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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Recital

Corinna Boylan
(cello)

Mateusz Rettner
(piano)

playing music by
Bach, Chopin
Debussy and Bacewicz

Saturday 6th July

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free
Refreshments provided
Donations welcome



Sunday 14th July

(and on the **second Sunday** of
each month) in St Jude's Church

at 4.00pm

*Children should be
accompanied by a parent*

Englefield Green Cemetery

We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries from families who are anxious to trace the locations of graves in the cemetery by St Jude's Church.

Unfortunately we are unable to help — Englefield Green cemetery is the property of and maintained by Runnymede Borough Council based in Addlestone.

The Council Office are open as follows:
Monday to Thursday: 8.30am to 5pm
Friday: 8.30am to 4.30pm.

A New Chapter

If you were to write the story of your life what would its title be? I was asked that recently and my reply was "A Great Adventure"!

I was a teenager when I first sensed God's call to Christian ministry. In those days there was no possibility of ordaining women to the Anglican Priesthood. My Rector must have been taken aback when I told him "I think God wants me to be a Vicar"! To his eternal credit he disguised his surprise and began to guide me along the pathway to full-time lay ministry. In 1980 I was licensed to a Parish in Swindon, Wiltshire.

What an adventure that was! I cycled the Parish many times until frequent punctures and slightly less frequent thefts of my bike persuaded me a car was preferable. I passed my driving test by safely negotiating Swindon's infamous "Magic Roundabout"! In those days Swindon was a "boom town" and opportunities for learning the fundamentals of ministry under the tuition of an experienced priest were endless.

But after 5 years I was "head-hunted" to a Parish in Deptford, South East London. How different was that! I have wonderful memories of the vibrant faith and wonderful hospitality of our significantly Afro-Caribbean congregation. In 1987 I was one of the first women to be ordained as a Deacon and the possibility emerged of a different kind of ministry.

I responded to an advertisement for an Assistant Hospital Chaplain at Kings College Hospital, not far from Deptford. Parish ministry for me had always included hospital visiting, which I loved. Kings was an exciting place to be. These were still pioneering and innovative times in kidney and liver transplant and in obstetrics and neo-natal care and Kings was at the heart of those initiatives. In 1994 I was ordained Priest in Southwark Cathedral.

But I needed to be closer to my parents in Basingstoke. God called me to ministry at St Peter's Hospital in Chertsey, less than 30 miles from them. St Peter's was a relatively small district general hospital which suited me, a "rookie" Lead Chaplain, very well. However, time rarely stands still in the NHS!! It wasn't long before a merger with Ashford Hospital and the eventual establishing of Ashford and St Peter's NHS Foundation Trust. This rookie found herself "Head of Pastoral Care" across the Trust, supported by a wonderfully able and supremely committed Team of Chaplains and volunteers, the latter drawn from local churches of all denominations.

Some of you will remember my dear friend Margaret Willis who provided me with a home in Englefield Green. Sadly I had little time to get to know our beautiful village. Life in hospital was challenging and busy and over the next 20 years both my parents became ill and died, my mother having first lived with dementia for five years.

In 2015 I took early retirement from the Trust. Margaret and I began to tick off items on our bucket lists of travel destinations! I began worshipping with her at St Jude's until she sadly died after a courageous battle with cancer. Father Mark Ewbank announced his move to Peru and I began to help out at St Jude's.

Gradually "helping out" felt more permanent! After considerable heart-searching and prayer, I felt it right to apply for the position of Vicar. It was at the interview that I was asked what I might entitle the story of my life!! Well - now my life has taken the most unexpected turn ever! No-one is more astounded and humbled than me that I have been appointed the next Vicar of St Jude's! I thank God for the incredible opportunity to serve this Parish with its beautiful Church and thriving Village Centre. My formal institution will probably not be until the autumn but I already look forward to sharing in ministry with Andrew Reed and the other the churches in our Village. It will be a joy to get to know our schools, college and our residential communities, as well as, I hope, to meet many of you reading this article.

