



# The Ship

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

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## Open Church

In addition to service times, St Jude's Church will be open between 2.00pm and 3.30pm on 13th May. Do come along for a cup of tea and a chat and have a look round. This is also an opportunity to discuss Baptisms, Weddings and perhaps Confirmation.

## Annual Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry Meeting at which the Churchwardens are elected (currently Claudia Tubb and Mike Brooking) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at approx 11.00am on Sunday 14th May. This is where we receive the revised Electoral Roll and the Annual Report and Accounts and normally elect members of the Church Council.

If you would like your name to be added to the Church Electoral Roll, please email roll@stjudeschurch.info for an application form. Please note that this is nothing to do with the local authority Register of Electors.

## Audio Visual Project

A reminder that we are still looking for volunteers who would like to help us with future live-streaming. Training will be given and this promises to be a very worthwhile and rewarding project. If this is something that appeals to you, we should be really glad to hear from you. Please get in touch via our website – or contact our Vicar on 01784 434133. Thank you!

## Concert

by students of  
James Kirby

Saturday 13th May

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome

## The Servant King

Many of you reading this article will probably have special memories of the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It is good to hear your stories of that epoch-making day in 1953. I know your memories include recollections of the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey – for some of you gathering with loved ones, friends and neighbours around a small black and white television and absorbing all the details of that day.

As one of those whose memories don't go back quite that far (although almost!) I have been fascinated to discover some of the traditions related to the Service of Coronation. In April the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby wrote:

"Today I received the specially produced King James Bible that will be presented to His Majesty King Charles III during the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey. The Bible will be presented to The King during the service, who will then place his hand upon the Bible when he takes the Coronation Oath. On this momentous occasion, the Bible will be the first and most important gift offered to The King. The earliest specially produced Coronation Bible in the Royal Collection is from the Coronation of George III in 1761 – since then a new Bible has been produced for each Coronation".

Archbishop Justin concluded: "The Scriptures offer a guide and light to all – and I pray that His Majesty will continue to find them in these living words".

At the heart of the Bible is the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is described by the apostle Paul as "the King of Kings" (1Timothy 6:18). Jesus set a unique pattern for Kingship, the pattern of service and self-giving. An early Christian hymn says:

*"Jesus...being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant. He humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross".* (Philippians 2: 5-8)

Central to the service of Coronation will be the call to King Charles III and his Consort, Queen Camilla, to commit themselves to the service of the peoples entrusted to their care. That was a commitment exemplified by our late Queen and a commitment that they will embrace as they seek to follow in her footsteps. They will need not only our good wishes, but also our prayers, as they take on their uniquely challenging roles.

The hymn I quoted above continues: *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.* (Philippians 2:9-10)

We mark the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla on 6th of May. On 7th May at St Jude's our 9.30am Service of Holy Communion will be a celebration of this historical event. Please come and worship with us that morning. Later that day I am very much looking forward to joining in some of the other Coronation celebrations in our Village, including the party on the Green from 12noon onwards. Thank you to all involved in planning and organising these events.

And then, on Thursday 18th May at 7.00pm in St Jude's, we shall be celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus: the Coronation of the King of Kings! Please come and join us for a short and joyous evening service.

God bless your memories and your celebrations.

Judith Allford

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

You will find a formal notice about our APCM elsewhere in this edition of our newsletter. This is just a personal invitation from me to join us for this meeting. You are eligible to attend if you live within the Parish and/or you are on the Church Electoral Roll. It will not be a long meeting but it does give us an opportunity to discuss St Jude's and the direction in which God may be leading us in the year ahead. Your contribution to that discussion is invaluable so please come and join us if you can.

You will also find a notice inviting you to join the St Jude's Electoral Roll. This is simply the church register of members and again, you are entitled to be a member of the roll if you live in Englefield Green and/or are a regular worshipper with us.

Please accept this as a personal invitation from me. I am very aware of, and grateful for, the support and love for St Jude's that is represented across the village. Please come and spend an hour with us from 11.00am on 14th May.

*Judith Allford*

## Readings at Communion

7th May (5th Sunday after Easter)	Acts 7. 55–end Psalm 31. 1–4, 15–16 1 Peter 2. 2–10 John 14. 1–14
14th May (6th Sunday after Easter)	Acts 17. 22–31 Psalm 66. 7–end 1 Peter 3. 13–end John 14. 15–21
18th May (Ascension Day)	Acts 1. 1–11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1. 15–end Luke 24. 44–end
21st May (Sunday after Ascension Day)	Acts 1. 6–14 Psalm 68. 1–10, 32–end 1 Peter 4. 12–14, 5. 6–11 John 17. 1–11
28th May (Pentecost)	Acts 2. 1–21 Psalm 104. 26–end 1 Corinthians 12. 3b–13 John 7. 37–39

## Food Bank

Please continue to help us support the work of our local Runnymede Food Bank. Contributions of non-perishable goods can be left in our Food Bank crate in our Monsell Room and are regularly taken by Geoff Chew to the Food Bank Collection and Distribution Centre. Your amazing generosity is hugely appreciated.

## The Village Centre

[www.villagecentre.org.uk](http://www.villagecentre.org.uk) 01784 471110

Although our Café opened for reduced hours over the Easter holiday period, we still had quite a busy time!

On 3rd April the Café was packed out for our Arts and Crafts Day when children made Easter cards and decorated Easter bunnies and eggs.

On 13th April we ran our Children's Cooking Class. The class was fully booked and the children enjoyed cooking, eating and learning about Jamaican dishes including a yummy coconut cake.

Now we are back to normal hours. We are especially promoting our "Buy it forward" initiative at the moment. Our Café customers are invited to give an extra donation on top of the cost of your meal/drink and the additional money will help to buy a meal or drink for someone who would otherwise be unable to pay.

