



# 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 4.00pm on 8th April. 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.

## Food Bank

Please continue to help us support the work of our local Runnymede Food Bank. Contributions of non-perishable goods may 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.

## From the Registers

### Funerals:

(2nd March) Roy Bambury;  
(15th March) Mary Britannia Smith;  
(30th March) Peter John Tapsell.

## What does the name Lilian Forse mean to you?

Lilian is one of many men and women commemorated on our Englefield Green Village Memorial. Born in Bagshot Road in 1883, Lilian served in France during the First World War. On 10th April 1919 King George V presented her the Military Medal for her "admirable coolness in the performance of her duties". When the French Hospital in which she was working was bombed, Lilian stayed and cared for her patients and "carried on as if nothing had happened".

Lilian was the youngest of eight children. Two of her sisters sadly died at birth. She had one brother who was also recommended for the Military Medal. He served in the Royal Artillery in France until he died of wounds on 30th April 1918. Of additional interest to me is that two of her brothers were members of the clergy:

**The Revd Edward Forse** (1877-1942) was extremely clever; a prolific author who published 32 books. He is said to have been given to extraordinary traits of thought (which brings me some comfort!)

**The Revd Leslie Forse** (1882-1961) served as an Army Chaplain. Towards the end of the war, he spent seven months as a prisoner of war. His record of his time in captivity is held in the National Archive Kew. When peace came Leslie returned to ministry in England.

This newsletter includes a request for help. Mr John Scott, MBE is continuing his fascinating work on the Englefield Green Books of Remembrance, recreating the stories of more of those who left our village to secure our peace. If you have memories or photos which could increase our collective knowledge of these inspirational heroes, please get in touch.

Our journey through Holy Week is a powerful act of Remembrance. Palm Sunday is the curtain raiser. Jesus rides into Jerusalem, not on a magnificent thoroughbred, as might have befitted the King of all Kings, but on a humble donkey. G.K. Chesterton, in his poem "The Donkey", beautifully reimagines that moment:

For I also had my hour; One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears, And palms before my feet.

At St Jude's, Palm Sunday starts with a procession into the church to begin our 9.30am service. No donkey, I'm afraid, but a procession of song followed by a service commemorating the first Palm Sunday, during which Claudia is providing a range of Palm Sunday activities for our children and young people in our Monsell Room. Please come!

The first Holy Week drew inexorably to its climax on a scaffold outside Jerusalem. It's hard to know whether Jesus' closest friends really understood what lay ahead for him. On what we now call Maundy Thursday, they gathered with Jesus for what was to be their last shared meal before his death. The evening is memorable not only for Jesus' distribution of the bread and wine, powerful symbols of his forthcoming sacrifice, but also for the moment he knelt and washed his disciples' feet. Taking the role of a servant, Jesus challenged his followers that they too must become the servant of others. Together we recall that evening in our Maundy Thursday worship at 7pm.

On Good Friday the "Hosanna" of Palm Sunday became the clamour of "crucify". Jesus stayed at the centre of the violence and noise, often silent, always calm, preparing for the ultimate offering of himself. The cross which marked his sacrifice is still honoured across the world. The Son of God, giving his life for the sons and daughters of humankind. Please join us for our Good Friday service at 12noon.

On Easter Eve the Gospel writers fall silent. We hold a vigil at 7pm on Saturday, awaiting the coming of the Light of the world. We renew our baptismal promises, preparing to welcome our Risen Lord!

Then, as Mary Magdalene did, we greet Easter Day outdoors with a service of praise and worship at 7am on the Village Green. Our usual service of Holy Communion is in church at 8am, followed by a Communion service with a family feel (and chocolate!) at 9.30am.

Remember with me this Easter those who gave their lives for our country that we might live. Remember above all our Saviour who gave his life for the whole of humanity that we might live eternally. We welcome you all to worship with us. *Judith Allford*

## Coffee Morning

**Saturday 29th April  
10.00-11.30am  
St Jude's Church**

Cakes, biscuits, preserves  
marmalade etc available  
Do come along for coffee  
and a chat

## Concert

**by students from  
Royal Holloway  
Saturday 29th April  
4.00pm  
St Jude's Church**

Admission free  
Refreshments provided  
Donations welcome

## 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 glad to hear from you. Please get in touch via our website – or contact our Vicar on 01784 434133.

Our shortfall on the cost of completing this project has now fallen to about £740. If you feel able to help us please do let us know. You can contact our Treasurer, Brian Hooker, at [brian.hooker@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:brian.hooker@stjudeschurch.info) or you can get in touch via our website: [www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info)

Thank you so much – and thank you again to all who have already given so generously.

## Readings at Communion

2nd April (Palm Sunday)	Isaiah 50. 4–9 Psalm 31. 9–18 Philippians 2. 5–11 Matthew 26.14–end of 27
9th April (Easter Day)	Acts 10. 34–43 Easter Anthems Colossians 3. 1–4 Matthew 28. 1–10
16th April (2nd Sunday of Easter)	Acts 2. 14a, 22–32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1. 3–9 John 20. 19–end
23rd April (3rd Sunday of Easter)	Acts 2.14a, 36–41 Psalm 116. 1–3, 10 1 Peter 1. 17–23 Luke 24. 13–35
30th April (4th Sunday of Easter)	Acts 2. 42–end Psalm 23 1 Peter 2. 19–end John 10. 1–10

## 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.

## Looking Ahead

There will be a celebration of the coronation of King Charles III at 9.30am service on Sunday 7th May.

