

The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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Recital for two pianos by Matthew Stanley and Geoff Chew

Saturday 5th September at 4.00pm

The programme will include

L'Embarquement pour Cythère (1951) Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Sonata for two pianos in D KV448/375a (1781) W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Concerto in C major BWV 1061 (1733-4) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Scaramouche, suite for two pianos, op. 165b (1937) Darius Milhaud (1892-1974)

Old Vienna ("Alt-Wien", Triakontameron, no. 11) (1920) Leopold Godowsky (1870-1938)

This will be streamed on

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_BcMnFpfC4PvBe0mqRp4Q

at 4.00pm on Saturday 5th September and available thereafter

This Newsletter

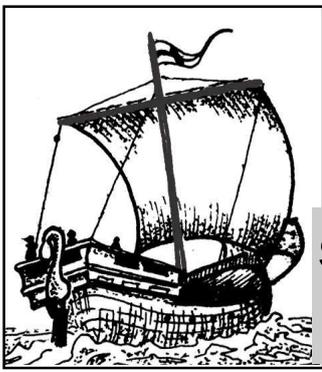
As you know, since March, we have been distributing this newsletter online via our website www.stjudeschurch.info, our Facebook page and by email with a laminated copy posted on the Church door. Although we realise that many people are missing out on regular printed news from St Jude's, we are grateful to those who print copies for close neighbours and friends or forward each edition electronically.

We had hoped that, by now, we should have been able to return to a house to house delivery throughout the parish. However, the Church of England continues to advise that communications must remain digital in order particularly to protect those who would otherwise be delivering them. So, very sadly, we must continue to work within these guidelines, the wisdom of which is actually very clear. Thank you for your patience.

The monthly online-only distribution will continue for the time being. If you are aware of someone who is not yet receiving a copy please do ask them to let us have their email address by dropping us a line on: newsletter@stjudeschurch.info.

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please see below



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Spotlight on our Services

Here is the pattern we plan for the Sundays in September:

6th September

8.00am Holy Communion in Church

9.30am Family friendly service on our YouTube Channel

13th September

9.30am Holy Communion in Church (Live and streamed on YouTube)

20th September

8.00am Holy Communion in Church

9.30am Service on our YouTube Channel

27th September

9.30am Holy Communion in Church (Live and streamed on YouTube)

Sadly we will be unable to hold Junior Church in September or for a little while to come. Hopefully the situation will change over the coming months. Claudia Tubb will continue to provide her wonderful message for young and older in our pre-recorded YouTube services.

Each service in church will be about 30–40 minutes in length. We can use only a limited amount of seating because of the rules of social distancing. Seats will all be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Our numbers are limited to a maximum of 30 people and we shall need to "sign in" for "Test and Trace" purposes.

Entrance to St Jude's will be by the main north-west door as usual and exit by the Monsell Room door. Almost everyone will need to wear a mask (unless you have a medical exemption) and to use hand sanitizer on entrance and exit. Masks may be removed in order to receive Holy Communion. The person conducting the service is not required to wear a mask but he or she will do so when bringing the wafer to those who wish to receive it. In line with current Church of England guidance wine will not be distributed at present.

This is a good time to assure you that we welcome all who wish to do so to receive Holy Communion, no matter to which church you would usually belong. Equally we welcome you to worship with us, even if you would rather not receive communion.

Sadly, we are unable to sing, but Geoff Chew, Guy Bunce and Chloe Spencer will continue to make music a real part of our worship. Guy will generously continue to produce our YouTube services, including streaming two services directly from inside St Jude's.

We're back!

One of the blessings of Lockdown and beyond has been the discovery that many of us are able to keep in touch with one another by a whole range of electronic means or simply by spending time with a loved one, neighbour or friend at a safe distance in our gardens. But it hasn't been quite the same as the contact with those close to us that we have always previously enjoyed. Our hearts go out especially to those who have been shielding for many months, or whose families live some distance away.

