



# The Ship

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

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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## **"On Forest Paths"**

a programme of English,  
French and German songs  
with

**Frances Stafford (soprano)  
and Matthew Stanley (piano)**

**Saturday 1st February  
4.00pm**

**St Jude's Church**

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome

## **Annual Meetings**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry Meeting (at which the Churchwardens are elected (currently Diana Bendall and Claudia Tubb) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at approx 11.15am on Sunday 26th April. This is where we receive amendments to the Electoral Roll and the Annual Report and Accounts and elect members of the Church Council.

We also have an opportunity to say thank you to our church organisations and those who work so hard to keep our church clean and running and those who arrange flowers, look after the gardens round the church and so many other jobs.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday (26th February) marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day, through which we attain redemption. At our services on Ash Wednesday, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

## **Work in Progress**

One of the hobbies I enjoy when I have some spare time is beading. I make jewellery and other small objects or ornaments out of very small beads, some less than a millimetre in diameter. I find it fascinating and frustrating at the same time. The fascination is getting those tiny little pieces of glass to build up into a 3D structure, which one can have pleasure in wearing; the frustration is when the item you have spent hours producing looks nothing like the illustration on the pattern that you are following. At this point there are two choices, get out the scissors, cut it into pieces and start again or allow it to be become a WIP. This involves the piece languishing in a drawer until one finds time to work out what went wrong and finish it. Of course, in the real world that doesn't often happen and I have to confess that the number of WIPs stashed for that wonderful day sometime in the future when I will have time to finish them, was getting a little out of hand, so I decided at the start of 2020 that this would be the year I would do something about it! Progress as you may expect has been mixed, one necklace and a pair of earrings have been completed (although not without a lot of undoing and redoing) and two other pieces are nearly complete. However, I have to confess that one other is back in the drawer and I suspect is likely to stay there, unless one day I am brave enough to get those scissors out and start over again making something else.

There is always a sense of satisfaction when one completes a task, especially one that has been a long time in the making and maybe next year I will apply the same resolution to all those knitting WIPs sitting in the under-stairs cupboard waiting patiently for their turn to become finished garments. In the meantime, I intend to just keep the cupboard door firmly closed and concentrate on those beads.

Nearly two thousand years ago Saint Paul wrote two letters to the people of Corinth, then a thriving city. Word had reached Paul that the church there was split into factions, all sorts of comments were flying about, accusations of immorality, questions about lawsuits, conduct in church, and much more; things haven't changed much in the last 2,000 years.

Paul was very supportive of the Corinthians, but he felt that they had misplaced their priorities. He tells them that that they are linked "together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" In other words, It's not just about them.

He also tells them that each of them is a WIP. A little like me with my beads, the Corinthians had tried to follow the pattern as they thought it should work, but they had found that the result was not what they expected. It was easier to put their lives into a metaphorical drawer and drift back to their earlier habits and pagan way of life. Paul in his letter attempts to steer them back into the Christian way of life, he expresses no doubt that the decisive event in the history of the world was the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But this event is far from over, it continues until the Lord returns. There is still work for them to do in order for them to grow as Christians.

The same is true for us today. Like the Corinthians we shouldn't think of ourselves as a "finished product." There is always room for spiritual growth. *Diana Bendall*

## **Advance Notice**

**RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK**

World Day of Prayer Service 2020

(formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer!)

**Friday 6th March**

The Service this year has been prepared by Christians in Zimbabwe

Please join us at St Jude's Church at 2pm

or Egham United Church at 8pm

## Spotlight on our Services

Our services of worship are advertised each month in this Newsletter and over the next few editions we shall be including a special spotlight on some of them. Here, first of all is an overview of a month of services!

### 1st Sunday in the month

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family friendly Holy Communion Service led by the Revd Andrew Reed  
6.30pm Taizé Service

### 2nd Sunday in the month

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

### 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in the month

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist

On the last Sunday in each month we also have an informal all-age worship service at 11.15am which offers a special welcome to children and young families. This service is sometimes followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Monsell Room.

Junior Church takes place each Sunday, within the Monsell Room, except on the 1st Sunday in the month. Children of all ages are warmly invited.

Each Wednesday at 10.00am there is a service of Holy Communion.

Our services are open to everyone and refreshments are served after the 9.30am on Sundays and the 10.00am service on Wednesdays. Please join us!

## Concerts

We have a programme of monthly concerts generally at 4.00pm on the first Saturday of each month.

## Readings at Communion

2nd February (Candlemas)	Psalm 24. 7–end Hebrews 2. 14–end Luke 2. 22–40
9th February (3rd Sunday before Lent)	Isaiah 58. 1–9a Psalm 112 1 Corinthians 2. 1–12 Matthew 5. 13–20
16th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)	Genesis 1.1–2.3 Psalm 136 Romans 8. 18–25 Matthew 6.25–end
23rd February (Sunday next before Lent)	Exodus 24. 12–end Psalm 2 2 Peter 1. 16–end Matthew 17. 1–9

## Diary for February

- 1 Saturday 10.00am–12noon Church Council Parish Development meeting at the Vicarage  
4.00pm Recital – a programme of French, English and German songs – admission free – refreshments provided
- 2 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 5 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 9 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 12 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 16 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Mattins
- 19 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 25 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist Informal all-age service 11.15am
- 26 ASH WEDNESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion (said) 8.00pm Holy Communion (sung with Imposition of Ashes)

All events are in St Jude's Church unless otherwise stated

The Church is open each Saturday from 2.00–4.00pm for tea and a chat

## The Village Centre

(01784 471110)

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

## "NEWS"!

February sees a new addition to our programme of regular activities at the Village Centre! We have continued to work alongside the Runnymede Medical Practice to develop fresh ways of offering support to those in our community who are caring for a loved one, friend or neighbour. We are delighted that from Wednesday 5th February Siobhan Elliot (known to some of us already through her relaxation groups) will be hosting a Carers' Coffee morning on the first Wednesday in each month from 10.30am - 12noon. Please come and join us at the Centre for this informal "drop-in" event month by month. It can be enormously helpful simply to meet others in a similar situation to our own. For more details please contact our Centre Manager - details below.

Our other regular activities continue as usual including Ballet classes, Pilates, Music with Mummy, Jazz, Film and Chess Clubs, the Egham Women's Institute (Nightingales) monthly meetings, and an informal Arts and Craft Group. Our Child Contact Centre and our Baby Basics Project are two major areas of outreach. Our Computer Drop-In sessions (Tuesday-Thursday from 9.30am to 12noon) continue to provide support and training on the use of a wide range of electronic devices!

Our thriving Café remains open Mon–Wed 9am–4pm, Thurs and Fri 9am–5pm, and in school holidays 10am–2pm each weekday. Do sample our delicious "Cake of the Week" donated each Monday by local suppliers! We also have rooms available to hire for a variety of celebrations including Birthday and Baptism Parties!

Have you considered becoming a Friend of the Village Centre? We are grateful to all who support us in this way and who in turn enjoy up to 10 free teas/coffees each month!

Further details from our Centre Manager, Ali Watts, on 01784 471110.

## From the Registers

Funeral: (21st January) Donald Henry Mummery

## 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.