## Diary for April

- 2 Palm Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Holy Communion with activities for children  
**Please see below for more Holy Week services**
- 5 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 8 Saturday 2.00–4.00pm Church open
- 9 EASTER DAY 7.00am Sunrise service on The Green 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion  
NO Compline at 6.00pm
- 12 Wednesday SORRY! NO 10.00am Holy Communion
- 16 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion
- 17 Monday 7.30pm Church Council meets
- 19 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 23 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service
- 26 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 29 Saturday 10–11.30am Coffee Morning 4.00pm Concert by students from Royal Holloway
- 30 Sunday 8.00am 9.30am Morning Service NO Holy Communion

Please note that there is always a live-streamed service 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.

## The Village Centre

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

During the Easter Holidays our Village Centre will be open from 10am–2pm. Do call in and see us – and enjoy some of the drinks and meals on offer in the café.

We also have some special Easter activities. This coming Monday, 3rd April, we are holding an Easter Arts and Crafts session from 10am–2pm. Admission is free.

On Thursday 13th April we have a Cooking Class especially for children aged 7–11 years. Admission is free but you will need to book. Please email Ali on [manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk) or 01784 471110.

As always, if you have any queries, suggestions, requests for bookings, or if you would like to offer your help to the Centre please contact Ali Griffin, our Centre Manager, [manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk). And, if like many prospective volunteers, you haven't yet made your first visit to the Centre, please come along and meet us. You will receive a warm welcome and your first visit will probably lead to many more! Thank you all.

## St Jude's Schools

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

By the time you read this article we shall have welcomed staff and pupils from both our schools into St Jude's Church for their Easter Services. Special thanks to Mrs Jackie Austin and Miss Louise Isaac, RE leads at St Jude's Junior School and St Jude's Infant School respectively, for all the hard work that goes into preparing for these lovely occasions.

And both schools have kindly included an article from me in their end of term newsletters once again. On behalf of us all, I wrote: "Thank you to our wonderful Senior Teachers, Teachers and all School Staff for your hard work, perseverance and compassion through another term. We have such respect for you all and for the responsibility you take in caring for us. We wish you a very special Easter holiday. May Easter, with its promises of forgiveness and hope, bring joy to us all!"

Hope you recognised the play on our school values, which we continue to explore together term by term. As always, if you want to know more about our schools, please contact:

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## **Easter at St Jude's Church**

Details of our live streamed services are shown below

### **Palm Sunday 2nd April**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Palm Sunday Celebration with Holy Communion WITH Palm Sunday activities for children led by Claudia Tubb in our Monsell Room. A warm invitation to all our younger worshippers to come along and get involved!

### **Monday of Holy Week 3rd April**

7.00pm Service of Compline via Zoom

### **Wednesday of Holy Week 5th April**

10.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Service of Compline via Zoom

### **Maundy Thursday 6th April**

7.00pm A special service for Maundy Thursday

### **Good Friday 7th April**

12 noon A special service for Good Friday

1.00pm–3.00pm St Jude's remains open for a time of reflection and prayer

### **Holy Saturday 8th April**

7.00pm A Service of Vigil for Easter Eve. A warm invitation to this service which includes not only the bringing of the light as we approach the dawn of Easter Day but also an opportunity for all of us together to renew the promises made for us at our Baptisms.

### **Easter Day 9th April**

7.00am Ecumenical Sunrise Service on the Village Green to welcome Easter Day. Come and join us outdoors as we greet Easter morning.

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Easter Family Celebration with Holy Communion (and Easter Eggs!)

**Streamed Easter Services - 2023**

**Palm Sunday - 2nd April, 9.30am**  
The stream may start late as the service begins outside the church

**Maundy Thursday - 6th April, 7pm**

**Good Friday - 7th April, 12pm**

**Easter Eve Vigil - 8th, 7pm**

**Easter Sunday - 9th, 9.30am**



## Can you help?

On Remembrance Sunday 2022, St Jude's Church was presented with a set of Books of Remembrance by Mr John Scott MBE on behalf of the Englefield Green Memorial Trust. These books record the names and stories of men and women from Englefield Green who gave their lives in wartime service. (WW1, WW2, and conflicts since).

Mr Scott is now working on a reshaping of three of the four books. The result will be a single, leather-bound volume "THE ENGLEFIELD GREEN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE". where names, dates and stories are much more closely aligned. The lives of each of our Village heroes will each be honoured alongside the date of their sacrifice. This single "Book of Remembrance" will be kept by St Jude's in perpetuity. Long after you and I are gone, the stories of those who died to bring our peace will be remembered, their names etched on the War Memorial and their lives recorded within our beautiful church.

This is a huge piece of work — and your help is needed, please.

Is the name of one or more of your loved ones, relatives or ancestors recorded on the Village War Memorial within Englefield Green Cemetery?

We have some information, but there are other individual stories which are incomplete. There are names without photographs and dates without the details which bring the individual accounts to such vivid life.

If you have not already participated in this project, are you able to help, please, by providing photos and information about these heroes of Englefield Green who may have a treasured place in your own family history? Photographs and original records will quickly be returned to you.

If you do, 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*