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Open Church

We know that many people appreciated St Jude's Church being open on a Saturday afternoon and we are sorry that this is something to which we have not returned since the pandemic.

So...we warmly welcome you to drop in to the church on the following Saturdays between 2pm and 4pm:

Saturday 9th July Saturday 13th August
Saturday 10th September

Please do come along on these Saturdays between 2pm and 4pm for a chat and a cup of tea, for a moment of quiet and perhaps private prayer, or to make enquiries about a Baptism or Wedding. We look forward to seeing you

Foodbank

We are enormously grateful to everyone who continues to contribute to the work of Runnymede Foodbank, both through St Jude's and our Village Centre.

Thank you to Geoff Chew who regularly takes donations from St Jude's to the collection centre in Egham. Thank you to the staff and volunteers at our Village Centre who provide a collection point at the Centre and host a distribution session each Wednesday afternoon from 1pm-3pm.

In these especially tough economic times our food banks are busier than ever. Please do make use of the Foodbank collection crate in the Monsell Room, or the shelves in the Village Centre foyer, to leave donations of non perishable food items.

The next concert

The next scheduled concert is a piano recital by Geoff Chew on Saturday 3rd September at 4.00pm in St Jude's Church.

Coffee Morning

outside St Jude's Church
Saturday 16th July
10.00-11.30am

Cakes, preserves, marmalade
Please do come along for coffee
and a (suitably distanced) chat

Turn, Turn, Turn

I don't know about you, but I was very pleased when I heard that Kate Bush was number one in the charts with her song, *Running up that Hill*, that she first released 35 years ago when it reached number three in the charts. She is of a similar vintage to me and I find her belated success somewhat comforting, especially in the current times when everything around us seems to be in flux. The song has become popular with a new younger audience thanks to the popularity of the television programme which features it *Stranger Things*.

This is not the first time that a pop song has had its popularity revived when it has been used as the theme song for a television series. *Wheels on fire* written by Bob Dylan and sung by Julie Driscoll, reached number five in the charts when it was first released in 1968. She re-recorded it in 1990 when it became the theme tune to the extremely popular comedy series, *Absolutely Fabulous* or *Ab Fab* as it came to be known.

The BBC not only used David Bowie's music for their series about a Manchester policeman who is catapulted back in time (or is he?) following a car accident but even used the title of one of his songs for the series; *Life on Mars* and another for the sequel *Ashes to Ashes*.

Songs are used in this way as they are often very evocative of their era and it makes one wonder what songs from the last few years might be used when the next generations want to recall our current situation, if indeed they do, with war in Europe, the pandemic continuing and rising inflation.

There are perhaps some obvious contenders; both the Ukraine and UK Eurovision entries are very much of their time, as such songs often are, but these may prove to be not as ephemeral as previous such songs. Another maybe from the Ukrainian punk band *Beton* who have followed the trend of reusing a previous song by reviving the Clash hit *London calling*, with their blessing, as *Kyiv calling*. Maybe some more Bowie might hit the mark. His song *Changes* gives us very appropriate words for these times in which we live

Ch-ch-ch-ch- changes
Turn and face the strange

Our present world is full of changes and this can be very unsettling. I think therefore one more song revival would be appropriate. It was penned in 1950, although it did not become a hit until 1965 when the Byrds recorded it as *Turn, turn, turn* also known as *To everything there is a season*. The words were over 2,000 years old and were taken from the book of Ecclesiastes using a version very similar to those found in the King James Bible. The words represent one's journey through life while demonstrating God's eternal presence and love for us even as we sometimes struggle with that journey. That eternal presence has been with all of us throughout all that life has thrown at us over the last few years and will continue to be there whatever happens in the future and that is something that should bring us all great comfort.

I should like to conclude with the last line of this Byrds' song which sadly seems as relevant today as when the song was written

A time for peace, I swear it's not too late.

