

# The Ship

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

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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#### **Annual Meetings**

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 8th May. Congratulations to Claudia Tubb and Mike Brooking who were elected to serve as churchwardens for a further year. Congratulations also to those reelected to our Church Council. We are grateful to all who continue to support the ministry of St Jude's in these vital ways.

## Coffee Morning

outside St Jude's Church Saturday 4th June 10.00-11.30am

Cakes, preserves, marmalade Please do come along for coffee and a (suitably distanced) chat

## **Recital**

Becky Ryland-Jones and friends Saturday 11th June 4.00pm St Jude's Church

Admission free Refreshments available Donations welcome

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Matthew Stanley and Geoff Chew (two pianos) Saturday 25th June 4.00pm St Jude's Church

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#### God save our gracious Queen

The first Sunday in June is a significant day! It will see some of the glorious celebrations marking the Platinum Jubilee of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We honour our Queen for her 70 years of devoted and sacrificial service. As the Church we praise God for her profound dedication and example as Supreme head of the Church of England here on earth. We are immeasurably thankful for her courage, commitment and faith.

At the same time we celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church! Because the first Sunday in June this year is also the anniversary of the Day of Pentecost, marking the coming of the Holy Spirit of God upon the disciples, empowering them to preach the Gospel of Jesus. On that day over two thousand years ago, and on every day since then, many people have found faith in him. Queen Elizabeth II has often referenced her own faith, attributing to it the secure foundation which has constantly sustained her through both change and challenge.

Whilst many of us reading this newsletter today have known no other monarch, others will remember the sadness that led to her accession. Some vividly recall the death of a popular King; a beloved husband and father whose sudden passing touched the nation with sorrow and propelled the young Princess Elizabeth into a lifetime of service. Some will remember also the dignity she had already demonstrated in time of war and the empathy she had shown, young as she was, to the suffering endured by her people.

None of us can recall that long-ago Day of Pentecost. But the record of it is written into the New Testament and into the lives of all who, since that day, have themselves found faith. It is a record of the power of God to transform ordinary, fearful, fragile human beings into people so captivated by the love of Jesus that they are willing to offer a lifetime of service in his name.

I don't suppose the Queen would describe her life as ordinary. But she has surely experienced many of the fears and something of the fragility that beset the lives of every human being. The dominance of our society by the media in all its forms means that sometimes we know more than we should know about the private lives of the Royal Family. It also means that we recognise that, whilst they may be somewhat protected from desperate economic concerns about the rising cost of living, they are not exempt from family upheavals and shattering loss. There is a sense of shared identity which perhaps explains something of Her Majesty's enduring appeal and the place she continues to hold in the hearts of so many.

The reign of Queen Elizabeth II has seen many changes; changes which our Queen, along with so many of her people, has met with courage, grace and style. She, like us, has endured the sorrows, mistakes and failings of the years and likewise embraced their achievements and their joys.

The history of the Christian Church since its beginning has been beset by mistakes and failures, even when successive generations of God's people have sought to live lives faithful to him. We grieve at the untold suffering that has been caused to so many along the way. We have broken the heart of God over and over again.

But as we look back on the Day of Pentecost we still rejoice that the way was opened for the love of Jesus to be made known. We rejoice that many have lived fuller, richer lives because they have found faith in him. We are humbled by those who have been willing to suffer and even to die, rather than turn their back on their faith. And, whilst the world may change, that willingness is still being tested even today.

Greater changes lie ahead. We take with us into the unknown future the rich legacy of our Queen's example of life and conduct. And, as those who like our Queen, have found in the Lord Jesus Christ a sustaining faith, we take with us the privilege of walking with him — from here to eternity.

Almighty God, who in love rules over all; receive, we pray, the gratitude which we offer to you for your servant Elizabeth our Queen. Amen.

Judith Allford

#### **Our Church Schools**

As Vicar of St Jude's Church I now enjoy the privilege of being an ex-officio governor to both our Church of England Schools.

I do not use the word "privilege" lightly. We are blessed with two excellent schools, complementing other educational establishments in different parts of our Parish. In fact, we even warranted a mention in the recent Sunday Times Supplement "Best Places to Live". (Other Sunday newspapers are available of course!).

The many changes in our Village over the last few years have sadly seen fewer children living in Englefield Green. But those who do grow up here have the prospect of enjoying a sound education, based on the values inspired by St Jude himself: respect, forgiveness, hope, perseverance, compassion and responsibility. The vision shared by both St Jude's Infant and Junior Schools is that of "Excellence in Education, Kindness in Community and Courage through Faith".

