



# The Ship

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

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## New Horizons

As you know this News sheet is called "The Ship" which set me thinking about the different ways that we have explored our world. Years ago sailing away in a ship was the best way to explore the place we call our home. When we had found out a great deal about the planet we began to go under the sea and up in the air. However there has always been a wish to explore beyond our horizons which is why we have built bigger and better rockets. Some of which have undertaken local trips to the moon and just recently the Chinese have successfully landed a rocket on the dark side of our satellite and we have the pictures to prove it.

In 2006 NASA launched an interplanetary space probe called "New Horizons". Unlike those ships that set out to explore our world this probe has to be operated remotely because it does not have any astronauts on board. It does however have a computer which enables people to control what happens to this probe even though it is far away from us. One of the major objectives was to reach the planet Pluto and to take some pictures to send back to us here on earth. This was achieved on 14th July 2015 when the probe got within 7,800 miles of the surface of the planet; travelling at a speed of 30,800 mph. As the probe was still working well another possibility arose whereby it could be adjusted to pass another object on the edge of our solar system known as (486958) 2014 MU69. You may know it by another name which is Ultima Thule. Looking on the internet I have discovered that "Thule" refers to the farthest northern location mentioned in ancient Greek and Roman literature. In classical ancient writings Ultima Thule represents any location beyond the known physical world. More recently, but still many years ago, it has been linked with an island north of Britain, with Iceland, Greenland and Norway.

It was on the 1st January 2019 that "New Horizons" reached this target and it now continues a journey towards the unknown whilst at the same time it has been tilted so that it can return information to us for further analysis. This is all a very long way from Galileo Galilei, the Astronomer who was born at Pisa in February 1564 who used his telescope to look at the moon and at the Milky Way. It was Galileo who worked out that the earth revolved around the sun and he wrote a book called "the Starry Messenger" setting out his conclusions. The Church was not very happy and said that he was a heretic. Later on, under pressure he said that he was wrong and stated that the earth did not move around the sun, but when he died he was heard to say, "Yet it still moves". Followers of Jesus and seekers after truth should never be afraid of truth. The challenge is to be willing to explore our own "New Horizons". For me this is especially true when it comes to exploring my relationship with God. You might be put off by what you hear people say about the Church and about whether God exists or not, but I would encourage you to set out on a journey of discovery as exciting as a journey to the edges of the solar system or to the moon because you may be surprised by what you find. We look forward to seeing you at St Jude's if you would like to explore this with us.

*Andrew Reed*

## Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll (nothing to do with with the local authority register of electors) is renewed every six years and 2019 sees such a renewal take place. It is up to individuals to ensure that they are on the new list (if they wish) — application forms will be available in church and electronically in the next day or two.

## Annual Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry Meeting (at which the Churchwardens are elected (currently Diana Bendall and Claudia Tubb) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at approx 11.15am service on Sunday 14th April. This is where we receive the new Electoral Roll and the Annual Report and Accounts and elect members of the Church Council.

We also have an opportunity to say thank you to those who work so hard to keep our church clean and running and those who arrange flowers, look after the gardens round the church and so many other jobs.

## Recital

by students from  
**Royal Holloway**

**Saturday 2nd February**

**4.00pm**

**St Jude's Church**

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome

Final year Royal Holloway performance specialist undergraduate and masters students bring a mixed programme of current repertoire, showcasing their work and interests.

The concert on 2nd February will include a performance of Mexican composer Samuel Zyman's Sonata for Flute and Piano. This work is a real treat to hear and is characterised by intense and vigorous rhythmic energy as well as expressive lyricism, wonderfully written for the instruments.

It will be performed by Sophie Hooper (Orchestral Scholar) and James Ellis (recently soloist in Schumann's Piano Concerto with RHUL Chamber Orchestra, Music Scholar).

A second concert featuring RHUL students will take place on 2nd March.



**Sunday 10th February**  
(and on the **second**  
**Sunday of each month**)  
in **St Jude's Church**  
at **4.00pm**

*Children should be  
accompanied by a parent*

## How to contact us

Email: [enquiries@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:enquiries@stjudeschurch.info)

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

## Readings at 9.30am Communion

3rd February (Candlemas)	Psalm 24 Hebrews 2.14–end Luke 2.22–40
10th February (4th Sunday before Lent)	Isaiah 6.1–8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15.1–11 Luke 5. 1–11
17th February (3rd Sunday before Lent – Septuagesima)	Jeremiah 17.5–10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15.12–20 Luke 6.17–26
24th February (2nd Sunday before Lent – Sexagesima)	Genesis 2.4b–9.15–end Psalm 65 Revelation 4 Luke 8.22–25

## Organ Voluntaries in February

3 February 9.30am	Litanies (Jehan Alain)
10 February 9.30am	Troika, from Lieutenant Kijé suite (Sergei Prokofiev)
10 February 11.15am	Nun danket alle Gott op.65 no.59 (S. Karg-Elert)
10 February 6.30pm	Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott BWV 720 (J.S. Bach)
17 February 9.30am	Fugue in C major (Dietrich Buxtehude)
24 February 9.30am	O Ewigkeit du Donnerwort op.65 no. 42 (S. Karg-Elert)

## From the Registers

*Funerals:*

(2nd January) Stuart Ross; (25th) James Hancock.

## Concerts

2nd March	Royal Holloway students
6th April	Catherine Porter (cello)
4th May	Students of James Kirby (piano)
1st June	Geoff Chew (piano)
15th June	James Kirby (piano)
6th July	Corinna Boylan (cello)
3rd August	James Webb (piano)
7th September	to be confirmed
6th October	River City Saxes

## Diary for February

- 2 Saturday 4.00pm Recital by students from Royal Holloway – Refreshments provided – Free admission – donations welcome
- 3 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 6 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 10 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Mattins 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 13 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 17 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 20 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 24 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch
- 27 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)

All events are in St Jude's Church unless otherwise stated

## 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](http://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?

## Nova Nutrition

New Year is here! Let's create new mindset, healthier eating habits and improve your wellbeing!

Local nutritionist Vera Sterling from Nova Nutrition is hosting two educational talks (one was in January) to empower and motivate you to make positive changes:

Monday 4th February 19:30–21.00

Support Yourself Through Peri/Menopause Naturally

Learn about hormonal changes and the way nutrition can help through this transition.

The talks are held in Monsell Room in the Church. For more information please call 07917 218665 or visit Nova Nutrition Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/novanutritionuk/>

Booking is essential!

## Easyfundraising.org.uk

Did you know that with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), 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?

## Lent Groups

Lent Groups will begin on Thursday 7th March at 3.00pm, venue to be confirmed, and on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Monsell Room. More information will follow next month.