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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Concerts in October in St Jude's Church at 4.00pm

Saturday 2nd October
Catherine Porter (cello)
and Daniel King Smith
(piano)

with a programme including
works by Grieg, Schumann
and Rostropovich

Saturday 23rd October
James Kirby
(internationally renowned pianist)
with a programme including
works by Haydn, Chopin
and Schumann

Stop Press

Please note that there will not be a 10am service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 29th September. We apologise for this. Normal service will be resumed from Wednesday 6th October when the celebrant will be the Revd Andrew Reed".

Big Questions

We hope some of you have been able to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Justin Welby, as he has travelled throughout the Diocese of Guildford.

Thank you to everyone who has taken time out to attend one of the public meetings.

We do hope you found this a helpful opportunity to reflect on the promises of God against the uncertainties and challenges of these present times.

None of this would have been possible without you and none of this will be sustainable in the future without your continuing involvement and support. You may not be a regular attendee at St Jude's but we know how much you value our beautiful church. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to us. May God ever bless you.
Judith Allford

A Big Thank You!

(2 Corinthians 9:15)

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift

On Sunday 10th October we shall be celebrating Harvest Festival at St Jude's with a special family friendly service of Holy Communion at 9.30am. Please do come along and share in our thanksgiving for all that God has provided for us in these past months. Please share with us in prayer also for those whose lives have been especially hard because of the destructive effect that COVID 19 has had – and continues to have – in so many ways. We are very aware that this includes some of you reading this newsletter and our hearts go out to you.

As a church set in the heart of this beautiful village of Englefield Green we have so much for which to be thankful as we begin slowly to emerge from the dark days of the COVID pandemic. Thank you to all of you who have continued to show such generosity throughout lockdowns and beyond. Many have maintained, and even increased their regular giving to St Jude's and others have supported particular projects such as our organ and audio visual equipment appeals. You enabled us to purchase vital supplies to keep St Jude's COVID secure as our doors reopened. Without you we would have been unable to move on with vital areas of our ministry and worship.

Thank you also for your continuing support of the work of our Village Centre. Because of you we were able to maintain a service to our community throughout the pandemic. You have also helped us to develop new initiatives such as our Community Fridge and Food Bank. Thanks to your commitment to us we have been able to employ new staff and to progress our plans for the refurbishment of our café. We are grateful that commitment has been practical as well as financial and that many of you give precious time as well as money to assist our wonderful Centre Manager Ali and her Team in the vital work they are doing.

Thank you that because of your generosity we were able to continue to offer pastoral support to people in our village through times of both celebration and loss. COVID 19 has had a devastating effect on those who have lost loved ones. For some it has been the virus itself which has robbed them of someone so very dear to them. But even for those not directly affected by COVID, the restrictions imposed upon us had distressing consequences for those who have been unable to mark this most significant of life events in the usual way. We continued to offer funeral services both within St Jude's and elsewhere. Weddings have been very few, but for those who felt able to go ahead with their marriage despite restrictions, St Jude's still provided a beautiful setting for this joyful act of commitment. For a long time we were unable to offer baptisms, but we are now again taking bookings from families – and indeed bookings for weddings into 2023!

Thank you for enabling us to provide online worship and a concert programme online when we were unable to open the doors of St Jude's. We are now restarting our "live" concert programme with performances scheduled for Saturdays October 2nd and 23rd. Please find more details further on in this newsletter. We are hugely grateful for your generosity in helping us to fund new AV equipment. We are hoping to recruit volunteers to assist us in live-streaming our services including Baptisms, Weddings and possibly even Funeral Services for those who would value that facility. If helping with this would be of interest to you, please do get in touch.

Thank you for celebrating with us the September opening of the new St Jude's C of E Infant School in Barley Mow Road. We want to create many more opportunities to welcome children, staff and parents of our Junior and Infant schools to St Jude's.

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Services in St Jude's October 2021

You may remember that a few months back we invited suggestions as to anything you might like to see us do differently at St Jude's. We are very grateful to those who responded. Thank you.

As a result our pattern of worship for October does look a little bit different. These may well not be permanent changes but our Worship Committee has adopted some of your suggestions and the services for October are all set out in this month's diary. The information which follows is just to highlight the changes for the coming month.

Please note especially that our 9.30am service on Sunday 3rd October will be a pre-recorded service on our YouTube Channel rather like those we made available during Lockdown. But this time we shall also be showing the service on screen in Church for those who wish to worship with us in person.

Our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday October 10th at 9.30am will be a Family Friendly Service of Holy Communion. It would be lovely to see our children and young families worshipping with us and we welcome gifts of non-perishable food items which we can channel through the Food Bank.

