

# Englefield Green Parish Profile



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### Summary

Thank you for reading our Parish Profile.

We are seeking a new incumbent, filled with the Holy Spirit, to be a visionary leader to take us on the next stage of our journey.

As an LEP we are very proud of our rich joint Anglican and Methodist heritages, which add to the diversity of our worship. We consider ourselves to be a single congregation of Christians working together.

St Jude's United Church is a relatively small church both in terms of its building and its present congregation, but we have great potential for growth, and a real desire to develop as a church: transforming our community as we seek to serve God.

Englefield Green is a village with a large diversity of inhabitants and we are looking for a new incumbent who will embrace and enjoy the challenges this brings.

We hope that you will find the information you need in this Parish Profile and that you will prayerfully consider whether St Jude's may be the place where God is leading you to serve him.

Exciting opportunities lie ahead at Englefield Green

- Great potential for growth
- The Village Centre as a platform for mission
- Working with a Methodist colleague
- Potential ministry to students

*'We are seekers after Christ,  
believing that God has already  
come in Jesus Christ and  
we like to share what we have'*



## Our Area

The Parish of Englefield Green lies in north-west Surrey at the northern edge of the Diocese of Guildford, with a population of around 10,600, abutting Windsor Great Park and Berkshire. It occupies much of the higher ground to the west of the town of Egham overlooking the Thames and Runnymede, and is part of the borough of Runnymede. The village is a mixture of medium-density suburban housing, including some council housing, small cottages and some large mansions. This



reflects its history. It began as a medieval hamlet, with growth occurring mainly since the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The growth provided housing for those connected with the court at Windsor, for labourers in the Great Park and in the sand pits developed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and for those connected (since its foundation in 1886) with Royal Holloway College (now Royal Holloway, University of London). Many local families have lived here for generations and there is quite a close-knit community where many are known to each other. In recent years, many houses within the parish have been occupied by students, mainly from Royal Holloway; in the 2011 census, more than 48% of the village population comprised full-time students. The number of houses that are buy-to-let is high; house prices in the village are therefore above the average for the local area, and this has an impact on younger local residents wishing to remain living here.

The A328 road lies entirely within the parish, connecting the A308 by the Thames to the A30 two miles south, and in its built up section is called St Jude's Road. To the east is the main area of student accommodation and to the west is the former local authority Forest Estate. Shops in St Jude's Road and Victoria Street, the two main streets in the village, and the Social Hall, the Village Centre and Health centre, together provide a focus to the village, although the larger supermarkets outside the village (in Egham and Staines) make survival more difficult than it once was for local commercial concerns. For some years there has been no bank in the village except on the Royal Holloway campus and no post office since 2010, though the pubs have survived well – Packhorse, Happy Man, Beehive, Armstrong Gun, Holly Tree, Barley Mow and Fox and Hounds. The village is quite dispersed; the housing at Bishopsgate is across fields, some distance from the shops, and even the historic and picturesque village green is scarcely central. There is no railway station in the village, but main-line services run four times an hour on weekdays from Egham and Virginia Water (both of which are fairly close) into London Waterloo and westward to Reading, and buses link the village with Egham, Windsor, Slough, Staines-upon-Thames and Heathrow Airport.

Unemployment in the village was around 1.8% in 2011, and although 10.6% of households were rated as overcrowded, 3.8% of households comprised lone parents with dependent children, and 22.2% of households comprised pensioners living alone. There is also an appreciable representation of ethnic minorities in the village, principally in the East ward (almost 19% of the population in 2011). A breakdown of the village population by age reveals that 13.1% were under 16 and 12.7% over 65 at the 2011 census. Many of the better-off among the working population commute into London; other workers are employed at Heathrow Airport, Royal Holloway and Thorpe Park Leisure Centre, or locally as tradespeople and with local employers.

Englefield Green has a varied and cosmopolitan community; to some extent this is reflected in the congregation of St Jude's, which contains a nucleus of those aged 50 and over, with some young families (of whom we are seeing more) and also with some members of ethnic minorities. The population of the village includes a number of families with children living in poverty in the Runnymede Borough.

Support for families is available via the Village Centre, which houses Baby Basics and a Child Contact Centre, via the Forest Estate Community Hub, which runs Thursday clubs for school children, and also via the Youth Centre, which also houses the Haven Children's Centre, a branch of the Haven in Egham Hythe. There are many opportunities for the incumbent, as well as the congregation, to engage with all of these and with families via the schools, as well as directly within the church.