If you are reading this and wanting to know more about our schools, please contact:

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#### **Readings at Communion**

5th June	Acts 2. 1-21
(Pentecost)	Psalm 104. 26-36
	Romans 8 14-17

John 14. 8-17

12th June Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31 (Trinity Sunday) Psalm 8

Romans 5. 1-5 John 16. 12-15

19th June Isaiah 65. 1–9 (1st Sunday after Trinity) Psalm 22. 19–28

Galatians 3.23-end Luke 8. 26-39

26th June 1 Kings 19.5–16, 19–end

Psalm 16 Galatians 5.1, 13-25

Luke 9. 51-end

#### From the Registers

Baptisms: (1st May) Isabelle Rose Ward; (8th May) Bella Mellissa Shone; (15th May) Samuel Jay Bavin.

#### The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk 01784 471110

Our newly refurbished Village Centre Café is now up and running and offering a big welcome from Monday to Friday 9am-2pm. If you haven't done so already — please make time to come and visit us. You'll be as thrilled as we are with a very attractive and sympathetic refurbishment — and a fabulous new Menu!

Some of our local Councillors visited us at the Centre last month. We took the opportunity to say "thank you" for the grant we received from the Borough which has covered the cost of all the renovations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way.

Please continue to pray especially for our Outreach projects which are increasingly valuable against a growing background of economic hardship.

Please do come and see us! And if you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or if you would like to offer your help to the Centre please contact Ali Watts, our Centre Manager as below. Thank you!

manager@villagecentre.org.uk

#### **Foodbank**

We are enormously grateful to everyone who continues to contribute to the work of Runnymede Foodbank, both through St Jude's and our Village Centre.

Thank you to Geoff Chew who regularly takes donations from St Jude's to the collection centre in Egham. Thank you to the staff and volunteers at our Village Centre who provide a collection point at the Centre and host a distribution session each Wednesday afternoon from 1pm-3pm.

In these especially tough economic times our food banks are busier than ever. Please do make use of the Foodbank collection crate in the Monsell Room, or the shelves in the Village Centre foyer, to leave donations of non perishable food items.

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

#### Royal Holloway Play! 2022 Festival

Please see page 3 of this Newsletter for details of Festival items taking place in St Jude's Church.

#### **Diary for June**

(2nd Sunday after Trinity)

- 1 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 4 Saturday 10.00–11.30am Coffee Morning outside St Jude's Church
- 5 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Informal Holy Communion
- 8 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion 12,00pm and 3.00pm Royal Holloway Play! 2002 Festival (see below) 7.30pm Church Council meets (in church)
- 9 Thursday 3.00pm Royal Holloway Play! 2022 Festival (see below)
- 11 Saturday 4.00pm Concert Becky Ryland-Jones and friends (vocal and piano)
- 12 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 15 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 18 Saturday 11.30am-5.00pm Englefield Green Village Fair (on the Green)
- 19 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 22 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 25 Saturday 4.00pm Recital by Matthew Stanley and Geoff Chew (two pianos)
- 26 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 29 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Please note that there will always be either a live-streamed service or a pre-recorded reflection on our YouTube Channel each Sunday from 9.30am. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.

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#### ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON PLAY! 2022 FESTIVAL

Music plays such an important role at Royal Holloway, not only housing one of the UK's leading Departments but also offering a number of scholarships to undergraduate and postgraduate students who excel in music. As part of PLAY! 2022, we are excited to showcase a selection of our 2022 Music Scholars in these short afternoon recitals.





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#### PLAY! 2022 MUSIC SCHOLARS' SHOWCASE No. 1 8th June 12.00-12.45pm

This event will feature Benjamin Norris (piano) and Douglas Ashby (piano and marimba).

Event programme to include:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Sonata in A Minor, No. 8 K310

(Movement 1)

Sergei Rachmaninoff: Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23 No. 5

Nigel Westlake: Fabian Theory

## ADMISSION IS FREE BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

To book, go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/play-2022-music-scholars-showcase-no-1-tick-ets-349658266287

#### PLAY! 2022 MUSIC SCHOLARS' SHOWCASE No. 2 8th June 3.00–3.45pm

This event will feature Mihnea Cazaou (piano), Jennifer Hawthorn (soprano), and Elisabeth Egel (piano).

Event programme to include:

Frédéric Chopin: Funeral March in C minor, Op. posth 72 No. 2

Frédéric Chopin: Étude Op. 25, No. 12 in C minor

Johann Sebastian Bach: Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen, BWV 51

Henri Duparc: Chanson Triste

Francis Poulenc: C

Claude Debussy: Prélude from Suite Bergamasque, L. 75

Edvard Grieg: 'Wedding Day on Troldhaugen' from Lyric Pieces Op. 65 No. 6

Heino Eller: Kodumaine viis ('Homeland Melody')

#### PLAY! 2022 TWILIGHT FANCIES 9th June 3.00-3.30pm

Sorry!

This event has been cancelled due to ill health

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