welcomed by our Village Centre Community Fridge and Kitchen. 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 when 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. Thank you!

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.

From the Registers

Funerals:

(2nd October) Bernard Frederick Dennis

(6th October) Ivy Rose Griffin

Blessing of the Graves

As in previous Novembers, we are looking forward to the privilege of joining with our Roman Catholic friends from The Assumption of our Lady in the blessing of the graves of loved ones in Englefield Green Cemetery. This will be led for us by Father Chris Spain. We will assemble at the Cemetery gates at around 2.30pm on Sunday 16th November, and begin our special walk through the cemetery. Tea and cake will be served afterwards in the Monsell Room at St Jude's Church. Please join us.

Looking ahead to next month

Piano Recital

Geoff Chew will give a piano recital on Saturday 6th December at 4.00pm.

Lebkuchen and Mince Pie Tea

This will be in Church on Saturday 13th December from 2.00-4.00pm.

Carol Service

This will be on Sunday 14th December at 4.00pm with tea and mince pies afterwards.

Diary for November

- 2 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion (Methodist Liturgy)
- 4 Tuesday 7.30pm Church Council meets in church
- 5 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 8 Saturday 2.00-3.30pm Church open 4.00pm Piano Recital by James Kirby
- 9 Remembrance Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorials followed by a service in church
6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 12 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by F Harrison & Son
- 16 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 2.00pm Blessing of Graves with refreshments
- 19 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 22 Saturday 4.00pm Recital of baroque music by Julie Aherne and friends
- 23 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 26 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 29 Saturday 2.00-4.00pm Christmas Fair in the Village Centre
- 30 Advent Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Methodist Advent Service Ashford Common

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.

Inspired by St Jude!

Our Giving Update

On the last Sunday of October, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Simon and St Jude — or as we like to call it, St Jude's Day! We rejoiced in 166 years of the presence of our beautiful St Jude's Church in the heart of our lovely village.

Although we know very little about St Jude, we can tell from his letter included in the New Testament, that he felt very responsible for the early Christians whom God had entrusted to his care. St Jude worked and prayed for the growth and survival of the church which was beginning to grow on the foundation of Jesus himself.

Today we share the responsibility to protect and nurture our church for the future. One of the ways we can do that is through our giving, and we are very grateful to those who have already responded to our recent appeal to review our individual giving to St Jude's. If you haven't yet been able to respond — or if you would like to know more, please do get in touch via the phone number on the front of this newsletter.

Safeguarding Sunday 2025

Safeguarding Sunday will be observed on November 16 2025. Every year thousands of churches across the country unite to mark Safeguarding Sunday. It's a chance to listen and talk together about how we can create places and cultures that protect people from the damaging effects of harm and abuse.

This event aims to raise awareness about safeguarding in churches across the UK. Thousands of churches, including St Jude's United Church will participate to reflect on their safeguarding journey and to promote the protection of vulnerable individuals. The initiative which is led by the charity Thirtyone:eight also encourages communities to come together to discuss and highlight the importance of safeguarding in their environments.

The campaign is now in its 7th year and last year saw over 5000 churches across the UK, from a variety of backgrounds and traditions take part. This year the theme of the campaign is '**Action Speaks Louder**' — encouraging churches to not just talk about safeguarding but to take positive action towards creating safer places.

Safeguarding has been a ongoing topic in the Church of England for some time, but sadly, often not for the best of reasons. A review of safeguarding practices in the Church of England has revealed "*significant and deeply concerning*" failures which have undermined public trust and left victims feeling abandoned by the very institution meant to protect them.

The review was carried out by the then Bishop of London Dame Sarah Mullally, who is about to make history as the first female Archbishop of Canterbury. In her first speech as Archbishop of Canterbury designate, Dame Sarah spoke at length on the importance of challenging abuses of power and supporting victim-survivors and the vulnerable. It was good to see the future of safeguarding in the Church of England highlighted.

The vision is for a world where every child and adult can feel, and be, safe. It's a big vision, and we can't do it alone. Through this campaign we hope to inspire you, and our community to talk about safeguarding.

Diana Bendall - Safeguarding lead St Jude's United Church

Bereavement Coffee Morning

Thursday 27th November 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.

The Village Centre

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<https://www.instagram.com/villagecentreenglefieldgreen>

As predicted, October was a very busy month, not least for Helen, our Centre Manager, as she completed an important project on behalf of us all. We are grateful to have gained five new volunteers in the last few weeks. Thank you to those who have offered their commitment in this way. We still have room for plenty more help! If you would like an opportunity to experience volunteering with us, please contact Helen, who will be delighted to hear from you.

Our Monday Community Lunch continues to flourish. We miss Huda, who was initially responsible for setting up this event. But we have enjoyed the culinary skills of a variety of chefs and the lunch remains very popular. If you are over 55 and would like to enjoy a freshly cooked meal among friends every Monday lunchtime, please come along.

Later in November, on Sunday 16th, we have another of our Seniors' tea parties, generously laid on for us by a group of students from Royal Holloway University College. Please contact Helen on manager@villagecentre.org.uk if you would like an invitation.

And then, at the end of the month we shall be joining with St Jude's Church to host a special Christmas Fair! From 2–4pm on Saturday 29th November Helen and her team will be providing children's Christmas entertainment in the Hall and the St Jude's team will be laying on a Christmas Market, with plenty of stalls, in the Café area. We have even heard a whisper that Father Christmas may be joining us. Please save the date!

Further details of all our activities for the coming month can be found on our website, or our social media. We look forward to seeing you.



St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation

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



As I write, children, staff, governors and carers are enjoying a half-term break from school in preparation for a significantly busy few weeks ahead with Christmas coming up. We are looking forward to seeing children representing St Jude's Schools at our Schools' Act of Remembrance on Friday 7th November. Closer to Christmas we welcome all the children to celebrate their Christmas service in church.

The School Harvest celebration, held in St Jude's Church on 6th October, was magnificent. Special thanks to all the children who participated with their singing and by providing readings and prayers. The true story of Esther and her Magic Peas, adapted from material prepared by Christian Aid, reminded us of the challenge to share our skills, our giving and our heart for justice. And, as Mrs Chiverton pointed out, the word of the day was "Thank you" — to God, to our fellow human beings across the world, to our neighbours and loved ones, and to one another.

And congratulations to everyone who ensured that a wonderful collection of groceries and other goodies were donated to the Runnymede Foodbank. Thank you all.

It's time for Coffee Morning and you're invited



I'm hosting my Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan.
There's a cuppa with your name on it.

When: **Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 10:30**

Where: **The Monsel Room, St Judes Church, Englefield Green**

RSVP: **By Friday 7th November 2025**

From: **F Harrison & Son**

More info: **01784 432163**



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STAINES & FELTHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT



A Circuit Service for Advent

Sunday 30th November

6:30pm

Ashford Common
Methodist Church

A time for the whole Circuit to join in worship at the start of this season of Advent and to celebrate Holy Communion together.

The Word will be brought to us by Rev. Canon Judith Allford and Mr. Paul Murphy will preside at Communion.



Rev. Lansford Penn-Timity



Dcn. Jacqueline Esama-John



Rev. Canon Judith Allford
Preacher



Mr Paul Murphy

Tea and Coffee will be served from 6pm

Ashford Common Methodist Church,
Feltham Hill Road, Ashford, TW15 1LW