The parish contains several schools, one of which, St Jude's Junior School, is a Church of England school. St Jude's School is the only voluntary aided junior school in Runnymede Borough. It currently has 290 pupils between the ages of 7 and 11, more than 10% of whom are eligible for free school meals. It maintains close links to the church; the incumbent is expected to act as an ex-officio school governor. The previous incumbents have maintained close contact with St Jude's School, visiting regularly, taking assemblies and school services (e.g. carol services) some of which are held in Church. The school governors include Parish and Diocesan representatives; members of the congregation help in the school with reading on a regular basis; and the head teacher reports to the Annual Parish Meeting. Other schools include two preparatory schools, Bishopsgate School and St John's Beaumont, the latter of which is Catholic, a Roman Catholic primary school (St Cuthbert's), Englefield Green Infant School and Nursery, which is now affiliated to the Diocese, and two Montessori schools. There are also several nursery schools within Englefield Green and further schools just outside the parish, such as Strode's Sixth-Form College in Egham and the American Community School.

Royal Holloway lies within the parish and has about 9,000 students, about half of whom live in the parish either on campus or in local housing. Royal Holloway is a secular institution but is committed to supporting all mainstream religions. The Multifaith Chaplaincy includes a full time Anglican post, currently as Coordinating Chaplain. Appointed by the Bishop and the College, the Coordinating Chaplain works with Roman Catholic and Muslim colleagues to support staff and students, and is responsible for worship in Chapel. This is mainly ecumenical, but also includes regular choral evensong with the outstanding Chapel Choir. Services in the Chapel are open to the public and congregation members are always welcome to attend. The parish priest has traditionally been included amongst the visiting preachers for the Chapel's Sunday evening worship.

Friendly collaboration between the Church and the College Chaplaincy has recently resulted in students taking up the role of organist for the Church and the College hosting Christmas services for St Jude's during the construction of the Monsell





Room. The Chapel has several Church of England weddings each year, for which the registers from St Jude's are used. For many years the church congregation has included a number of lecturing staff and students from the College. The current Anglican Chaplain would welcome conversations about how the parish and the chaplaincy might build on their existing good relations.

There is one residential home for the elderly in the parish, Birchlands, and a variety of sheltered housing, including flats and bungalows, is provided in Aldwyn Place, Schroder Court, Hanover Close, Blays Close and Torin Court. There is also a women's refuge for victims of domestic violence and some of the children of these women attend local schools. Some members of the congregation are resident in some of these and members of the congregation have regularly visited residential homes for the elderly, taking services there.

The hospitals serving the village are St Peter's Hospital in Chertsey, King Edward VII Hospital in Windsor, Ashford Hospital, Wexham Park Hospital in Slough and Heatherwood Hospital in Ascot.



## Leisure and Sport

Windsor Great Park lies to the west of the parish, providing an extensive area for walking and cycling; part lies in the parish including the Savill Garden and the iconic Savill Building, while the Valley Gardens and Virginia Water Lake lie just outside.

The Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial, containing the names of WWII aircrew with no known grave, is in the Parish and looks down over the National Trust Estate of Runnymede, associated with the sealing of the Magna Carta in 1215. There are pleasant walks to be had along the river and across the meads.



There is a large sports centre in Egham, which is currently being renovated, a tennis club and a children's football club on Cooper's Hill and a number of local sports teams. Thorpe Park and Legoland are both short drives away. Windsor town and Castle are a few miles away and easily reached by bus, while London is easily accessible by train.

## Our Ecumenical Partnership

In December 2004 the Parish Church of St Jude's and Englefield Green Methodist Church joined together to form a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership and became known as St Jude's United Church. A sharing agreement was signed by members of both denominations and we pledged to 'commit ourselves to sharing in the ministry of Christ to the world'. The agreement was reviewed and renewed in 2014. Since then nearly all united services have been in St Jude's Church, although the Methodist building is still a consecrated church and is still used as such occasionally.

After the LEP was formed, the Methodist Church building continued to be used for various activities, some run by the United Church, but our then Methodist Lay Pastor, Linda Ashford, and others had a vision that it could be made a really valuable asset to the village as a meeting place for all ages and information focus, with a range of rooms for hire and a café.

After building work and new equipment it was opened as the Village Centre in September 2010 with Linda Ashford as full-time Manager. The cost of about £300,000 was raised easily with grants and the sale of a small cottage owned by the Methodist Church. The Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit generously paid Linda's salary for three years to give the Centre a good start, and it quickly became a lively hub for the community.

Until summer 2016 the Journey Church, a part of River Church, worshipped there on Sunday mornings (they then moved to the Forest Estate Hub in Larchwood Drive), and we have good relations with them. While the contractors were working on St Jude's for six months in 2013-2014 all our services were in the rear hall at the Village Centre, and we enjoyed refreshments together with the Journey on Sunday mornings.

Linda moved away in the summer of 2013 and Jayne Watson took over. After five years she has now moved on and Ali Watts has been appointed as the new manager.

The Rendezvous Café is open every weekday, and as well as those who just want food and drink or are waiting for children, informal art and bridge groups meet, and the local police run a 'Meet the Beat' session on a regular basis. The Manager is supported by three part-time café assistants (employed by the Methodist Church) and a number of unpaid volunteers.

Current activities include children's drama, music and ballet, jazz and film nights, Relate counselling, Pilates, Salsacise and Barre Concept, help with finding employment and the Women's Institute.

It is also a Child Contact Centre, and Surrey County Council Social Services sometimes use one of the smaller rooms.

The Centre runs a weekly run to Egham Post Office (the PO in Englefield Green closed in 2010) using a minibus lent by a local undertaker. It also supports and is part of the Baby Basics project, where parents who are struggling are provided with some necessities for new babies. Finally a rear room has a number of computers and computer help and advice is available four mornings a week.

The Village Centre is Sainsbury's 2018-2019 Charity of the Year for its Staines superstore.





## Our Buildings

### The Church

St Jude's is near the centre of the village on the main road through the village (TW20 0BZ). St Jude's was founded in 1859 by John Monsell, then the vicar of Egham, as a chapel of ease to St John's in Egham, and became a parish church in 1930. It was designed by Edward Buckton Lamb and has a Kentish ragstone exterior, with an inside of red brick, interspersed with rows of black bricks, with a black and red tiled floor; it is a grade II listed building.

In 2013-2014, the North Transept, was transformed into the Monsell Room, a multipurpose meeting place, which can be closed off from the church and is therefore available for hire. We have a number of regular bookings as well as occasional users of the room. At the same time separate clergy and choir vestries and three lavatories were created.

We have a two-manual organ (built originally by JW Walker & Sons, and rebuilt and enlarged in 1999 by Robin Rust), which is used for most services; and a 19<sup>th</sup> century Blüthner grand piano, which is used for concerts, and is currently used also for some informal services and for Taizé services. There is a sound enhancement system with clip-on and separate microphones, and WiFi and a hearing loop are also installed. Extensive repairs to the Tower and Porch were undertaken in 2015. The church stands next to a large active graveyard, which belongs to and is administered by Runnymede Council. The council also owns the former mortuary chapel, which is now leased to the Greek Orthodox church.



### The Village Centre

The Methodist church in Victoria Street (TW20 0QX), is an Art Deco style building, built in 1904 by W H Seth-Smith. It is no longer regularly used for worship as following the formation of the LEP in 2004 it was repurposed to become the Village Centre. The former worship area is now the Rendezvous Café, which is open on weekdays. There is also a rear hall and kitchen, a computer room and a small upstairs meeting room.

The Café, Hall and meeting room are available for hire and, combined with the income from the Café, enable the Village Centre to be self supporting. There is also a cottage at the rear of the property approached by a lane at the side; the property is rented by a tenant and there is a small income from the lane for access to an adjoining property.

### The Church Hall

This is somewhat removed from the church at the end of Bond Street (TW20 0TZ) and is owned by the Schroder Trust, who lease it to St Jude's on a peppercorn rent. Attached to the hall is a four-bedroomed, semi-detached property, which was renovated in 2010-2011. The building is brick built and rendered on the outside; the hall has a small kitchen.

The house and hall have had a variety of uses over the years but are now rarely used by the church and both are rented out and provide income to the church. The house is currently tenanted and the hall is used by a Nursery School during the week and other groups such as the Brownies on Wednesday evenings and the East Asian Fellowship at the weekends.

## Vicarage

This is a detached four-bedroomed property in Willow Walk (TW20 0DQ), a small quiet cul-de-sac near the centre of the village, a few minutes walk from both the church and the Village Centre. There is a separate study at the front of the house. The house is surrounded by garden. The Diocese has recently carried out some renovations and some further decoration can be carried out if the new incumbent wishes.