Our vision for St Jude's United Church is always that we welcome everyone in the name of Jesus. Why not come along to our Summer Open Day on Saturday 20th July? Come and explore St Jude's, enjoy a cream tea and listen to our magnificent organ. I'm grateful for the encouragement and support of so many and would love to meet you.

How to contact us

Email: enquiries@stjudeschurch.info

Telephone: 01784 434133 (24 hr answerphone)

Readings at 9.30am Communion

7th July (Trinity 3)	Psalm 66. 1-8 Galatians 6. 7-16 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20
14th July (Trinity 4)	Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 Psalm 25. 1-10 Colossians 1. 1-14 Luke 10. 25-37
21st July (Trinity 5)	Genesis 18. 1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1. 15-28 Luke 10. 38-end
28th July (Trinity 6)	Genesis 18. 20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2. 6-15 Luke 11. 1-13

SUMMER OPEN DAY AND GIFT DAY

Saturday 20th July 12noon-4.00pm

You are warmly invited to call in to
St Jude's Church and meet us!

Sandwich lunches and cream teas
will be served!

The afternoon will also include:

A chance to explore the Church
and enter our Quiz Competition!

Photo Shows

Design a Kneeler!

Special Activities for Children

A Grand Draw

Home-Made Cakes and Preserves

Bookstall

Launch of our Organ Appeal
with a Recital at 3.30pm

Meet the Ministers!

An opportunity for those who wish to do so
to donate to our beautiful Church

ALL WELCOME

The Village Centre (01784 471110)

www.villagecentre.org.uk

Life at the Village Centre continues to be busy! Our regular bookings include Ballet classes, Pilates, Music with Mummy, Jazz, Film and Chess Clubs and The Egham Women's Institute (Nightingales) monthly meetings. We also host an informal Arts and Craft Group each week. Our Child Contact Centre and our Baby Basics Project are two major areas of outreach.

Our Computer Drop-In sessions (Tuesday-Thursday from 9.30am to 12noon) offer the use of desk-top computers but also provide support to those bringing their own electronic devices such as laptops, tablets or mobile phones. Our skilled volunteers can provide training in the use of particular computer programmes and are even willing to help you with booking airline tickets or completing other on line forms!

We are currently exploring an alliance with our local GP surgery to provide additional support for those who are currently Carers for loved ones, neighbours or friends.

Our Café continues to thrive and is open Mon-Wed 9am-4pm, Thurs and Fri 9am-5pm, and in school holidays 10am-2pm each weekday. Do sample our delicious "Cake of the Week" donated each Monday by local suppliers! We also have rooms available to hire for a variety of celebrations including Birthday and Baptism Parties!

If you would like to support us on a regular basis you may wish to consider becoming a Friend of the Village Centre – and enjoy up to 10 free teas/coffees each month!

Further details from our Centre Manager, Ali Watts, on 01784 471110

Future Concerts

3rd August	James Webb (piano)
7th September	Vivaswath Rao (vocal recital)
5th October	Geoff Chew (piano)
2nd November	Wind & Words (clarinet and poetry, Chris Hooker and Valerie Fry)
7th December	Corinna Boylan's Piano Trio
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4th January	Community Concert
1st February	Royal Holloway students
7th March	Royal Holloway students
4th April	Geoff Chew (piano)
2nd May	Students of James Kirby (piano)
16th May	James Kirby (piano)
6th June	Vox Mundi Ladies' Choir
7th July	Catherine Porter and friends (cello)

Diary for July

- 3 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 6 Saturday 4.00pm Recital – admission free – refreshments provided – donations welcome
- 7 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 10 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 14 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 17 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) 8.00pm Church Council meets
- 20 Saturday 12noon-4.00pm SUMMER OPEN DAY AND GIFT DAY
- 21 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 24 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 28 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch
- 31 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)