



# The Ship

**St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter**

Anglicans and Methodists working together

Number 159

September 2023

## Are you new to St Jude's?

It's lovely to welcome you among us – in person or online. Please make yourself known and let us know how we can help you feel at home.

If you have any questions, suggestions, requests for prayer or if you would like to come and talk more personally, please contact our Vicar on

[vicar@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:vicar@stjudeschurch.info)

## Open Church

In addition to service times, St Jude's Church will be open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on 9th September. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat and have a look round.

## Fourth Sunday at Four

We warmly welcome you to join us for our monthly Service – Fourth Sunday at Four. This service is shorter (probably about half-an-hour long) and a little more informal than our morning services, with some lively singing!

It takes place every fourth Sunday in the month at 4pm and next happens on Sunday 24th September. Just to make a change – refreshments are served before the service – from 3.15pm onwards in the Monsell Room. Do come and join us – there is also opportunity for those who would like to do so to share in leading our readings and prayers. It would be lovely to see you there. Thank you!

## Harvest at St Jude's

Our Harvest Festival Celebrations for this year are scheduled for the weekend of 7th/8th October and our Harvest Lunch will be at 1.00pm in the Monsell Room at the church. A starter of hot soup will be followed by a main course and dessert. Tickets will be available in church soon and will cost £10 per head (any profits will be given to WaterAid). We shall be grateful as always for contributions to the lunch. You are warmly invited to join us – a list will be in church soon for you to sign if you would like to come and/or bring a gift of food with you. Our Harvest Festival Celebration Service is at 9.30am the following day, Sunday 8th October.

## Reminder

There is a concert in St Jude's Church at 4.00pm on Saturday 2nd September consisting of piano music and poetry.

## New Things

As I write I've just returned from a few days away visiting relatives and friends in the north of England. I spent a lovely day with my (almost) 98 year old Aunt, who is still bright and astute and well up to speed with the issues facing our world and nation, as well as those affecting her family and loved ones. Her lifelong Christian faith remains very real. Her favourite expression of faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ is still, in the face of every challenge, "There will be a Way".

I travelled further north to see my brother, who lives in the idyllic Cumbrian village of Bowness-on Solway, right on the border of Scotland. David treated me to a day out in Cumbria, visiting some of the lovely coastal towns which are probably among some of England's best-kept secrets. The day was bathed in sunshine which created the most beautiful backdrop to the majesty of God's creation as we travelled the country roads.

My final destination was Greater Manchester and the sun was still shining! Friends took me to see RHS Bridgewater, which the Royal Horticultural Society website describes as "the fifth RHS garden and one of the largest gardening projects undertaken in Europe in recent years". The Garden is being developed on the site of Worsley New Hall, which is not quite so new today, having been built in the early 1840s, and having survived a fire and two world wars before finally being demolished a century later. But, in its time, Worsley New Hall, with its 154 acres of land was a significant residence and famously visited at least twice by Queen Victoria.

In the last two years the RHS has been beginning work on reclaiming the site and redesigning the landscape to bring new life to the former beauty of the gardens. Beneath a blue sky, and surrounded by the myriad colours of beautiful and creative planting, I could have been anywhere in the world. Further south, visitors to RHS Wisley would have been enjoying a very similar experience.

In today's world, where the media makes us witness to so much destruction and loss, it is good to remember that there are still places where life is being restored and new beauty is being unveiled. In recent months, and very locally, we have seen some of the green areas of our own Village refreshed, thanks to the work of residents in our community as well as that of our local Councils.

We are indebted to agencies like the RHS and the National Trust for their work of restoration, preservation and conservation. They, and so many others like them, are seeking to build for the future amidst a world of climate change and global warming. In a not dissimilar way, the National Museum of Scotland has recently been in the news as it prepares to return the House of Ni'isjoohl memorial pole to its rightful home among the indigenous people of what is now British Columbia. Here too there is a passion to make things right and make things new.

It was Abraham Lincoln who wrote: "I want it said of me by those who knew me best; that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow".

Each one of us, in very many different ways, still has the opportunity to adopt and adapt for ourselves the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln! The thistles may seem metaphorical; so may the flowers, but they are real. All of us can seek to bring a measure of comfort where there is pain, a word of hope where there is despair, a moment of peace in the midst of desperate sorrow.

And Jesus, as my Aunt would certainly tell us, got there way before Abraham Lincoln. For Jesus is the Word of Life, bringing order out of chaos at the dawn of time. He is the Light of the World, which cannot be extinguished even in the places of greatest darkness. Jesus is the fulfilment of God's ancient promise: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland". (Isaiah 43:19)

And, at the close of time, God will say once again: "Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

*Judith Allford*

## St Jude's Audio Visual Project

A Special Invitation!