## Other Local Churches

Church of the Assumption – Roman Catholic – Harvest Road

Church of St Andrew – Greek Orthodox – Englefield Green graveyard

Bishopsgate Evangelical Church – Evangelical – King's Lane

The Journey Church – Evangelical – The Hub, Larchwood Drive

South East Asian Fellowship – Church Hall, Bond Street



## Our Congregation and Services

Most members of the congregation reside within the Parish. We have a dedicated core of people who are committed to the running of the church. We believe that prayer is at the centre of all we do. We have all worked hard to provide a greater variety of services to attract more people into church and we are beginning to see an increase in our congregation, especially at the more informal Methodist style communion service on the first Sunday of the month.

St Jude's has had a longstanding commitment to ecumenical links which has meant our union as an LEP was an easy and natural step and welcomed by all. Our worship embraces both Methodist and Eucharistic tradition.



Day	Time	Type of Service	Numbers*
Every Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (First Sunday of month using book of Common Prayer)	7
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month	9.30am	Informal child-friendly Methodist Eucharist	45
All other Sundays	9.30am	Common-Worship Eucharist with sermon (sung, with choir and organ)	30
		The children stay in the church until after the first hymn, leave for their session and return for the Peace and a blessing during the Eucharist	6
Last Sunday of Month	11.15am	Informal All Age service, child friendly with songs and a short talk	30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month	4.00pm	Messy Church with crafts, talk and a meal	3-4 families
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month	6.30pm	Taizé, a reflective service with short readings, prayer, singing and silence.	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month	6.30pm	Evensong using the Prayer Book, sung, with choir and organ, and sermon	11
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion – said	12
Saturday	2.00 – 4.00pm	The Church is open and a group of people are present to welcome any visitors, they also spend their time knitting blankets and teddies for an overseas charity.	

\*Average attendances over the 12 months from October 2016 to October 2017, except for the 9.30am Methodist service, instituted in September 2017 (figures for September 2017 to February 2018).

Separate booklets (Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C, E and G, and a Methodist Ordinary Time liturgy) are used for Communion services and all include some musical settings. At the Eucharist, the laity regularly lead the intercessions, read the Old Testament and Epistle, and occasionally read the Gospel.

We use Common Praise and Hymns Old and New; additional hymns and worship songs are often used at informal services.

Our lay reader, occasional preacher and Methodist local preachers preach at the Eucharist and at Evensong, besides external invited preachers and celebrants.

A pew sheet is prepared each week with the readings for that Sunday and on the reverse prayers for the week to be taken away, so that we are all praying for the same issues each day.

Both the 8.00am Sunday and Wednesday services are attended by warmly cohesive groups. We currently have 79 (2017) on the electoral roll.

Services during Lent include the Ash Wednesday liturgy, the Palm Sunday liturgy with procession, the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies, with Holy Communion, a vigil till midnight on Maundy Thursday, and the Easter Vigil liturgy on Easter Eve.



Christmas services include a sung carol service with choir before Christmas, a highly popular crib service on Christmas Eve (attendance about 200-300), and a reflective “Blue Christmas” service for those who find the season of Christmas difficult.

Other services during the year include an Ascension Day service, Harvest Festival, Matins for the Queen’s Birthday, and Remembrance Sunday. We welcome St Jude’s Church School for Carol services and Harvest Thanksgiving.

## The Choir

We have a faithful group who sing regularly at the Eucharist and at the once a month Evensong service. Geoff Chew, our organist and choirmaster, holds regular practices for the choir, and they occasionally sing simple anthems at special services.



## Study Groups

We have adopted the pattern of having two periods of study, one during Advent and the other during Lent. Both groups have had members drawn from our own Church, the local Roman Catholic Church and Bishopsgate Evangelical Church, plus others. We use published material from a number of sources. There are usually two groups, an evening meeting in the Monsell Room in the church and an afternoon meeting in a church member’s house.

## Monthly Concerts

These concerts have been taking place monthly on a Saturday afternoons since 2009. Performances of classical and modern music are given by soloists, groups and choirs with a range of ability between non-auditioned community concerts and fully professional soloists. Thanks to our excellent facilities (including the piano and organ) we have no difficulty in finding performers. We find that our audiences include a considerable number of people attending from the Village who do not regularly come to church. Voluntary collections raise a substantial sum of money for the church.

## Newsletter

Part of our Church’s outreach is the monthly Church Newsletter, The Ship, which is an important contact point with our congregation and also those in the community. It is delivered by about 30 volunteers to over two thousand homes in the village. A team of contributors share the writing of the editorial.

## Occasional Offices

**Weddings** – St Jude’s is a popular wedding venue, and consideration is given to each couple, including those looking for remarriage, in accordance with the Bishop’s Guidelines. (10 weddings 2017)





**Baptism** – we are happy to baptise the children of parishioners and of those who have a connection with the church, this would normally take place during a Sunday 9.30am service. (14 Baptisms 2017)

**Funerals** – St Jude's is used both for local funerals and for those wishing to be interred in the adjacent graveyard. Burials in the graveyard are arranged through Runnymede Borough Council; some families wish to use St Jude's for a funeral service before the committal, which we will allow if possible, and the incumbent often presides on these occasions. (14 funerals in church and 5 services taken by the vicar at local crematoria 2017)

A memorial book is kept in church and the Year's mind is included in the intercessions at the 9.30 service on Sunday.

## Social Events

During the year we also hold a Parish Picnic in Windsor Great Park at Pentecost, Coffee Mornings outside St Jude's in May and September, a Summer Fair in July, a Harvest Supper in October and a Christmas Market in November.



## Our Parish Organisations

### The Ecumenical Church Council

St Jude's ECC has the responsibility, with the Incumbent and the Methodist Minister, for promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance for the church buildings and that of the church hall in Bond Street. The Village Centre has its own management committee which reports back to the ECC.

Our ECC membership has both ex-officio members and those elected by the annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

As an LEP we have a shared ministry, with a full time Incumbent and a 25% share of the Methodist Minister, the Revd. Andrew Reed, who is also the Methodist Circuit Superintendent and responsible for a number of other local Methodist churches.

There is a sharing agreement in place which determines various responsibilities such as charring meetings. We are (since 2016) a registered charity, number 1169401.






## Members of the ECC

<p><b>Methodist Minister</b>  <b>Rev Andrew Reed</b>  <b>Superintendent with</b>  <b>responsibility for a number of</b>  <b>churches in the Staines and</b>  <b>Feltham Methodist Circuit</b></p>		<p><b>Robert Jeffries</b>  <b>Co-secretary</b></p>	
<p><b>Roy Gouriet</b>  <b>LLM</b>  <b>Chalice Assistant,</b>  <b>Service Rota</b>  <b>co-ordinator,</b>  <b>member of Village Centre</b>  <b>Management committee</b></p>		<p><b>Brian Hooker</b>  <b>Treasurer</b>  <b>Newsletter and pew sheet editor</b>  <b>Sidepersons rota</b>  <b>co-ordinator,</b>  <b>Fire officer</b></p>	
<p><b>Rita Berry</b>  <b>Methodist Steward</b></p>		<p><b>Cassandra Gouriet</b>  <b>Chalice assistant,</b>  <b>Deanery representative,</b>  <b>Readers and intercessors rota</b>  <b>co-ordinator</b></p>	
<p><b>Claudia Tubb</b>  <b>Churchwarden,</b>  <b>Leader Junior Church and All</b>  <b>Age service,</b>  <b>Deanery representative,</b>  <b>member of Village</b>  <b>Centre Management committee</b></p>		<p><b>Geoff Chew</b>  <b>Taizé leader,</b>  <b>Organist and</b>  <b>Choirmaster</b></p>	
<p><b>Diana Bendall</b>  <b>Churchwarden,</b>  <b>Occasional Preacher,</b>  <b>Leader Messy Church and All</b>  <b>Age Service,</b>  <b>Chalice Assistant,</b>  <b>Safeguarding Lead, member of</b>  <b>Village Centre Management</b>  <b>committee</b></p>		<p><b>Jenny Chew</b></p>	
<p><b>Andrew Sheer</b>  <b>Lay Vice Chair of ECC,</b>  <b>Village Centre Treasurer and</b>  <b>member of management</b>  <b>committee,</b>  <b>Leader Messy Church</b></p>		<p><b>Dave Walker</b></p>	
<p><b>Mike Brooking</b>  <b>Co-Secretary</b></p>		<p><b>Renuka Humphrys</b></p>	



## Members of the ECC Continued...

<b>Susie Harben</b>	
<b>Aidan Hopkins</b>	
<b>Liz Hopkins</b>	

### Parish Administrator

The previous incumbent chose not to have a Parish Administrator but we would be very happy to have one.

## Other Members of the Team

<b>Verger</b> (Post currently vacant)	
<b>Juan Pemberton</b> Governor of St Jude's School and Chalice assistant	
<b>Pat Summers</b> Chalice assistant	
<b>Brian Summers</b> Chalice assistant	
<b>Ali Watts</b> Manager Village Centre	
<b>Valerie Barbet</b> Member of Village Centre Management committee	
<b>Roger Griffiths</b> Member of Village Centre Management committee	

The ECC has a number of sub-committees, all of which report back to the ECC. The incumbent, Methodist minister, lay vice-chair and the churchwardens belong to all of them, and other members by annual election), they are :-

**Standing Committee** which holds regular meetings to plan agendas for ECC meetings. This is authorised to make decisions, exclusive of the ECC, as and when necessary.

