



# The Ship

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

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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## Spotlight on our Services

Things are so different now in the light of COVID 19 but the doors of St Jude's are open and we gladly welcome you to join us in worship.

Our services for October are shown in the Diary overleaf.

Eleven points to remember!

- Services in church will be 30-40 minutes
- Entry and exit is via a one-way system
- Seats are allocated in order of arrival
- A Test and Trace form must be completed.
- We now also have a QR code
- Numbers for Sunday worship are limited to 30.
- Hand Sanitiser is available on the way in and the way out.
- Face coverings must be worn (unless you have medical exemption)
- Congregational singing is still not permitted
- Holy Communion will be in one kind only
- An offering cannot be taken. An Offertory basket is available on the way out

Please use our St Jude's Church website [www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info) and/or our Face book page to access our online Sunday Worship service, live-streamed or recorded, premiered from 9.30am each Sunday on YouTube.

Details of worship throughout the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit can be accessed through the circuit website: [www.sfmc.org.uk](http://www.sfmc.org.uk)

We are continuing to offer a Bible Study via Zoom. We meet on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm or a Thursday at 3pm. If you would like to join us at one of these please get in touch and we'll send you a Zoom invitation.

## Piano Recital by John Irving

playing music by J.S. Bach

This will be streamed on YouTube —  
(search for St Jude's United Church  
Englefield Green)

at 4.00pm

on Saturday 3rd October  
and available thereafter

## The Bible

'The Bible seemed so dull, so black- two columns of text with little numbers at the side. The gap between people and the Bible seemed to be growing. I asked myself, "If I really believe that love and hope is in the Bible what should I do?" These are the words of Annie Vallotton who was born in in Switzerland. You may not have heard of her, but there is a good chance that you will have seen some of her work. In the 1970's she was asked to provide five hundred illustrations for a book. That book was published in Great Britain in October 1976 and one million copies had been sold by the end of that year. The name of that book is familiar to many of us, it is the Good News Bible. I remember when I saw it for the first time. It had a brown cover and inside were these incredible line drawings that look so very simple and easy. Each picture had about eighty preliminary drawings and Annie would often finalise the poses of the characters by looking at herself in a mirror. I recollect that sometimes I would spend time in church looking at the pictures rather than paying attention to the preacher.

Some of these pictures have encouraged people to get to know Jesus better. The story is told of a man who looked at the picture in Romans chapter 6 of a person laying a bundle at the foot of the cross, behind him is someone with a load on their back and on the other side is a person walking away from the cross standing upright. This so affected the man who saw it that he gave his life to Christ as he felt his burden lift from his own back.

The Bible is indeed a book full of hope and love and has had an immense impact on the lives of so many people. Sometimes a national crisis encourages people to look outside of themselves for help. We have been told by the scientists that as a nation we find ourselves at a turning point in the Coronavirus pandemic and I invite you in the light of this to consider these words taken from the Good News Bible where God says, 'I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to me. You will come and pray to me and I will answer you. You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart.' (Jeremiah 29: 12-13). Sadly there is no picture to accompany these words. I encourage you to join me in praying for our nation at this time using these two verses as the focus of our prayer. *Andrew Reed*

## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

For information about the present situation at St Jude's please contact us directly, either via email ([vicar@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:vicar@stjudeschurch.info)) or by phoning our Vicar on 01784 434133. The numbers we are able to accommodate may be smaller than national guidance suggests and there may be other factors which also vary because of our local circumstances.

We hope to do everything that we can to support you and your family through such significant life events but it will still be a while before we can provide a more normal pattern of services. So please do get in touch with us so that we can talk with you about how best we can help you.

## Annual Meetings 2020

Due to the limitations imposed by COVID 19, the Annual Parochial Church Meetings and Vestry Meetings (where we elect churchwardens — currently Diana Bendall and Claudia Tubb) have been delayed throughout the country. The St Jude's United Church APCM will now take place on Sunday 25th October at 11.30am. You are warmly invited to attend.

The meeting will largely take place digitally, via Zoom. To take part, please ensure that we have your email address and an invitation, with a digital link, will be sent to you nearer the time. We shall be able to invite a small number of participants who do not have access to Zoom, to join us in person within the church. Again, please let us know if you would like to do that. Thank you all!

The APCM is where we receive the revised Electoral Roll and the Annual Report and Accounts and elect two members of the Deanery Synod and one member of the Church Council. If you would like your name to be added to the roll, please email [roll@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:roll@stjudeschurch.info) for an application form.

## This Newsletter

As you know, since March, we have been distributing this newsletter online via our website [www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info), our Facebook page and by email with a laminated copy posted on the Church door. Although we realise that many people are missing out on regular news from St Jude's, we are grateful to those who print copies for close neighbours and friends or forward each edition electronically.

