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St Jude's Church, Englefield Green Newsletter

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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Concert

Corinna Boylan (cello)

Thomas Ang (piano)

performing works by
Bach, Brahms and
Rachmaninov

Saturday 3rd March

4.00pm

St Jude's Church

Admission free

Refreshments provided

Donations welcome



on Sunday 11th March
(and on the **second
Sunday** of each month)

in St Jude's Church

at 4.00pm

*Children should be accompanied
by a parent*



For the time being at least,
Messy Family Fun will
no longer take place.

From the Registers

Funerals:

(5th February) Hermione Margaret Mayor.

During Lent

By the time you read this letter we will be well into Lent. This is the time of year that leads up to Good Friday and Easter. Various significant events happen at this time of year. The first Lenten event is on Ash Wednesday which follows on from Shrove Tuesday when you may have had pancakes with sugar and lemon. Traditionally Shrove Tuesday was the day when people would clear the cupboard of all the things that people give up for Lent. By doing this they would not be tempted into eating forbidden foods in the lead up to Easter Day. One other tradition was that on Shrove Tuesday anyone who wanted to was allowed to ring the "pancake bell" in the Church.

About half way through Lent comes Mothering Sunday. Many years ago, people who were "in Service" or apprenticed to work in far off towns would be allowed to take the day off and go to visit their mothers and their family back at home. This was an opportunity to catch up and to take a small gift of appreciation to give to their mothers. Many families would take this opportunity to go to Church together. You might think it a little strange that on Mothering Sunday the village Churches were closed. However, the reason was simple, because everyone walked to the "Mother Church" on this particular Sunday. The Mother Church was either the nearest Cathedral or the large Parish Church. You can imagine what it must have been like as people got together to share their stories. After the family had been to Church they would go back home for dinner and then the young people would head back to their place of work.

Lent culminates in Holy Week which helps us think about the final week of the Lord Jesus before he died. We remember the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and we recall the Passover meal and the washing of the feet of the disciples in the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday and then we come to Good Friday. Each of these events is marked by the Church with services which we would love to share with you.

By the way, St Jude's will be open as usual on Sunday 11th March 2018 which is Mothering Sunday.

God bless.

Andrew Reed

Our new 9.30am Sunday service

Last year, St Jude's Church introduced a new service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. This is intended to be more relaxed and child-friendly, livelier, and shorter, than our usual 9.30am services, and rather in the style of our all-age services at 11.15am on the last Sunday of each month (the next one of these will be on Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday)).

We think it important that all our families with children, including those who currently come to our 11.15 services and to Messy Church, should have regular access to a Communion service in which they will feel comfortable. It will be led by our Methodist minister, Andrew Reed, and will be based on a Methodist form of service. Do come!

At both of these services, we have instrumentalists accompanied by the piano. Anybody who plays (almost) anything and is willing to play for informal services will be welcome! Parts will be provided for them at a level (hopefully) matching their ability! Please contact Geoff Chew on 01784 435664 if you are interested.

However, please note that as the first Sunday in April is Easter Day, the 9.30am service on that day will take the form of our usual 9.30am Parish Communion.

Lent Groups

The Lent Course this year will be *On the Third Day* from the York series.

The dates are :-

Thursdays 15th February-15th March at 3.00pm at 40 Bond Street.

Wednesdays 21st February-21st March at 7.30pm in the Monsell Room at St Jude's Church.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Vicar, The Revd Mark Ewbank, on his appointment as Rector of the Cathedral Church of the Good Shepherd in Lima, Peru. Mark will be taking up his new appointment some time after 22nd April. Anyone who wishes to be associated with a leaving present for Mark should send their gift to the Treasurer, Brian Hooker at 11 Willson Road, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0QB

2018 Concerts

7 April	Geoff Chew (piano)
5 May	James Kirby's students (piano)
2 June	Vox Mundi (ladies' international choir)
7 July	Emilio Casco and Rocío Herrera (Mexican concert)
4 August	James Webb (piano)
1 September	Keep the Home Fires Burning – Wind and Words (about WWI)
6 October	River City Saxes
3 November	James Kirby, piano

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 22nd April. This is where we receive the revised 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 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.

The Village Centre (01784 471110)

The Village Centre has now been open for seven 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 Jayne, 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?

Computer Room

Our volunteers are available Monday–Thursday 9am to 12noon (10 to 12 in school holidays) and they can help you with lots of issues such as using the internet, getting on line, CVs, laptop issues, tablets, iphones etc. Why not come and learn some new skills; only £2.50 which includes a free tea or coffee.

HOSTUK's Lent Appeal



As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar we ask if you might consider doing something for international relations...making a small but significant contribution towards greater understanding worldwide. HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. We operate all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join us. More information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org Or email us on: info@hostuk.org Or telephone us on: 020 7739 6292

Diary for March

- 2 Friday 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer service in the Village Centre
- 3 Saturday 4.00pm Concert Corinna Boylan (cello), Matthew Chambers (violin) and Thomas Ang (piano) admission free – donations welcome
- 4 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion (Methodist service) 6.30pm Taizé service
- 7 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) Lent Group 7.30pm St Jude's Church
- 8 Thursday 3.00pm Lent Group at 40 Bond Street
- 11 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
- 13 Tuesday 8.00pm Church Council meets
- 14 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) Lent Group 7.30pm St Jude's Church
- 15 Thursday 3.00pm Lent Group at 40 Bond Street
- 18 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 21 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said) Lent Group 7.30pm St Jude's Church
- 25 Palm Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms and Reading of The Passion 11.15am Informal All-age service 12.15pm Lunch
- 26 Monday 8.00pm Compline
- 27 Tuesday 8.00pm Compline
- 28 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (said)
- 29 Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Holy Communion followed by Vigil until 12.00 midnight
- 30 Good Friday 10.00am Walk of Witness (meet at St John's Church, Egham, walk to the United Church for open-air service and then refreshments in the Pastoral Centre) 12.00 noon Good Friday Liturgy with Adoration of the Cross
- 31 Holy Saturday 8.00pm Easter Vigil with Service of Light and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

All events take place at St Jude's Church unless otherwise stated

The Church is open every Saturday 2-4pm for tea and a chat