**The Village Centre Management Committee** which reports back to the ECC on matters of the running of the Village Centre. Its membership consists of the Centre Manager, Methodist representatives and members of the ECC.

**Focus Group** which holds regular meetings to consider the priorities of the Diocese's initiative "Transforming Church, Transforming Lives". It is also concerned with mission, both spiritual and practical, within the Church and wider community. It organises Study Groups for Advent and Lent and has Prayer as one of our Church's priorities.

**Worship Committee** which meets regularly to discuss our worship in general, the introduction of new services, and the maintaining of our existing services.

**Stewardship Committee** which meets to discuss ECC proposals, formulate strategies, prepare paperwork and analyse results for our Stewardship programme.

**Fabric Committee** which has the responsibility of overseeing the fabric of our buildings. It meets when necessary to discuss matters of repairs etc. and organises working parties when the need arises.

## Our Finances

St Jude's has a small but very faithful congregation, and although recent years have seen the loss of a number of significant contributors to our income, we have nevertheless always paid our Parish Share in full and have no outstanding debts, despite the considerable amount of work carried out on the fabric of the church in recent years.

Accounts for St Jude's United Church as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017



Our income was £82,082

Our expenditure was £80,517

Total Assets (held in a number of Funds) £36,691

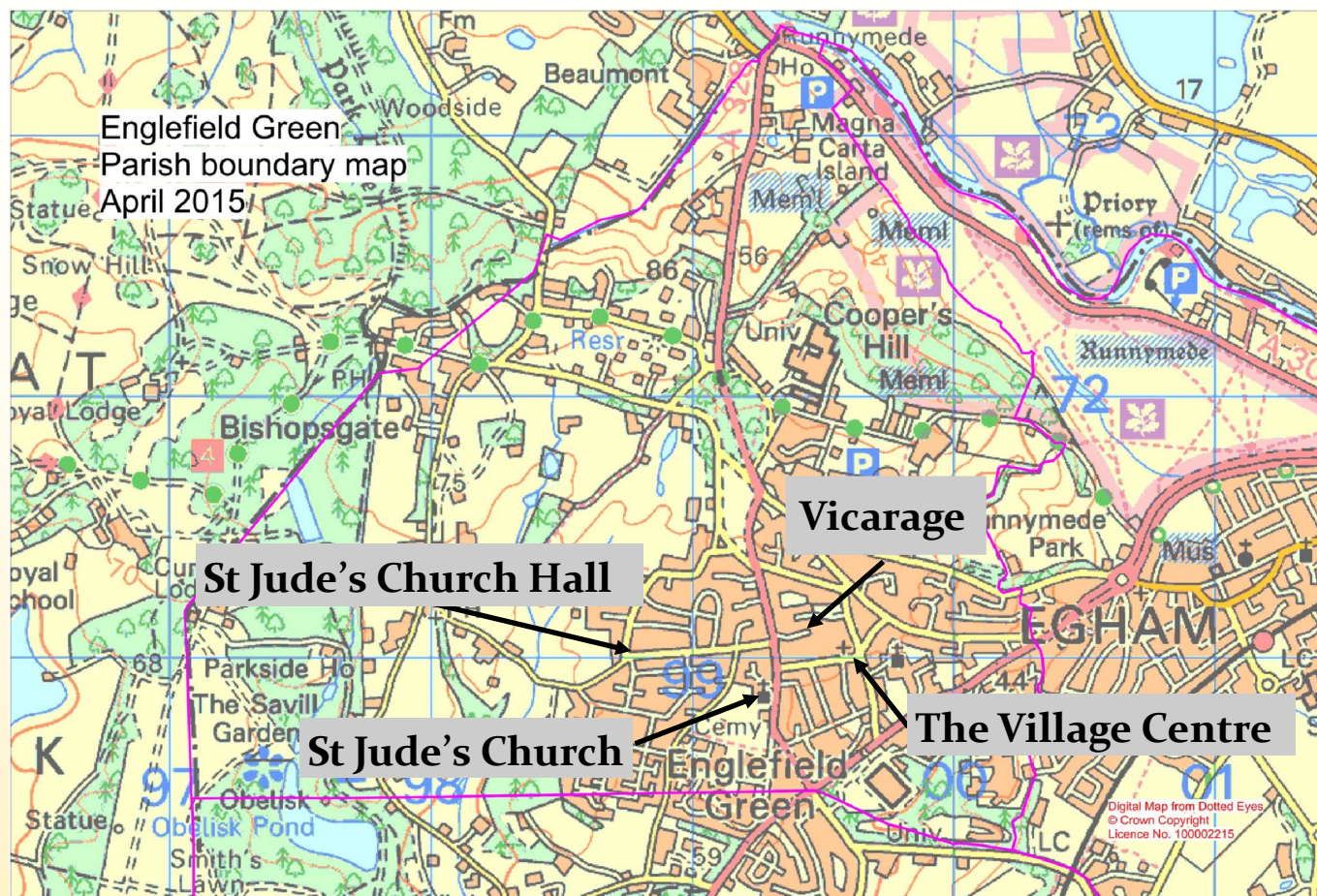
During the year we raised a separate £950 for various charities.