Across the world churches and other faith groups have also had to keep the doors of their buildings closed. Worship and fellowship has also been greatly supported by electronic means. At St Jude's, thanks to the generous expertise of Guy Bunce, we have still been able to enjoy an act of worship every single Sunday since Lockdown began.

From Sunday 6th September the doors of St Jude's will re-open. We shall be subject still to the guidelines on social distancing and worshippers will be required to wear face coverings and to make regular use of the hand sanitizers which will be provided. The seating arrangements will look somewhat different and we'll be missing out on coffee and conversation for a while yet. But...we shall be together!

Details of our services for September are given in our "Spotlight on Services". Please join us if you feel able to do so. You may be a regular worshipper; you may be someone who has once worshipped at St Jude's but have been unable to attend for quite a while or you may never have come to St. Jude's before. Whatever may be true for you, we shall be privileged to welcome you.

We shall also be continuing our weekly YouTube services for a while yet and certainly for as long as the numbers of people we can safely accommodate in church are still restricted. Again, please find details of these services further on in this edition of "The Ship".

Our Englefield Green schools are also re-opening after the summer break. For some children this will mean returning to regular schooling for the first time since the end of March. Please remember them especially and with them the many parents and carers who for quite some time took on the challenge of home schooling!

Please do give especial thought to all our Head Teachers and school staff. Whilst some of us may have been able to enjoy a summer break, (maybe a "stay-cation"!), many of those who run our schools have been working throughout the summer to ensure a secure start for children coming back to school. We are hugely indebted to them all for their unstinting care for the children of our local community.

Some of us will still remember from our childhood the "butterflies" that accompanied us on returning to school at the end of the summer holidays. Everything felt strange, unknown and new. In September 2020 things are looking strange, unknown and new for very many of us. These past months have seen many changes, including most especially the irreversible and heartbreaking life changes that illness and bereavement bring with them. It was the writer CS Lewis who wrote after the tragic loss of his wife "No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear". ("A Grief Observed").

COVID 19 has brought many losses, great and far smaller. It has taken all of us in such a relatively brief time, into a world which looks so very different in many ways from the world we knew before. So, when we begin returning to once familiar places and routines, we find that even those things are subtly new. We recognise perhaps a sense of grieving for the things which may never be quite the same again.

But God's love remains the same. The New Testament describes God as "the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change". (James 1:17) The welcome within God's heart for each and every one of us is just as it has always been. The doors of St Jude's may have been closed for a while but, as we were reminded at the very beginning of lockdown, the love of God in the Lord Jesus Christ remains open to us all. Please come and worship Him with us once again.

Spotlight on services contd

Please use our St Jude's website (www.stjudeschurch.info) and/or our Facebook page to access our online Sunday Worship service, premiered from 9.30am each Sunday on YouTube. You will also find a "Jotting" or "Thought for the Day" from our Vicar each weekday — these resume from 1st September.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Please consult the Church of England website for national guidance regarding baptisms, weddings and funerals at the present time: www.churchofengland.org. Please also note that the advice is updated on a regular basis so we would suggest that you take a frequent look at the relevant pages.

For information about the present situation at St Jude's please contact us directly, either via our website (see below) or by phoning the Vicar on 01784 434133. The numbers we are able to accommodate may be smaller than national guidance suggests and there may be other factors which also vary because of our local circumstances.

We hope to do everything that we can to support you and your family through such significant life events but it will still be a while before we can provide a more normal pattern of services. So please do get in touch with us so that we can talk with you about how best we can help you.

Our hearts still go out to all of you who in sadness or in celebration have so far been unable to have the ceremonies most appropriate to your needs and those of your loved ones.

Readings at Communion

6th September (Trinity 13)	Ezekiel 33. 7-11 Psalm 119 33-40 Romans 13.8-end Matthew 18. 15-20
13th September (Trinity 14)	Genesis 50. 15-21 Psalm 103 1-13 Romans 14. 1-12 Matthew 18. 21-35
20th September (Trinity 15)	Jonah 3.10-4.end Psalm 145 1-8 Philippians 1. 21-end Matthew 20. 1-16
27th September (Trinity 16)	Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end Psalm 25 1-8 Philippians 2. 1-13 Matthew 21. 23-32

From the Registers

Funerals: (7th August) Georgina Mabel Morsley; (10th) Shirley Read; (14th) Kathleen Florence Williams; (25th) Violet Emma Pimm (Interment of Ashes).

Daily Hope

Thank you to a regular worshipper at St Jude's for reminding us of this free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. Supported and contributed to by the Archbishop of Canterbury, this 24/7 service offers Daily Hope in difficult times. 0800 804 8044

Donations to St Jude's

We are delighted that we are able to continue our regular concert series on-line! Thank you to Geoff Chew and Guy Bunce for making this possible.

Please remember that if you are enjoying the concerts and wish to acknowledge this with a donation to St Jude's you can make payments directly into the Church's bank accounts (NatWest 60-07-33 02317990 or CAF Bank 40-52-40 00013020) or use our "Give a Little" donate button. This can be found below our YouTube screen as you watch the concert, or on our website: www.stjudeschurch.info and on the St. Jude's United Church Facebook page. THANK YOU!!

Diary for September

- 5 Saturday 4.00pm "Streamed" Piano Recital (two pianos) by Matthew Stanley and Geoff Chew
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_BcMnFpC4PvBeOmQRp4Q

We are continuing to offer a Bible Study via Zoom. We meet on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm or a Thursday at 3pm. If you would like to join us at one of these please get in touch and we'll send you a Zoom invitation.

The Village Centre

www.villagecentre.org.uk

Tuesday 1st September sees the re-opening of our Village Centre with changes to be seen there also! Our opening hours for the time being will be 10am-2pm, Monday to Friday.

Ali Watts, Centre Manager, has been working hard to prepare the Village Centre for the return of a number of groups who regularly hire the Centre for a variety of activities. These include our Child Contact Centre which opens its doors again on Saturday 5th September. This will enable at least some families to begin meeting again after a long and difficult absence. We are grateful not only to Ali but to all the volunteers who play such a vital role within the Contact Centre.

Several other groups are also looking forward to being up and running again! A great deal of hard work has been undertaken to ensure that individual Risk Assessments are in place for each activity. We are grateful to all the members of the Village Centre Management Committee for reviewing the Assessments for us.

Our café will serve a slightly more limited range of meals and snacks, plus hot and cold drinks. We have had to clear the Café area of all our children's toys but we invite families to bring with them their own bags of toys or craft activities for their children to enjoy. Space within the Centre will be more limited to ensure that we comply with social distancing so you may even find it helpful to book your slot with us ahead of time. Please ring us on 01784 471110. We shall require you to wear a mask or face covering when you come in to the Centre and if you need to move around. They need not be worn when you are seated.

Plans for the refurbishment of our café area will hopefully go ahead in the not too distant future. We are delighted that the Listed Buildings Consent Committee of the Methodist Church has carefully considered our retrospective planning application for refurbishment undertaken in the past. The Committee, whilst unhappy with the lack of consultation that took place then, has generously agreed the nature of the work has enhanced the suitability of our premises for their current purpose. A few adjustments will still need to be made and any new application carefully scrutinised by the committee before further work can begin.

Ali has worked through Lockdown and beyond but our other three members of staff have been furloughed. Sarmila is now back but Karen and Peter remain on furlough a while longer. We are grateful to all four for their loyalty and support.

The Centre is now 10 years old! Whilst celebrations will have to be put on hold we still want to express our great gratitude to those whose vision brought the Centre into being as well as to those whose hard work has sustained the ministry of the Centre into a new decade.

Please remember, in the continued wake of COVID 19, that if you, or someone you know, has particular needs, you can still access help from the Village Centre/Mutual Aid by contacting 07526 360704 or the Runnymede Borough Council triage line, 01932 838383.

If you would like to contribute to the work of the Village Centre please contact Ali: manager@villagecentre.org.uk.

Methodist Circuit

Details of worship throughout the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit can be accessed through the circuit website which is: www.sfmc.org.uk