



# The Ship

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

Anglicans and Methodists working together

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## Are you new to St Jude's?

It's lovely to welcome you among us – in person or online. If you have any questions or requests for prayer or if you would like to come and talk more personally, please contact our Vicar on vicar@stjudeschurch.info

## Open Church

In addition to service times, St Jude's Church will be open between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Saturday 13th June (tea and coffee available).

## Fourth Sunday at Four

Our next Fourth Sunday at Four Service is on Sunday 28th June 2026 at 4pm. This will be a service for summertime, and you are very warmly invited to join us. Fourth Sunday at Four is a little different from our other services. It does not include Holy Communion, and it is quite short – usually only about 30 minutes. Refreshments are served from about 3.15pm in the Monsell Room. Please come if you can.

## Concert

by Vox Mundi  
(a ladies choir)

Saturday 6th June

4.00pm

Admission free

Donations welcome

Refreshments provided

## Englefield Green Village Fair

Saturday 20th June

12.00–5.00pm

on the Village Green

Please support our stall  
(cakes, biscuits, preserves  
marmalade etc)

## St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation

*Inspired by St Jude, we pursue*

*Excellence in Education, Kindness in Community,  
Courage through Faith*

*"Driven by the vision, 'kindness in the community'  
underpins relationships and behaviour at St Jude's.*

*Adults and pupils are treated well".*

*St Jude's C/E Junior School SIAMS Report 2024*



"A strong sense of care and mutual respect characterises the school community. Grounded in its Christian vision, the school fosters an environment where consideration and compassion are evident, allowing individuals and the wider school community to prosper".

*St Jude's C/E Infant School SIAMS Report 2026*

This month our Editorial features our two Church of England schools, which together form the St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation. In May's edition of "The Ship", our "Spotlight on our Schools" noted that our Infant school had been inspected by SIAMS, the Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools. The inspection, which happens about every five years, aims to ensure that we are living our vision as a Christian School.

We are very proud that our vision (headlined above) is drawn from the character of St Jude himself. St Jude, as his New Testament letter, makes very clear, was certainly an early exponent of Excellence in Education. He was determined that the new Christian believers should be grounded in the truth and not be drawn away from the faith by false teaching. But his letter also reveals his love and respect for his fellow believers; setting that example of Kindness in the Community. His own life underscores the power of Courage through Faith. Transformed by the Pentecost experience from a Galilean fisherman (probably) to a passionate preacher of the Gospel, St Jude travelled many miles across the known world to proclaim the good news of Jesus, ultimately becoming one of the early church martyrs.

The quotations above are from the Report on the inspection of our Junior school in 2024, and the Report on the May 2026 inspection of our Infant School. Both refer to the place of Kindness in Community within the schools' ethos. In our 2026 recent report Excellence in Education is highlighted: "Religious education (RE) is thoughtfully led and delivered through engaging approaches. Pupils demonstrate a secure understanding of a range of world faiths and show genuine respect and appreciation for diversity". The nurturing of "Courage through Faith" is noted within the regular provision of Collective Worship which is: "central to the daily experience of the school and is given high priority. It offers meaningful opportunities for stillness, reflection and the nurturing of personal spirituality for staff and pupils".

Warmest congratulations to all those who contributed to making the outcome of the inspection such a positive and happy one. Creating a school environment which demonstrates the points outlined in the Report, is a work which goes on every day and throughout each academic year. The Senior Leadership Team, Teachers and Teaching Assistants, the wider school staff, parents and carers, children, Governors, Church members, and my Clergy colleagues, all have their part to play. Thank you all.

And I thank God for his provision. As we approached Pentecost, we reflected in Church on Jesus' prayer on the night before he died. He prayed that those who follow him should be "one" in purpose and in joy. In the early church we see that unity demonstrated in many ways. It was a community which prayed together, worked together, rejoiced together. The world of education continues to present huge challenges, to pupils and staff. But, with wise leadership, compassionate nurturing and courageous advocacy, children and adults are flourishing. May God continue to bless you all and to make you a continuing blessing to our village community.

*Judith Allford*

## Summer Gathering with Bishop Paul

Following the sad death earlier in the year of Bishop Andrew Watson, Bishop Paul Davies has continued to fulfil an acting role as Bishop of Guildford. Bishop Paul is already very happily known to some of us at St Jude's.

This summer Bishop Paul is holding a Bishop's Gathering in every deanery across the Diocese. This will be a time of prayer, worship, celebration of what God is doing in each parish, and reflection on our next steps. A warm invitation is extended to everyone.

Bishop Paul's gathering for our own Deanery of Runnymede will be at St John's Church, Egham, on Sunday 5 July from 6.00–7.30pm with refreshments served from 5.30pm. This will be an important occasion for us all. Please save the date!

