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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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Corinna Boylan Chamber Group Recital

Sue In Kang, violin
Yoon Seok Shin, piano
and Corinna Boylan, cello
playing music by
Haydn, Mozart and
Schubert

**Saturday 1st December
4.00pm**

St Jude's Church

Admission free
Refreshments provided
Donations welcome



**Sunday 9th December
(and on the **second
Sunday** of each month)
in St Jude's Church
at 4.00pm**

*Children should be accompanied
by a parent*

Community Concert

This will be on Saturday, 5th January at 4.00pm and will once again be a variety of music and poetry recitals.

Admission is free but donations are welcome. Tea and biscuits are served in the interval.

If you would like to offer a programme piece please do contact Geoff Chew on 01784 435664 or email geoffchew1@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Friday 21st December Carol Singing
meet at St Jude's at 7.00pm

However Christmas is for you

In March 2018 my closest friend died after living with cancer for the last 12 months. She leaves three adult children, their partners, and three grandchildren. Christmas this year will be very different for them all. It will be touched with great sadness and there will be an empty place at their traditional family gathering on Christmas Day.

Theirs will not be the only Christmas celebration with an empty place. You too may have lost a loved one this year, or in years past. Every day of the year may hold an empty place for you. Christmas is one more day where that loss is felt so keenly. I am grateful to another friend for passing on a contemporary Christmas poem:

In these most sensitive of days, in tenderness, the Lord draws near.
He feels the sadness in our praise, the cheerfulness that costs us dear.
And with gentleness too deep for words, He tells that His nativity is more
Than angel songs and Christmas bells. It is for us whose hearts are sore.
That we, who love and loved so much-And feel by sorrow set apart
Should know the loving, living touch of Him, Who seeks to heal the broken heart.

This year at St Jude's we shall once again be holding a "Blue Christmas" service. The service is especially offered for those of us who feel in some way apart from the normal buzz of Christmas activity – perhaps because we are lonely, grieving, anxious or unwell. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to do so to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one who has died or in prayer for something that troubles us. The service is at 4.00pm on Saturday 22nd December. Please join us.

Our annual Christmas Carol Service of traditional Carols and Readings is on Sunday 23rd December at 4.00pm. On Christmas Eve at 4.00pm we have our Christmas Crib Service. Claudia, one of our Churchwardens, who prepares and leads this service, says: *My favourite service of the year! It really packs a crowd in, young and old. There are usually enough costumes for all those under 11 to dress up, although some children come in their own costumes. We often have a host of Angels! Very occasionally we end up with more than three wise men! Last year we were blessed with a couple of Marys! The older children, and those who don't dress up, are given figures to bring up to the altar to build a crib scene.*

We sing traditional, family friendly carols and songs (including "Twinkle, twinkle little star" - when we release a star-shaped helium balloon to float above the altar!), whilst the story of the birth of Jesus is intertwined and revealed. The service lasts about 40 minutes, and then we have mulled wine, juice and biscuits. We look forward to welcoming families and children who have returned many times over past years and those who will join us for the first time this year.

For each one of us, whatever Christmas 2018 may hold, it brings a reminder that God, in the greatness of His love, has come in Jesus to share all the changing circumstances of our lives. In the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as a baby at Bethlehem God reaches out to the lonely, the sorrowing, the fearful, and the broken-hearted. But equally He stretches out His arms of love to those who this Christmas rejoice in new blessings, fresh opportunities, new relationships and renewed hopes for the future. He longs to fill those empty places in our lives; or to be the unseen guest at our celebrations.

In a misquotation of the closing words of the Christmas TV advert from one of our leading supermarket chains: However you feel about Christmas 2018 you are welcome to share with us at St Jude's as we worship the God whose love for us all is at the very heart of Christmas.
Judith Allford

From the Registers

Holy Baptism:
(18th November) Maxime Parsonage, Oscar Parsonage

Funerals:
(8th November) John Hill; (21st) Ronald Chew; (22nd) Edward Gostling.

How to contact us

Email: enquiries@stjudeschurch.info

Telephone: 01784 470107 (24 hr answerphone)

In addition to service times, the Church is also open on Saturday afternoons from 2.00–4.00pm.



Christmas at St Jude's Church



Friday 21st December

Carol singing around the village
(Meet at St Jude's Church at 7.00pm)

Saturday 22nd December

4.00pm Blue Christmas — a service for those
who may find Christmas difficult

Sunday 23rd December

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

4.00pm Carol Service

Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

9.30am Family Communion with Carols

Wednesday 26th December

(St Stephen)

NO 10.00am Holy Communion (said)

(Thursday 27th December instead)

Readings at 9.30am Communion

2nd December (Advent 1)	Psalm 25. 1–9 1 Thessalonians 3.9–end Luke 21.25–36
9th December (Advent 2)	Malachi 3. 1–4 Benedictus Philippians 1. 3–11 Luke 3.1–6
16th December (Advent 3)	Zehaniah 3. 14–end Psalm 146.4–10 Philippians 4.4–7 Luke 3.7–18
23rd December (Advent 4)	Micah 5.2–5a Magnificat Hebrew 10.5–10 Luke 1. 39–45
30th December (Christmas 1)	1 Samuel 2. 18–20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3.12–17 Luke 2. 41–end

Diary for December

- 1 Saturday 4.00pm Corinna Boylan Chamber Group — Refreshments provided — Free admission — donations welcome
- 2 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 5 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 9 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 12 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 16 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 19 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 21 Friday 7.00pm Carol Singing round the village — meet at church
for Christmas services, please see above
- 26 Wednesday NO 10.00am Holy Communion (said) (Thursday 27th December instead)
- 30 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist

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The Village Centre (01784 471110)

The Village Centre has now been open for nine years and it continues to grow from strength to strength. The building is now booked, virtually every day, for regular events and provides a real variety of activities such as exercise and slimming classes, karaoke, a dementia support group, pre-school French lessons and of course ballet and dance. For full details please see our website:

www.villagecentre.org.uk.

The 'Friends of the Village Centre' scheme is progressing well, but if you would like to be involved in supporting us financially please give Ali, the manager a call. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you have at least two hours a week to spare let us know.

Rendezvous Café

The Village Centre has a thriving café and a perfect place for you to meet your friends, let your children play, or just to have a fantastic coffee from our new barista style coffee machine. You will always receive a warm welcome.

We are open Mon–Wed 9am to 4pm, Thurs and Fri 9am to 5pm, and in school holidays 10am to 2pm. We rely on volunteers so if you are free during the week, why not come and join us?

Organ Voluntaries in December

2nd December 9.30am	Scherzino in G minor (C.V. Stanford)
9th December 9.30am	Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 (Bach)
9th December 6.30pm	Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland BWV 599 (Bach)
16th December 9.30am	Wachet auf BWV 645 (Bach)
23rd December 9.30am	Trio Sonata no.5 in C, 1st movt (Bach)
24th December 11.30pm	Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich BWV 605 (Bach)
25th December 9.30pm	A la venue de Noël (Pierre Dandrieu)
30th December 9.30am	Pièce d'orgue in G BWV 572 (Bach)

Egham Choral

Egham Choral warmly invites you to attend their Christmas Concert at St Jude's Church, Englefield Green on Saturday, 15th December at 7.00pm. The programme features choruses from Vivaldi's Gloria and a variety of traditional and modern carols, some with audience participation.

Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie in the interval.

Tickets £12.50 (£15 on the door), Under 16s Free, Students £5, from tickets@eghamchoral.org or 07508 320348.

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