Meal vouchers are now offered to those who attend the Runnymede Food Bank sessions at the Village Centre so money raised from "Buy it Forward" also supports the cost of providing those meals.

To find out more about our activities please visit our website or contact our Centre Manager, Ali Watts on her email: [manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk). Remember we are always looking for volunteers to help in our Café or with other projects – and remember our next volunteer may be you!

There are three Monday Bank Holidays in May and we shall be closed on those days. But otherwise please drop in and join us in the café or think about enrolling in some of our other regular events. And we wish you Coronation blessings!

## 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. So far we have raised over £1200 by this scheme.

## From the Registers

### Baptism

(23rd April) Isaac David Phillips

### Marriage

(1st April) Jamie Steven Davenport and Jodie Angela Marjorie Whittenbury

### Funerals

(17th April) Harold Merceh Bolds

(26th April) Ronald Albert Hales

(27th April) Christopher Ball

## Diary for May

- 3 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 10 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 13 Saturday 2–3.30pm Church open 4.00pm Concert (students of James Kirby)
- 14 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion  
11.00am Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 6.00pm Compline (on Zoom)
- 17 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 18 Ascension Day 7.00pm Holy Communion
- 21 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 24 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 28 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 31 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Please note that our 9.30am each Sunday is always live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.

## Looking back on Easter at St Jude's

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Easter Services last month. We are especially grateful to Pat, Brian and Sue, who spent many hours preparing beautiful floral decorations in Spring colours and with an Easter theme. Thank you also to our St Jude's cleaning team who did a wonderful job of making the church sparkling and bright.

It was good to welcome visitors and long-standing friends, including some of our younger worshippers, to some of our Holy Week and Easter services – both in person and online. It was lovely to enjoy fellowship with you. Please remember that you are always welcome among us.

May the message of Easter with its promise of resurrection joy continue to inspire and encourage us on our journey through 2023.

## Spotlight on Fourth Sunday at Four

We have recently introduced an additional service to our worship programme. We have called it "Fourth Sunday at Four" – because we're holding it at four o'clock on the fourth Sunday in each month!

This service lasts approximately half an hour. It doesn't include Holy Communion and has a rather more informal feel to it than our main services. Children are very, very welcome and we are hoping to be able to provide activity sheets for children to complete either during the service or afterwards!

We are hoping to follow the pattern of the Church's year so our April service focussed on the resurrection of Jesus. In May our service will be on Sunday 28th May at 4pm and the theme will be Pentecost – A celebration of the birthday of the Church! Please come!

## St Jude's Schools

*"Excellence in Education, Kindness in Community, Courage through Faith"*

Time continues to race by and already we have begun the third and final term of this academic year. Children are preparing for SATS and some will be looking forward to moving on to other schools in the autumn. Many children from Year 2 of our Infant School will be beginning to think about transitioning to the Junior School. So this is a busy and exciting term. Please pray especially for school staff, children, parents and governors.

Exciting things are happening also. On Thursday 11th May the Parent Teacher Association of St Jude's Infant School, Barley Mow Road, is hosting a Circus on the school site. This is an event for the whole local community, even if you don't have a direct connection with the school. Gates open at 4.30pm and the Big Top opens at 5.30pm. Refreshments (including a Bar and a Barbecue) and activities for the children will be available whilst you're waiting for the Big Top to open. This is a "people only" circus with no animals included in the performance.

Tickets are £11, and can be bought by following this link.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjudesinfantschool>

Tickets will not be available on the gate. You will need to purchase them in advance by following the link above.

This is a PTA Fundraising event organised by volunteers in our school community and ALL profits will be going towards essential resources for our children. Fundraising for this year has seen the purchase of art and craft supplies, new library books, and learning materials used for English.

If you need more details, or some other information about our schools, please contact one of our school offices on 01784 435586 (Infants) or 01784 423180 (Juniors) and someone will be very happy to help you.

## Reminder

Saturday 29th April is a busy day at St Jude's Church!

There will be a Coffee Morning from 10.00–11.30am with cakes, biscuits, jam, preserves, marmalade on sale.

Then at 4.00pm, there will be a concert given by music students from Royal Holloway, University of London.

## Looking ahead

We will also be selling cakes, biscuits, jams, preserves etc on our stall at the Englefield Green Village Fair on Saturday 24th June from 12 noon.



## Can you help?

### Update

Last month we invited your help with a project on the Englefield Green Books of Remembrance donated to St Jude's by Mr John Scott, MBE, Chair and Founder Member of the Englefield Green Village Memorial Trust.

Mr Scott is continuing to work on a further revision of the books with the aim of creating a single leather bound volume containing all the available names, dates and personal stories of those from Englefield Green who gave their lives in wartime service. This book will be kept in St Jude's with the intention that it should remain there long into the future as a precious record of some of the most turbulent and poignant times in our village history.

We are grateful that a few people have already responded to our previous appeal with information about some of those whose names are etched on the new Village Memorial and included in the books. But Mr Scott is looking for further information in order to make the Book of Remembrance an even more valuable and vibrant historical document.

Do you have a photo or some additional information about a friend or relative from Englefield Green who served our country in this way? Please contact us if you do. To help you – Mr Scott will shortly be attaching lists of names and more limited information on the railings by the Memorial. Please contact us if there is anyone on the list about whom you can supply some more details. If you are able to offer photos or original records we can assure you that these will quickly be returned to you.

If you can help, please contact St Jude's as soon as possible, either by calling 01784 434133 or emailing [vicar@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:vicar@stjudeschurch.info)

Thank you for your willingness to be part of this exciting project.

*St Jude's Church, on behalf of Mr John Scott MBE*