## Annual Meetings

We are grateful to all those who planned, prepared and participated in our Annual Vestry meeting and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 17th May. We are delighted Mike Brooking and Gill Sloan agreed to remain our churchwardens for another year. This is a big responsibility and will be especially so when St Jude's goes into a brief period of Vacancy in January 2027. So, we are especially grateful to Mike and Gill for being willing to continue in their roles. We were pleased also that both Roger Downing and Michele Hutchings were elected to serve on our Ecumenical Church Council. We are grateful for the different gifts and skills they bring.

Thanks were expressed to Jackie Kjos, who is now stepping down from her term of service as our representative on the Runnymede Deanery Synod. St Jude's now has three places on Deanery Synod, and those places will be filled by three newly elected members – Brian Hooker, and Liz and Aidan Hopkins (Aidan has served in this role in the past). Thank you to them all for offering to serve us and our Deanery in this way.

Finally, thanks were offered to Geoff and Jenny Chew. Geoff has stepped down from our ECC this year, but between them Geoff and Jenny have given, and continue to give, many years of service in the life of St Jude's. We are enormously appreciative of their tireless contribution to our life and worship.

The first meeting of our new ECC will be on Tuesday 16th June at 7pm.

## Diary for June

- 2 Tuesday 7.30m Standing Committee meets (via Zoom)
- 3 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 6 Saturday 4.00pm Concert by Vox Mundi (a ladies choir)
- 7 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Holy Communion (Methodist Liturgy)
- 10 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion
- 13 Saturday 2.00–4.00pm Church open
- 14 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Compline (Zoom)
- 16 Tuesday 7.00pm Church Council meets in Church
- 17 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Runnymede Deanery Synod meets in St Jude's
- 20 Saturday 12.00–5.00pm Village Fair on The Green
- 21 Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 24 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Church Council meets the Venerable Martin Breadmore
- 28 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Fourth Sunday at Four service

*Please note that our 9.30am service each Sunday is always live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. If you are unable to join us in church we warmly invite you to tune in.*

## Staying in touch with Holly

Following her visit to us in April, when she was accompanied by her husband, Mark, and the Revd Lydia Corbett, Vicar of St John's, Revd Holly Byles returned to us for a more informal visit on 20th May. Once again, it was good to talk with Holly about our hopes for the future and we enjoyed a very fruitful and lively discussion.

Holly remains the preferred candidate to be the next Vicar of St Jude's, and she will probably join us just after Easter 2027. Holly is already known in our schools. Both her children are pupils at St Jude's Junior School at present, and Holly is well-known too at our Infant School, where she spent time leading Collective Worship during her placement with us in January. We look forward to strengthening further our relationship with both our schools.

Our Archdeacon Martin Breadmore will be meeting with our ECC on Wednesday 24th June at 7.30pm. He will be talking us through the next steps before Holly completes her Curacy at St John's and is formally interviewed for the post of incumbent here at St Jude's. On Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm Archdeacon Martin will be with us again – this time to meet with the whole congregation. Another date to save!!

## Food Bank

We continue to hear about, and to experience for ourselves, the rising cost of living. Across the country this means that increasing numbers of people need to look to Foodbanks for some support with daily living. All our Foodbanks play a wonderful role in supporting those who from time to time find themselves in particular need. Here in Englefield Green, we are grateful to the Runnymede Foodbank for the vital help they give to our community. Thank you as always to those of you who contribute to this work through St Jude's. Your regular contributions, in kind or in cash, are passed on to Runnymede Foodbank week by week, and we are grateful for all the donations which find their way to our Foodbank crate in the Monsell Room. Thank you to Geoff Chew who continues to co-ordinate this on behalf of us all.

## From the Registers

- Baptisms:** (10th May) Harper Rose Elizabeth Bailey  
(24th May) Freddie Thomas Darren Hurrell
- Funerals:** (7th May) Vivienne Taylor  
(21st May) Cynthia Margaret Barnes "Cindy"  
(22nd May) Victor Wakelin

## Putting your stamp on it

We are grateful to you for all your used postage stamps. We forward them to a charity and they are put to very good use! Thank you to Joan who manages this collection for us.