We had hoped that, by now, we should have been able to return to a house to house delivery throughout the parish. However, the Church of England continues to advise that communications must remain digital in order particularly to protect those who would otherwise be delivering them. So, very sadly, we must continue to work within these guidelines, the wisdom of which is actually very clear. Thank you for your patience.

The monthly online-only distribution will continue for the time being. If you are aware of someone who is not yet receiving a copy please do ask them to let us have their email address by dropping us a line on: [newsletter@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:newsletter@stjudeschurch.info).

## Readings at Communion

4th October (Trinity 17)	Isaiah 5. 1-7 Psalm 80. 9-17 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21. 33-end
11th October (Trinity 18)	Isaiah 25. 1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4. 1-9 Matthew 22. 1-14
18th October (Trinity 19 – Luke the Evangelist))	Acts 16. 6-12a Psalm 147. 1-7 2 Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10. 1-9
25th October (Last Sunday after Trinity)	Leviticus 19. 1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8 Matthew 22. 34-end

## Food Bank

Under lockdown, we can no longer support the Foodbank. But support is still urgently needed, and now only through cash donations made direct to Runnymede Food Bank in Chertsey, for the food banks in Egham, Addlestone, Chertsey and Weybridge. Such donations can be gift-aided if you are a taxpayer. Donate online at <http://runnymede.foodbank.org.uk>

Other contact details: phone 01932 988350;  
email [info@runnymede.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@runnymede.foodbank.org.uk);  
main location 95 Guildford Street, Chertsey KT16 9AS.

## The Church Clock

You may be wondering why the clock on the tower of St Jude's Church is not chiming. This is after many of you gave so generously towards the cost of an overhaul of the mechanism. Sadly the overhaul did not include the winding gear which works perfectly for the clock but not for the chiming. We were told at the time that this would need replacing soon and sadly that time has come. The cost of this will be several thousand of pounds – that money is not available at present particularly in view of the drop in income due to the pandemic. Hopefully, one day in the not too distant future, we will be able carry out this repair.

## Diary for October

- 3 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by John Irving playing music by J.S. Bach available on YouTube – please search for St Jude's United Church Englefield Green
- 4 Sunday 9.30am Family Communion for Harvest Thanksgiving in Church (live streamed on Youtube)
- 11 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) in Church 9.30am Service on Youtube
- 18 Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion in Church (live streamed on Youtube)
- 25 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) in Church 9.30am Service on Youtube 11.30am Annual Meetings (Sadly, still no Junior Church at present)

*All services, concerts, activities etc in church are cancelled for the time being*

## The Village Centre [www.villagecentre.org.uk](http://www.villagecentre.org.uk)

Our Village Centre opening hours are currently weekdays 10am - 2pm.

Our Cafe continues to serve a range of meals and snacks, plus hot and cold drinks. Children's toys have returned to the Cafe area and are regularly cleaned after use.

As a COVID secure area we are permitted to operate under the rule of six, but if you have any queries, or want to make an advance booking, please ring us on 01784 471110. Face coverings must now be worn at all times except when eating and drinking at your table. It is now table service only.

Plans for the refurbishment of our cafe area are moving on and we shall begin to work more closely with our architect and our chosen contractors.

We haven't forgotten our ten year celebrations! The time will come! Please continue to pray with thanksgiving for Ali and all our staff and volunteers.

Please remember, in the continued wake of COVID 19, that if you, or someone you know, has particular needs, you can still access help from the Village Centre/Mutual Aid by contacting 07526 360704 or the Runnymede Borough Council triage line, 01932 838383. If you would like to contribute to the work of the Village Centre please contact Ali: [manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk)

## From the Registers

*Marriage:* (29th August) Samuel David Molyneux and Emma Louise Ward

*Funerals:* (2nd September) William Anthony Pattinson; (7th) Patricia May Barratt; (9th) James Henry Grant Garden; (15th) Hilda Piper; (18th) Winifred Maud Cross.

## Giving to St Jude's

We are very gratefully aware that all of our income comes from the local community. The highest proportion of that income is from the regular giving of our members; the remainder comes from collections at concerts and occasional services, one-off donations for special purposes, fees from weddings and funerals, and payment for room hire.

At present, of course, most of those streams of income are not available to us and we are extremely grateful to people who have asked how they can best support us at this time.

If you would like to make a donation to St Jude's, you can pay directly into the Church's CAF Bank account. (Sort Code 40-52-40 Account 00013020). More information from [treasurer@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:treasurer@stjudeschurch.info).

## Easyfundraising.org.uk

Please do remember that if you register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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.