Come and be part of the St Jude's United Church Live-Streaming Team!

This invitation remains open! We'd love to welcome you as part of the Team! Please contact [guybunce@hotmail.com](mailto:guybunce@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more about this exciting project. Help us keep in touch with those unable to worship with us in person.

## Easyfundraising.co.uk

We are very grateful to all those who are supporting us by using [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk) when buying things through Amazon John Lewis etc. You have raised over £1400 (so far) for us through this scheme.

## Readings at Communion

Sunday 3rd September  
(Trinity 13) Jeremiah 15. 15-21  
Psalm 26. 1-8  
Romans 12. 9-end  
Matthew 16. 21-end

Sunday 10th September  
(Trinity 14) Ezekiel 33. 7-11  
Psalm 119. 33-40  
Romans 13. 8-end  
Matthew 18. 15-20

Sunday 17th September  
(Trinity 15) Genesis 50. 15-21  
Psalm 103. 1-13  
Romans 14. 1-12  
Matthew 18. 21-35

Sunday 24th September  
(Trinity 16) Jonah 3.10-end of 4  
Psalm 145. 1-8  
Philippians 1. 21-end  
Matthew 20. 1-16

## Runnymede Food Bank

During the last week in August Geoff Chew was able to take a record donation of 42kg of non-perishable foodstuffs and other items to the Runnymede Food Bank!

Thank you to all of you who have donated so very generously and grateful thanks to Geoff for continuing to process donations from St Jude's. Items may be left in our Food Bank crate in church. Thank you!

## Glass Jars

Many jams and preserves have been produced over the summer – and we are still very much looking for jam jars to contain them. If you have spare jam jars we would be very grateful to receive them! Please bring them along when the church is open or leave them somewhere very safe! Thank you!

## The Village Centre

[www.villagecentre.org.uk](http://www.villagecentre.org.uk) 01784 471110

School Holidays are over – and our Café will return to its regular opening hours of 9am-2pm. As always – a warm welcome awaits you!

The summer proved to be busy with our Children's Summer Camp and we had some lively days in the Café welcoming families and others who had chosen a "staycation" this year. We held a Children's Cooking Class and the children had great fun learning about some Egyptian dishes and making Egyptian hawawshi and um ali! They cooked food for themselves and still had plenty to take home to feed their families. We are now preparing for some adult cooking skills classes – our Basic Cooking Skills Course starts with a session on Thursday 7th September, 10am to 12.30pm. This is part of a series of classes which will help participants create budget friendly family meals.

We were delighted to welcome our new Silver Duke of Edinburgh students and some new volunteers.

Our new fire alarm system is now up and running. There is a bit of remedial work to be done on the floor of our back hall but hopefully this will cause minimum inconvenience to our regular users.

Our Outreach programmes have continued throughout the summer including regular sessions of our Wednesday Foodbank and Monday/Friday Community Fridge. We have also been able to maintain our Tuesday meal deliveries in the community. We are indebted to all our staff and volunteers, including those who help with Baby Basics and the Child Contact Centre, for keeping these vital programmes running even in the holiday season.

For more details about all our activities and for regular news of events, please do visit our website: <https://www.villagecentre.org.uk/> or take a look at our Facebook page: The Village Centre.

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

[manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk)

## From the Registers

### Baptisms:

(6th August) Lola Rose Cannon

### Funerals:

(11th August) Louisa Hughes

### Marriage:

(27th August) Jonathan Kenneth Phillips to Lucy Claire Biddle

## Diary for September

- 2 Saturday 4.00pm Music & Sweet Poetry – a piano recital with poems about composers and their music
- 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 for tea, a chat and a look round
- 10 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 13 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion service
- 14 Thursday 7.30pm Church Council meets in Church
- 17 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 20 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 24 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist Preacher: The Revd Jens Mankel  
4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 27 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Please note that our 9.30am 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.

## External work at St Jude's Church

### Stonework

As you may have seen, our stonemason, Chris Anstey, has been busy working on the stonework of St Jude's Church, replacing damaged sections of the gable.



He will then deal with the damage by masonry bees, especially bad on the tower.

Chris is no stranger to St Jude's as he played a big part in our refurbishment in 2014 when the present Monsell Room was created.



These repairs to the stonework are vital for the preservation of this building for generations to come. The costs of these repairs are in the region of £16,000.

Please do be careful around the scaffolding. We apologise that the space for car parking will be limited for a while.

