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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Wind and Words (clarinet and poetry)

**Chris Hooker
and Valerie Fry**

**Saturday 2nd November
4.00pm**

St Jude's Church

Admission free
Refreshments provided
Donations welcome



is discontinued
for the time being

CHRISTMAS MARKET



**Saturday 30th November
2.00-4.00pm**

**The Village Centre
Victoria Street**

CAKES, PRESERVES
TEAS, BRIC-A-BRAC
RAFFLE, TOMBOLA
RECORDS, CDs, BOOKS
Table top stalls

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Lest we forget

In the middle of a beautiful Victorian Park in the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, there is a magnificent English oak tree. This towering tree was planted by the late King George V1 and his wife, best remembered by us as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The tree-planting ceremony took place in June 1939, three months before the start of the Second World War. In September 1939 Canadian forces took arms alongside British forces, many sacrificing their own lives to combat one of the greatest evils of modern times. Many of those Canadian comrades are remembered here in Englefield Green. Today many of our Canadian friends across the Atlantic still remain loyal to our monarch and to the country they still call "the Motherland".

But in so many ways, 80 years on, our world still remains fractured. We have improved communication and yet have somehow multiplied misinformation and misunderstanding. We have embraced globalism but at the same time we have descended into isolationism. As we give thanks in the coming days for the heroism and self-sacrifice of so many on behalf of us all, perhaps we do well to remember the old adage "Those who fail to learn from the mistakes of history are doomed forever to repeat them".

In a much smaller town in Nova Scotia: the town of Sydney on the beautiful Cape Breton Island, the memory is preserved of the Revd Ranna Cossit and his wife, Thankful. Following the American Revolution, Revd Cossit became the first Anglican Minister of the British colony of Cape Breton. Grieving themselves for the loss of a son in infancy, Ranna and Thankful reached out to those in need around them. One of those to whom they sought to show kindness was a young slave girl, brutally abused by those who claimed to own her. Tragically the story of that young girl ended when she died in childbirth but Revd Cossit and his wife found a loving home for the son who survived her.

In recent years a family from overseas visited the Cossit's home, which is now a museum. With the advantage of modern genealogical techniques and the advances in DNA profiling, they had traced their ancestry back to that little boy, the child of a slave girl, and to that truly remarkable act of kindness.

At this time of Remembrance it is all too easy to be tempted to despair. How can we ever begin to build a better world? How can we honour the sacrifices of those who gave everything for us? Perhaps the example of the Cossit family reminds us that it may simply be that even small acts of kindness, borne out of true compassion for others, can make all the difference to our broken world.

I am grateful for the many kindnesses I have been shown as I prepare to become Vicar of St Jude's. I am so looking forward to remaining among you in Englefield Green. I am truly excited that my first Sunday as Vicar of this Parish will be Remembrance Sunday. In our services throughout the day we shall be reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends". (John 15:13). I am greatly looking forward to worshipping with you on that day.

For the last 160 years St Jude's has stood almost at the centre of Englefield Green, bearing witness to Christ's unique act of self-sacrifice and divine compassion. I am only the latest in a long line of clergy who have been privileged to receive God's call to serve him here. As we remember those who have fought faithfully on our behalf and those who in other ways have fought injustice and inhumanity with compassion and kindness, I leave you with the words of the one-time Vicar of Egham who was responsible for the founding of St Jude's (originally a daughter church of Egham), the Revd John B.S. Monsell:

*Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.*

Judith Allford

Harvest at St Jude's

Many thanks to members of the congregation who decorated the church for our Harvest Thanksgiving on 13th October and to those who contributed money towards the flowers.

We are particularly grateful for contributions from Mike Brooking (marrows from his allotments), Homebase and Weybridge Garden Centre — Blue Centre (plants) and Waitrose — Egham (groceries). The groceries have been donated to the local food bank.

The Organ of St Jude's

Many thanks to those of who have responded so kindly to the recent article in this Newsletter about the pipe organ in St Jude's Church. We are still not quite sure when the work on the re-leathering will start — this is the most important repair needed. The other repair needed is the restoration of the Trumpet stop which was added in 1999, and which has been unavailable for the past couple of years due to a failure of an electronic board.

Readings at Communion

3rd November (Trinity 20 — celebrating All Saints)	Psalm 149 Ephesians 1. 11–end Luke 6. 20–31
10th November (3rd Sunday before Advent)	Job 19. 23–27 Psalm 17 vv 1–9 2 Thessalonians 2.1–5, 13–end Luke 20. 27–39
17th November (2nd Sunday before Advent)	Malachi 4. 1–2 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3. 6–13 Luke 21. 5–19
24th November (Christ the King)	Jeremiah 12. 1–6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1. 11–20 Luke 23. 33–43

Englefield Green Cemetery

Unfortunately we are unable to help with information about the Cemetery which 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. The telephone is 01932 838383.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism: (20th October) Jaxon George Keenan; (27th) Evie Angela Smith.

Marriage: (12th October) Michael Stephen Ward and Sarah Louise Emery.

Funeral: (18th October) Barbara Clark (23rd) Edith May "Sally" Dennis.

Diary for November

- 2 Saturday 4.00pm Wind and Words — admission free — refreshments provided — donations welcome
- 3 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 6 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 7 Thursday 7.30pm Collation and Induction of the Revd Canon Judith Allford
- 10 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 10.55am Act of Remembrance outside followed by Remembrance Sunday service in church 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 13 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) 8.00pm Church Council meets
- 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
- 27 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 30 Saturday Christmas Market 2.00–4.00pm Village Centre

All events are in St Jude's Church unless otherwise stated
The Church is open each Saturday from 2.00–4.00pm for tea and a chat

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.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Please do remember that if you register with 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.

Future Concerts

- 7th Dec Simon Lindley (organ)
- 4th Jan Community Concert
- 1st Feb Royal Holloway students
- 7th Mar Royal Holloway students
- 4th Apr Geoff Chew and Matthew Stanley (pianos)
- 2nd May James Kirby (piano)
- 16th May Students of James Kirby (piano)