



The Ship

St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

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SORRY!

**NO Piano Recital
on Saturday 1st June**

BUT

**Piano Recital
by James Kirby**

playing music by Liszt
Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky

Saturday 15th June

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome



Sunday 9th June

(and on the **second Sunday** of
each month) in St Jude's Church

at 4.00pm

*Children should be
accompanied by a parent*

Trinity Sunday

Pope Gregory IX instituted Trinity Sunday. This day is known for being the only major Christian festival that celebrates a church doctrine rather than an event in its sacred history. It is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and falls on the Sunday following Pentecost each year. The belief of one God in three elements is a distinctive of the Christian faith but the early church was plagued by contrary views. Trinity Sunday spread throughout the western church around the 14th century.

Time for celebration

In October 2019 St Jude's will celebrate its 160th Anniversary. Since 1859 St Jude's has been situated almost in the centre of Englefield Green. Through the years many village residents have marked significant family and life events within the walls of this beautiful Church. This glorious building has witnessed our joys, our sorrows, our hopes and our fears and still stands as testament to God's presence in our midst.

Celebration is a key theme of June at St Jude's. Within the liturgical Calendar we reach a high point of the year as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 9th June. Perhaps a child in your family has been baptised at St Jude's in the last few years? If so – please come and join in our family picnic and treasure hunt from 12.30pm at the Vicarage. Lunch is "Bring and Share". Drinks will be provided.

Our monthly programme of Saturday concerts sees an extra performance on Saturday 15th June at 4pm when we celebrate the consummate piano artistry of James Kirby. We are grateful to all those who showcase their remarkable gifts of words and music to our blessing month by month and grateful also to the many villagers who join us on these occasions.

By June we should also have additional cause for celebration in the announcement of the appointment of a new Vicar! She or he will join the long line of clergy who have served St Jude's faithfully since its foundation. Details of a formal welcome and induction service for our new incumbent will be published in a later edition of the Ship.

Several projects are ongoing at St Jude's. One of the members of our congregation is in the process of photographing and re-cataloguing our "kneelers". We are indebted to many Village residents over the years for the loving gifts of these beautiful cushions. Some have been carefully worked and donated in memory of loved ones. Others record a Biblical scene or commemorate an institution or group which has been part of the life of St Jude's. If anyone reading this article is interested in taking up this craft and donating a kneeler in this year of celebration – we'd love to hear from you!

We remain hugely indebted to our "Knit and Natter" Group which meets in the church each Saturday afternoon. The Group is also supported by some who can no longer meet regularly but still help to supply the vast quantities of knitted goods which are passed on to the Mytchett based charity "Revive 'n Thrive". This charity distributes knitted donations and other goods across the world. The response they receive underlines the value of their work. The dedicated involvement of this small group at St Jude's is definitely worthy of celebration! Do come and join us if you like to knit or even if, like me, you just like to natter!

Within our Village Centre we recently celebrated the re-launch of a Carers' project within the catchment area of the Runnymede Medical Practice. The Runnymede Carers' Alliance – YOU CARE, WE CARE – aims to provide informal support to local Carers. If you wish to know more about this project please contact our Village Centre Manager on 01784 471110.

Above all else, St Jude's, like every church within our village community, is a place where day by day we rejoice to celebrate the unconditional and all-encompassing love of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the last 160 years our village may have changed beyond all recognition. Thankfully many memories of the past are still preserved among us, not least in our beautiful cemetery, on our war memorials and within the walls and windows of St Jude's. The love of God in Jesus is unchanging and it is as perfectly able to meet our needs in the twenty-first century as it was in the nineteenth. At Pentecost we shall celebrate the anniversary of the coming of God's Holy Spirit in the likeness of wind and fire. From that moment two thousand years ago the church of Christ began to grow and spread through every part of the world, not least in our own corner of Surrey.

Please come and join our celebrations. St Jude's belongs to us all.

Judith Allford

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In addition to service times, the Church is also open on Saturday afternoons from 2.00–4.00pm.

Readings at 9.30am Communion

2nd June (Sunday after the Ascension)	Acts 16. 16–34 Psalm 97 John 17. 20–end
9th June (Pentecost)	Acts 2. 1–21 Psalm 104. 26–end Romans 8. 14–17 John 14. 8–17
16th June (Trinity Sunday)	Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31 Psalm 8 Romans 5. 1–5 John 16. 12–15
23rd June (Trinity 1 - John the Baptist)	Isaiah 65. 1–9 Psalm 22. 19–28 Galatians 3. 23–end Luke 8.26–39
30th June (Trinity 2)	1 Kings 19. 15–16, 19–end Psalm 16 Galatians 5.1, 13–25 Luke 9. 51–end

The Revd Cate Irvine

Cate Irvine, who has for the last 8 years been Co-ordinating Chaplain/Anglican Chaplain at Royal Holloway College, University of London, is leaving Englefield Green in June. Cate is moving to the Diocese of St Alban's where she has been appointed Rector of the Ouzel Valley Team Ministry and Vicar of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard.

This is an exciting move for Cate and we congratulate her on her well-deserved appointment. She will, however, be greatly missed among us here. She has been a much loved Chaplain and many students and staff have benefitted from her care. At St Jude's we have greatly enjoyed our fellowship with Cate and with Brian, Rufus and Douglas. We pray many future blessings for them all.

Cate's farewell Evensong is on Wednesday 12th June at 5.15pm in the College Chapel. Please join her for that service if you can.

We are very grateful to Cate and the family for the gift of their friendship, ministry and service within the Englefield Green community.

RHUL is hoping to appoint a successor to Cate with effect from mid-September.

Diary for June

- 1 Saturday 4.00pm **NO** Recital in St Jude's Church
- 2 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé service
- 5 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 9 PENTECOST Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon 12.30pm Pentecost Family Picnic and Treasure Hunt at the Vicarage
- 12 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 15 Saturday 4.00pm Piano Recital by James Kirby – admission free – refreshments provided – donations welcome
- 16 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 19 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 22 Saturday 12.00 noon–5.00pm Village Fair on the Green
- 23 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 26 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 30 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch

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

The Village Centre (01784 471110)

The Village Centre has now been open for nine years and it continues to grow from strength to strength. The building is now booked, virtually every day, for regular events and provides a real variety of activities such as exercise and slimming classes, karaoke, a dementia support group, pre-school French lessons and of course ballet and dance. For full details please see our website:

www.villagecentre.org.uk.

The 'Friends of the Village Centre' scheme is progressing well, but if you would like to be involved in supporting us financially please give Ali, the manager a call. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you have at least two hours a week to spare let us know.

Rendezvous Café

The Village Centre has a thriving café and a perfect place for you to meet your friends, let your children play, or just to have a fantastic coffee from our new barista style coffee machine. You will always receive a warm welcome.

We are open Mon–Wed 9am to 4pm, Thurs and Fri 9am to 5pm, and in school holidays 10am to 2pm. We rely on volunteers so if you are free during the week, why not come and join us?

SUNDAY 9th June

12.30pm Pentecost Family Picnic and Treasure Hunt at the Vicarage, (21 Willow Walk)

Please bring food to share. Drinks provided. All welcome.

SATURDAY 22nd June

Please come and support our stalls at the Village Fair on the Green (12.00noon–5.00pm).

Pentecost

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ.

The account in Acts reports that Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting". "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4).

This strange occurrence drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:14).

By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people (Acts 2:41). This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost.