



The Ship

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Recital
by Catherine Porter
 (cello)
Saturday 6th April
4.00pm
St Jude's Church
 Admission free
 Refreshments provided
 Donations welcome



Sunday 14th April
 (and on the **second Sunday** of
 each month) in St Jude's Church
 at 4.00pm
*Children should be
 accompanied by a parent*

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.

The Hope of Resurrection (contd)

Please join us at St Jude's this Easter and celebrate that resurrection hope with us. Please come and pray with us for reconciliation, restoration and renewal in the years that lie ahead. Please come and hear afresh with us the message of the love of God that embraces us all. *Judith Allford*

Details of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and

The Hope of Resurrection

When I was young the three "R"s stood, primarily, for "reading", "writing" and arithmetic: the bedrock of education then and of education today, albeit in their contemporary forms.

Today I notice that a number of potentially conflicting "R"s form the bedrock of our current political debate. I am writing this article during the last week in March and it is still unclear whether we shall remove ourselves from the European Union alliance within the next few days or weeks; whether another referendum will be held or whether after seemingly endless renegotiation, we shall decide to remain.

March 29th, the original date chosen for Brexit, would have been my parents' 67th Wedding Anniversary. Both are long gone and it saddens me that I can no longer seek their wisdom. I believe that back in the seventies they both voted to join the "Common Market", as we knew it then. Both had served in the Second World War and saw closer ties with Europe as a way of continuing to heal divisions and of giving to their children and grandchildren the legacy of peace that had in so many ways been denied to them as they grew up. I so regret that I have now no way of knowing whether that would still have been their view.

Whatever our own views may be, or whatever they may have been, it is clear that we shall need to move on in our thinking and perhaps redefine our vision for the future. In the recent words of our own Bishop of Guildford: "Brexit will be a cause of celebration for some and lament for others, but one thing is clear - we can no longer continue to define one other by how we voted in the referendum. The time has come for communities to come together to serve the common good, in our nation and in our relationship with the rest of Europe".

Over the coming months, whatever the eventual outcome of this turbulent, and sometimes destructive, national and international debate, some new "R"s will need to come into play. Reconciliation will be needed to heal the hurts and fears that have been fostered across all sides of the argument. Banners will need to be rewritten to express our common purpose and hope. There must surely be a renewal of our thinking; a willingness to reflect on our own deeply held views and perhaps to relinquish that part of our own ideology which disregards or disrespects the beliefs and dreams of others. Above all, out of what some have described as our present "chaos" must emerge resurrection, a new beginning that builds on what is best of the old, but offers new opportunities and new ways of seeing.

In the next week or so we shall emerge from the season of Lent into the tragedy and triumph that is Easter. Two thousand years ago political and national turmoil was equally palpable. Dreams had been fulfilled or shattered, depending upon perspective. A disturbing rebel had been silenced, or a hero unjustly and agonisingly killed. The disciples of Jesus were scattered, nursing their hurts and their longings, living in fear of persecution and reprisals.

Quietly, on that first Easter morning, a small group of women made their way into the garden where Jesus had been laid to rest. Their hearts were heavy with sorrow. Above all, perhaps they wondered how they could roll away the stone "which was very large" that had been placed at the entrance to Jesus tomb. But the stone had already gone. The tomb was empty, guarded not by soldiers, but by men in dazzling white, who asked them: "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here, he is risen" (Luke 24:5, 6).

That "very large" and unyielding boulder could almost be a metaphor for our present distress. We may fear that the rifts and rejections; the unrelenting uncertainties; the words spoken that cannot be recalled; the lives threatened and in one case, so devastatingly even lost, have created barriers that even time cannot remove. This cannot be so. The greatest "moving on" of all time happened that first Easter morning. In the love and mercy of God the barrier that was death erupted into life. The day of mourn-

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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

7th April (Passion Sunday)	Psalm 9126 Philippians 3.4b–14 John 12. 1–8
14th April (Palm Sunday)	Isaiah 50. 4–9a Psalm 31. 9–16 Philippians 2. 5–11 John 12. 12–16
21st April (Easter Day)	Acts 10. 34–43 Psalm 118. 1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15. 19–26 John 20. 1–18
28th April (Easter 2 — Low Sunday)	Acts 5. 27–32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1. 4–8 John 20. 19–end

Organ Voluntaries in April

7 April	9.30am	Folk Tune (Percy Whitlock)
14 April	9.30am	Valet will ich dir geben BWV 735 (All glory, laud and honour) (J.S. Bach)
14 April	6.30pm	Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Dietrich Buxtehude)
20 April	8.00pm	"Great" Prelude in G BWV 541 (J.S. Bach)
21 April	9.30am	Variations sur un Noël (Now the green blade riseth) (Marcel Dupré)
28 April	9.30am	Trio Sonata no. 4 in E minor BWV 528, 3rd movement (J.S. Bach)

Good Friday (19th April)

On Good Friday at 12 noon St Jude's has a reflective service for the day, and we shall be joined by some of the singers from Progeny, a local choir conducted by Guy Bunce, to sing the traditional Reproaches, in the setting by Tomás de Victoria. Do come and support them!

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.

The Monsell Room

The Monsell Room (attached to St Jude's Church) is available for meetings, training sessions, seminars and presentations on most weekdays, and can also be hired for gatherings after baptisms, weddings or funerals in the church.

It can seat up to about thirty people sitting or fifty standing, and has wheelchair access, disabled toilet, a pantry for hot drinks, and limited parking. Audio-visual equipment is also available. For details of availability and charges please contact monsellroom@stjudeschurch.info.

Intercessions

At all our Church services we pray for those who are sick, in need and for the bereaved by name. Please do let us know if you would like specific prayer for anyone, and they will be included on this prayer list. But please keep us up to date on their progress. Names will be removed if we have not heard anything further for a month.

Lent Groups

The Wednesday evening Lent Group continue at 7.30pm in the Monsell Room at St Jude's. We are discussing the York Course 'Daring to See God Now' (written by Bishop Nick Baines).

The Thursday afternoon Group continues at 3.00pm at the home of Mrs Margaret Taylor. We are discussing 'The Mystery of God' the 2019 Lent Course from Churches together in Britain and Ireland.

For further information please see Roy Gouriet.

From the registers

Wedding: (9th March) Barry MacMillan and Amanda Hogarth
Funeral: (14th March) Ruth Ball.

Diary for April

- 3 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 6 Saturday 4.00pm Recital by Catherine Porter (cello) — admission free — refreshments provided — donations welcome
- 7 Passion Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service in St Jude's Church
- 10 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 14 Palm Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms and Reading of The Passion 11.15am Annual Meetings 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 15 Monday 7.30pm Compline
- 16 Tuesday 7.30pm Compline
- 17 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 18 Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Holy Communion followed by Vigil until 10.00pm
- 19 Good Friday 10.00am Walk of Witness (meet at St John's Church, Egham, walk to the United Church for open-air service and then refreshments in the Pastoral Centre) 12.00 noon Good Friday Liturgy with Adoration of the Cross
- 20 Holy Saturday 7.30pm Easter Vigil with Service of Light and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 21 EASTER DAY 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