## Readings at Communion

Sunday 7th June (1st Sunday after Trinity)	Hosea 5. 15–6.6 Psalm 50. 7–15 Roman 4. 13–end Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26
Sunday 14th June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)	Exodus 19. 2–8a Psalm 100 Romans 5. 1–8 Matthew 9.35–10.8
Sunday 21st June (3rd Sunday after Trinity)	Jeremiah 20. 7–13 Psalm 69. 14–20 Romans 6.1b–11 Matthew 10.24–39
Sunday 28th June (Peter and Paul, Apostles)	Acts 12. 1–11 Psalm 125 2 Timothy 4.6–8, 17–18 Matthew 16. 13–19

## Easyfundraising.co.uk

We are very grateful to all those who are supporting us when buying things through Amazon, John Lewis and others by using [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk). You have raised well over £1700 (so far) for us through this scheme and that is without any cost to you. All you need to do is to go to [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk) online and choose St Jude's United Church Englefield Green as your charity.

## Aiming for Zero!

Several members and friends of St Jude's have celebrated, or will be celebrating, "zero" birthdays this year. Rather than embarrassing them by naming them, we simply want to express our warmest and heartfelt congratulations.

We rejoice with you in the blessing of God who "crowns the year with his goodness" (Psalm 65:11).

## Some special thank yous

Thank you to Jonathan Griffiths who has just relinquished his place on the St Jude's Ecumenical Church Council and Fabric Committee. You will find more about Jonathan in our Village Centre report, but we are hugely grateful too for his important contribution to the life of St Jude's! Jonathan – we wish you well, and you will be greatly missed. Please stay in touch!

Thank you to members of The United Church of Egham for hosting a wonderful Circuit celebration service of Pentecost and Aldersgate Sunday! Thank you to Jacqueline for leading our worship and to Lansford for preaching.

## Bereavement Coffee Morning

Thursday 25th June at 10.15am

at the Jurgens Centre,

Church of the Assumption of our Lady, Harvest Road

*Everyone is welcome*

We have an open invitation to join our neighbours at the Church of the Assumption of our Lady, Harvest Road, TW20 0QR, usually on the last Thursday in each month, for their regular Coffee Morning in the Jurgens Centre beside the Church.

You may have been recently bereaved, or your loss may be further back in time. Whatever your circumstances, you will find a quiet and welcoming space to talk or simply to listen and to be amongst friends. The invitation is to everyone; you may or may not be a church goer. You may drop in and out as you wish. We shall be very glad to see you.

## The Village Centre

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"Ciao"! This seems a good way to say, "thank you" and "we appreciate you" to two special members of our Village Centre family, both of whom step down from their roles this month.

Andrew Sheer has been our honorary treasurer since the Village Centre came into being. He has cashed up, banked in, accounted for and wrestled with our financial reports almost every day that the Centre opened in 2010, a wonderful 16 years!

Jonathan Griffiths has been our honorary buildings guru, our advisor on all things payroll, our seeker after consents when any changes have been made to the Centre, our Fire Officer, our IT troubleshooter and, like Andrew, an unfailing source of vital information!

Both have long been key holders, sometimes called out at strange times to investigate a persistent alarm! Both have seen Centre Managers, staff and volunteers, Methodist Ministers and Anglican Vicars come and go! Both have served continually on the Village Centre Management Committee. Both have seen and overseen many changes to the building since the days when it was Englefield Methodist Church. Both are wholehearted supporters of Methodist and Anglicans working together.

We shall miss both Andrew and Jonathan greatly, but we know that they independently feel that now is the right time to step down, after many faithful years of service, for which we thank them, and thank God. We hope – and believe – that they will not be strangers to us at the Centre! Their wisdom, knowledge, insight and support will remain essential to us all!

We would like to invite you to a Farewell Celebration afternoon cream tea that will take place from 1.30pm to 2.30pm on Tuesday 9th June. Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing [manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk) or calling 01784 471110 and leave a message.

Our Village Centre may not be quite the same without Andrew and Jonathan, but it will be business as usual, just as they would both expect it to be! Please continue to enjoy our café, support our many Outreach projects, consider becoming a volunteer, hire a space for a family celebration, sample our Monday over 55s lunch, join us on a Tuesday bus trip to Brooklands, use our Community Fridge, or bring your children for a play in our ball pit!

And come along to meet new members of our Café staff, whom we hope will be coming into post very shortly. As usual, further details on all these things and more, can be obtained from Helen Hallett, our Village Centre Manager, who we congratulate on achieving her first full year in post!

We are continually grateful to all those who support our Village Centre in a variety of ways. If you are reading this and would like to offer help in some way, or if you would like further information about any of the activities mentioned above, please contact Helen on 01784 471110 or on [manager@villagecentre.org.uk](mailto:manager@villagecentre.org.uk)

## This Newsletter

I wonder how many of us remember the first St Jude's Newsletter – published in June 1967 and has been produced nearly every month since then (with a break for colour versions in 2010). Before that, we had a parish magazine with a limited paid subscription. For many years, the Newsletter was printed and delivered round the village. Sadly COVID stopped that and now it is available by email on request.