Diana Bendall

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Please do remember that if you register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.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. So far we have raised £1266.57 by this scheme.

Many thanks to all those who are supporting us in this way.

Our Church Schools

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

This is a busy half-term for our St Jude's Infant and Junior schools, with lots of activities to fit in before the Summer break which begins later this month. For a number of children in both schools these weeks are also the prelude to significant life change as they get ready to join new schools in September.

During June Year 6 children attended one of the School Leavers' Services at Guildford Cathedral. This particular event had the added significance of being the first such service for two years, following the disruption of the pandemic. As always – it was an excellent occasion with plenty of activities focussing on celebrating the things that are being left behind and embracing the challenge of new beginnings. The service concluded with a promise: Jesus words, "I am with you always".

During June also Year 2 children walked along St Jude's Road from the Infant to the Junior School to be welcomed into what will be their new educational home from the beginning of the autumn term. Many of those children are already familiar with aspects of their new school, having enjoyed swimming lessons there for several weeks this term. And, as the links between the two schools grow increasingly stronger, with some crossover in teaching staff as well as the same chosen values and a shared vision, perhaps the change becomes a little less daunting.

Please pray for all our school staff enjoying a well-earned break this summer, and please be mindful that for many that time will include making significant preparation for the next academic year. We are grateful to them all for their huge contribution to the life of our community.

If you are reading this and wanting to know more about our schools, please contact:
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From the Registers

Funerals:

(31st May) Margaret Irma Smart;
(1st June) Dana Catherine Mary Dent;
(7th June) Derek Martin Doyle;
(17th June) Walter Robert Windsor;
(22nd June) Eunice Marian Reynolds;
(30th June) Malcolm Crowther

Watch out for..

August – cream tea at church
October – Harvest lunch
November – Christmas Market

The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk 01784 471110

We are continuing to enjoy our newly refurbished café and we are seeing an increase in the number of visitors to the Centre day by day. We do encourage you to drop in for a hot drink and a piece of cake – or even a lunch from our regular menu or specials! Our opening hours are still 9am–2pm Monday to Friday.

Many of you will have known Joy Doleman, who has been a very dear friend to our Village Centre ever since it first came into being. The Arts Club that Joy led (an offshoot of the Runnymede Arts Society) for artists with special needs, had met for many years in the Centre. Joy sadly died in June after an illness fought with typical courage and cheerfulness. Our hearts go out to Joy's family and her many friends in their loss. Her funeral service will be at St Jude's on Monday 18th July at 11am and will be a fitting opportunity to celebrate Joy's life with love and thanksgiving. Joy's wish was "no black clothing please!"

We are so grateful to all those who continue to give time and energy in support of the Centre. Among them are the members of our Village Centre Management Committee, who meet regularly with Ali to discuss the work of the Centre. At our last meeting we said "thank you" to Renuka Humphrys who has now stepped down from the Committee. We are very grateful to Renuka and to all who continue to serve on the Committee.

Please do come and see us! And 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

Readings at Communion

3rd July (3rd Sunday after Trinity)	Isaiah 66. 10–14 Psalm 66. 1–8 Galatians 6. 7–16 Luke 10. 1–11, 16–20
10th July (4th Sunday after Trinity)	Deuteronomy 30. 9–14 Psalm 25. 1–10 Colossians 1. 1–14 Luke 10. 25–37
17th July (5th Sunday after Trinity)	Genesis 18. 1–10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1. 15–28 Luke 10. 38–end
24th July (6th Sunday after Trinity)	Genesis 18. 20–32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2. 6–15 Luke 11. 1–13
31st July (7th Sunday after Trinity)	Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12–14, 2, 18–23 Psalm 49. 1–12 Colossians 3. 1–11 Luke 12. 13–21

Diary for July

- 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 Holy Communion
- 13 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 16 Saturday 10.00–11.30am Coffee Morning outside church (inside if wet)
- 17 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 20 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 24 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 27 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 31 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30 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.