The accounts for the Village Centre are kept separately, and much of our charitable giving as a parish is done through there. At the end of August 2017 (the end of the Methodist Church financial year) we had approximately £61,000 in hand, but some of this was held to cover repairs as a result of a quinquennial report. In July 2018 we have approximately £40,000 in hand.

Over the years we have been very fortunate in receiving a number of legacies and donations to St Jude's, but we are also very aware of the need to ensure that our planned giving is on a good footing and we recently ran a stewardship campaign which has increased awareness of this. We have recently had the Church clock repaired, and are looking to have some repairs carried out on the organ in the near future.

We will need to plan carefully for our future to ensure our continued financial stability.

## Our Parish Map



## Deanery Statement

Runnymede Deanery consists of ten Parishes covering the borough of Runnymede. There are also two chaplaincies: one at St Peter's hospital and one at Royal Holloway, University of London (RHUL). There is good communication between the churches, helped by our monthly deanery newsletter, our website and our part-time deanery administrator.

Our vision as a Deanery is to work more closely together, to be more supportive of each other, to work together to promote mission and to enhance cooperation among clergy and lay leaders. We aim to work collaboratively and to share resources and ministry where possible for the benefit of the whole community of Runnymede and its institutions.

There is a Chapter meeting for clergy five or six times a year, when we meet over lunch to catch up with each other, pray and have a short time for 'business' matters. There are three Deanery synod meetings per year, which are generally open to all parishioners with a speaker. Each parish is invited to nominate a member (clergy or lay) of our standing committee.

We have also formed a Deanery Growth and Strategy Group to strengthen and develop our mission across Runnymede and looking to support each other as we work towards our Diocesan Vision of Transforming Church, Transforming Lives. We have been discussing opportunities arising from new housing developments in the Borough



of Runnymede. We also believe that there are opportunities for some of the churches in the Deanery, including St Jude's, to offer more ministry and outreach to students living locally, complementing and in collaboration with the chaplaincy and Christian union at RHUL.

Networking has been established for various lay ministries in the Deanery: including administrators, treasurers, musicians, school governors and those in children's and youth ministry. We are open to suggestions for more. We also have some ministries shared with our ecumenical colleagues including foodbanks, Christians Against Poverty centres and East to West (working with young people).

St Jude's Englefield Green is an active member of the deanery and we recognise the significant future potential of this parish in mission.

*Rev Sandra Faccini - Area Dean, Keith Malcouronne - Lay Chairman*

## Diocese of Guildford Statement

*Transforming Church, Transforming Lives* is the vision and mission strategy of our Diocese. It envisages individuals and church communities open to the transforming work of God's Spirit in their own lives, and so becoming agents of Christ's transformation to the world around them.



*Transforming Church, Transforming Lives* communicates the essence of everything we are seeking to pray and work towards across the diocese, rather than being a separate mission project. No strategy, however well intentioned, will achieve anything of any lasting value without God at the heart of it: *'Unless the Lord builds the house, we labour in vain...'* (Psalm 127:1). Prayer is therefore foundational to all that is envisaged – planting, watering, weeding and pruning, but always looking to God to give the growth.

*Transforming Church, Transforming Lives* is not about asking people to work harder, but to work sharper – becoming more intentional and focussed in how we pray and what we are seeking to do. At its heart lies the vision of a growing, vibrant and generous Christian movement, empowered by the Spirit and rooted in word and sacrament, which confidently proclaims and lives out the Good News of Jesus Christ across the region and beyond.