Our service on Sunday 31st October at 9.30am will not include Holy Communion and instead will be a service of Morning Worship led jointly by our Vicar and our Methodist Minister. Some of you have asked if we might occasionally offer a service without Communion and the Church Council is considering the future possibility of the fifth Sunday in each month becoming a non-Eucharistic (without Holy Communion) service. As October has a fifth Sunday we are introducing that service this month but it will be subject to review as time goes on.

Thank you all. We look forward to sharing our services with you.

Runnymede Food Bank

St Jude's Church has now resumed its collections for Runnymede Food Bank and we are grateful to Geoff and Jenny Chew for facilitating this. Donations of non-perishable food can be left in the crate in the Monsell Room and will be taken to the collection point on the Thorpe Trading Estate as regularly as possible.

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. Many thanks for those who are already doing this.

The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk

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Some news about our Village Centre can be found in the Vicar's front page article this month but please do look out for an exciting announcement coming shortly! In the meantime, please continue to access our cafe (9am- 2pm Mondays to Fridays), Community Fridge, Foodbank and Baby Basics plus the other amenities we continue to provide.

Please do get in touch with Ali: manager@villagecentre.org.uk if you would like to know more about what we are doing, or if you would like to offer to help in any way. Thank you all.

Readings at Communion

3rd October (18th Sunday after Trinity)	Genesis 2.18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12 Mark 10. 2-16
10th October (19th Sunday after Trinity)	Amos 5.6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90. 12-end Hebrews 4.12-end Mark 10.17-31
17th October (20th Sunday after Trinity)	Isaiah 53. 4-end Psalm 91. 9-end Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-35
24th October (Last Sunday after Trinity)	Jeremiah 31. 7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7.23-end Mark 10.46-end
31st October (All Saints' Day)	Isaiah 25. 6-9 Psalm 24. 1-6 Revelation 21. 1-6a John 11.32-44

Cleaning in Church

Thank you so much to those of you who have responded to our request to set up a Cleaning Rota. We are so grateful to you. We shall be in touch shortly. If you haven't yet been able to respond and would like to help please do get in touch. Thank you!

From the Registers

Funerals: (15th September) Yolanta Izabella May; (16th) Lawrence Thomas Flockhart; (20th) Jean Bartlett; (23rd) Caroline Dubery.

Marriage:

(4th September) Mark William Giles Latham and Alice Frances Taylor.

Diary for October 2021

- 2 Saturday 4.00pm Concert in Church — Catherine Porter (cello) and Daniel King Smith (piano)
- 3 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (celebrant The Revd Orion Edgar)
NO 9.30am Holy Communion (pre-recorded service on YouTube and screened in Church)
- 6 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Harvest Family Holy Communion in Church (NOT live streamed)
9.30am A pre-recorded reflection will premiere at 9.30am on our Youtube channel
- 13 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 17 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Celebration of St Luke's Day Holy Communion (live-streamed)
- 20 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 23 Saturday 4.00pm Concert in Church — James Kirby (piano)
- 24 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion
- 27 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 28 Thursday Feast Day of St Simon and St Jude 7.00pm Holy Communion
- 31 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship not including Holy Communion (live streamed)

Please find below an invitation from the Diocese of Guildford. This is a sensitive, painful and emotive subject but is also one that needs addressing for the sake of the well-being of us all. If you need further information about safeguarding at St Jude's please find it on our website at www.stjudeschurch.info Thank you so very much for your help.



TRANSFORMING CHURCH
TRANSFORMING LIVES

Are you a survivor or victim of church related abuse? Could you help the Diocese of Guildford to learn from the past and protect the future?

The Diocese of Guildford is currently reviewing all its records, across all 162 parishes, to ensure that all safeguarding concerns and allegations have been identified, reported, and appropriately actioned. Critical to this, is the voice of survivors and victims. The Diocese of Guildford wants to listen to and to learn from your experiences and ensure that your voices are heard throughout this review process.

Coming forward

Anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church-related abuse is asked to contact Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Jackie Broadfoot (jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk 07918 559387).

Support is available

The Diocese recognises that coming forward may be extremely difficult and dedicated support has been set up for you. Two confidential listening services have been set up, for those people who have experienced church related abuse but who might want to talk through their experiences and feelings before taking any next step. To find out more about the support available click [here](#).

Building the safest community we can

Bishop Andrew, Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Guildford explains why we are doing this: *"It is important we do everything we can to make our churches the safest places they can be. Safe means different things to different people but this review will help us to ensure that the concerns reported to our churches have been dealt with properly, and the care taken and the support given is of the high quality that people rightly deserve. We have learnt from a previous review that that survivors and victims' voices are critical, and I would urge you to come forward."*



**ST JUDE'S CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 10th October
9.30am
ALL welcome!**