Grateful thanks are owed to near neighbours of St Jude's who have helped enormously by removing some of the vegetation which was threatening to cause further damage to the stonework.

### Clock Face



A few years ago, we had the St Jude's Church tower clock mechanism overhauled which resulted in much better time-keeping. Now we are planning to have the rather weather-beaten clock face renovated sometime during the next few months. This will not be done on site – the clock face will be removed and then taken to a specialist firm in Derby for its refurbishment. This requires ecclesiastical permission and last month our application for that permission was displayed both inside and outside the church so we hope the work can soon proceed.

The cost of this work (with the scaffolding or lift device) will be in the region of £10,000.

We have not launched a formal appeal to provide for the cost of the work but clearly it is an expensive undertaking. If you are willing to help by making a donation please see below for ways in which you can do this. Thank you all. God bless you.

### How to donate for these repairs

Donations to help with repairs may be made directly to the Church's bank accounts

CAF Bank Ltd St Jude's United Church 40-52-40 00013020 OR

NatWest Bank St Jude's Parochial Church Council 60-07-33 02317990 OR

Clicking on the Donate now button on the front page of our website [www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info) OR

Cheques may be sent to our treasurer, Brian Hooker, 11 Willson Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0QB

We are so very grateful to God that we can all enjoy a beautiful church building right in the heart of our lovely village. When undertaking any work of this nature our hope and our prayer is that St Jude's should be preserved as a place of worship and welcome for generations to come.

## Safeguarding at St Jude's

The Church of England today takes very seriously the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults within the church community. We are sadly mindful of the mistakes and failures of the past and we need to feel confident that everyone feels listened to, secure and protected within the life of every church.

Some time ago we published our local safeguarding information details in this newsletter and we are doing so again now. We should also like to draw your attention to our website – <https://www.stjudeschurch.info/safeguarding> – where you can find links to our safeguarding statement and to the Church of England Document: "Promoting a Safer Church".

You will also find a link to the Guildford Diocesan publication: "Are you a Survivor or a Victim?" which invites anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church-related abuse to contact our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and to receive specialist and sensitive support.

## Safeguarding in our Parish

### Our parish safeguarding officer is

Diana Bendall 01784 435822

### Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor

Jackie Broadfoot 07918 559387 [jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk)



**Safe Spaces**, an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse.

Telephone: 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times)

Email [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk) WebChat via the Safe Spaces website

## For all emergencies call 999

### The Single Point of Access (SPA)

Children and Adult Service social workers. Direct information, advice and guidance about where and how to find appropriate support for children and families

#### Surrey

0300 470 9100

(children) [cspa@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk)

(adult) [acsmash@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:acsmash@surreycc.gov.uk)

#### Domestic Abuse

##### Surrey - YourSanctuary

01483 776822

24hr National Domestic Abuse Helpline

0808 2000 247

DeafHope (BSL)

text: 07970 350366

#### Childline

0800 1111

#### National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

NSPCC

0808 800 5000 or [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

NSPCC Sign Video link

[nspcc.org.uk/about-us/contact-us](http://nspcc.org.uk/about-us/contact-us)

#### Samaritans

116123 or [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

#### Modern Day Slavery Helpline

0800 01210700

#### Mental Health Crisis Helpline

0300 5000 101

Open 5.00pm - 9.00am Monday to Friday

24 hours cover at weekends inc Bank Holidays

SMS texting facility for people who are deaf or hard of hearing: 07717 989024

#### Stop it Now!

0808 1000 900 [www.stopitnow.org.uk](http://www.stopitnow.org.uk)

[cofeguildford.org.uk/safeguarding](http://cofeguildford.org.uk/safeguarding)





## St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation



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

The "long" summer holiday has raced by and as you read this school will already be under way at the start of a new academic year. As we reported in last month's edition of this newsletter, our Church Schools will look a little different this year. Mrs Vicki Chiverton, formerly Head of our Junior School, has been appointed Executive Head of the Federated Schools. She will share the leadership with her two Deputies, Mrs Pru Ashplant and Mrs Emily Stanton, both of whom led the Infant School during the past academic year. The three leaders will work across both schools, each spending part of the week across both sites.

We do pray God's blessing upon them — and upon our school communities as a whole — as the new term begins. We also look forward to welcoming both schools into St Jude's for worship during the term ahead. The children and teachers will be celebrating their harvest Festival in Church and also, we hope that they will be back with us to commemorate St Jude's Day. And then of course it will be time for Christmas Carols!

We are grateful to everyone who helps to make our schools happy and committed communities of learning and growth. Thank you all — and may God indeed bless you as the year unfolds.