### **Transforming Church, Transforming Lives:**

**Sets 12 Diocesan Goals**, which together provide the framework of all our mission activities within parishes, chaplaincies, schools, the cathedral and the diocesan hub.

**Provides Resources for parishes, schools, chaplaincies and the cathedral** as they select the goals to which they're particularly committed over the coming year: these resources to include support, training, mentoring, prayer resources and grant funding through the newly established Growth Fund.

**Requires every parish to pray over its mission priorities and to produce an annual Parish Development Plan**, based on a selection of the goals, to be renewed and revised in each year following.

For further information: [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/transforming](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/transforming)



## Statement of Needs

St Jude's United Church is a United church of Anglicans and Methodists worshipping and working together to become better disciples, believing that prayer is at the heart of all we do.

We are blessed to have both the church building and the thriving Village Centre, which provides plenty of outreach opportunities, as well as the Church Hall and the Monsell Room in the Church.

## Supporting and Growing

Our present congregation is small and we are looking for someone who can help us grow in vision, faith and numbers, and who will walk beside us on the pathway.

There is very willing lay participation and we are looking for a new incumbent who will lead and guide us, helping us to build upon the strengths that being an LEP has given us.

We need a leader who can help us discover our individual gifts and use them to build up our church, and to help us learn from each other and to grow in faith.

We are striving to be a church where all people are welcomed into an open and secure community that is making known Christ's reconciling peace.

## Outreach

Our church stands at the centre of our Village and we seek to be a relevant and positive influence, harnessing the huge potential for ministry by reaching out to the rich and diverse community that surrounds us, including well established families and the more transient student population.

We are looking for an incumbent with the clarity of vision to help encourage people to come to worship and to engage them in other activities, in order for St Jude's to be a true part of our community, serving it to the best of our ability.

The Village Centre has proved to be an excellent channel for outreach; we need to seek further ways to increase the footfall so that we can reach out to a much wider spectrum of people in the Village.

Our links with St Jude's Church school are good, but we would like to

see them get stronger and to build similar relationships with the other schools in the Village.

The Green has a number of residential homes many of which have previously welcomed contact with St Jude's and would no doubt do so again.

We seek to increase our ministry to the student population who live in the Village, and RHUL are also interested in building better links with St Jude's.

## Worship

Over the past few years we have experimented with a variety of new expressions of worship, some more successful than others. This has certainly helped us to begin to grow our congregation, especially bringing some families with young children into church, and we are continuing to review the pattern of worship so that we can better discern what meets the needs of our current congregation and also what we pray will be our future congregation.

Latterly we have used the York courses in our house study groups during Advent and Lent, but a good number of us would like to see more learning opportunities and prayer groups.

## Communication

St Jude's United Church has a website, a Facebook group for the church and a separate one for Messy Church.

Many in the local community see St Jude's United Church as the centre of Englefield Green, with both village residents and those from outside of the Parish feeling connected to St Jude's and choosing the church for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

We would like St Jude's to be a welcoming place, and the new vicar to be approachable with a desire to build caring trusting relationships with the Ecumenical Church Council, congregation and local community.







## Person profile

Atop our weathervane at St Jude's is the symbol of the church, a ship. For some years our ship has been drifting, sometimes in stormy seas, and we are looking for someone who is prepared to take a firm hand on the tiller and steer us back on course and we are prayerfully seeking that person.

We would like our new vicar to be a person with a deeply rooted personal faith, that they are open about with others. They should be prayerful, with a theology firmly based in Christ, welcoming to all and to a diversity of views; a disciple who wants to grow and learn alongside their congregation. We are seeking a spiritual leader with a clear sense of vocation and with vision and goals for the future, who is willing to encourage, motivate and inspire others and who values their contributions.

The person must be willing to embrace our LEP status and to work closely with our Methodist minister, recognising that the church and Village Centre are part of one United Church. We would also like to see someone who is interested in our village as a community and is eager to reach out to the members of that community. There is plenty of scope for outreach, with local schools, the student population and village residents. We want our new vicar to work with the Deanery, Diocese and Methodist Circuit, sensitively and wisely, and encourage collaboration and cooperation with other clergy and our wider church families.

We are looking for a listening leader, who wishes to build good caring relationships with the existing congregation and to welcome new members into our church, helping us to broaden our engagement with our wider community. Someone with a passion and ability to develop and nurture discipleship amongst our members and reach out to the local community, including those who are unchurched. Our new vicar should be comfortable with a fairly traditional approach to worship, but not afraid to try new expressions.



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