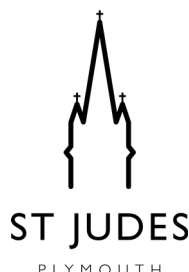
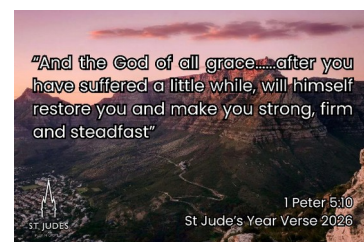


At St Jude's, we don't take a collection in our services as if you are visiting or just started coming, you are very much our guest. However, if you want to give a gift today, that is possible either via the box at the back or using our contactless card machine.

Should you want to consider donating either regularly or a one-off, you can also do it online via the Parish Giving Scheme where we can reclaim Gift Aid if you are a tax-payer, with the Government adding 25p to every £1 of your donation. This can now also be arranged via our Parish Giving web page here: www.judes.org.uk/giving/



If you would like to receive our weekly Newsletter by email, please just let us know via church.office@judes.org.uk



Church Newsletter Tuesday 1ST September 2026

Dear Church Family,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed opportunities to relax, spend time with loved ones, and recharge as we approach a new term full of fresh opportunities to grow and glow for Jesus!

As we step into this new season, I would love to highlight three key areas where we can pursue this together:

1. Mid-Week Church Prayer Meeting (Thursdays, 9:30–10:30 AM)

E. M. Bounds once wrote, *“God shapes the world by prayer.”* I want to encourage us to ramp up our prayer life as a church family and see God do even greater things in, through, and with us. Each week, we will gather to refocus mid-week through worship, Scripture, and prayer—lifting up one another, our local community ministry, and wider world issues. It will be a wonderful space for sharing and growing together.

2. 150th Anniversary Preparations

To celebrate our 150th anniversary, we are planning a church exhibition to honour the history of St. Jude's and mark how God has been at work among us. We need your help with two special elements:

- **Historical Memories:** We would love to record short audio or video stories of your personal memories of St. Jude's—whether heartfelt, humorous, or intriguing. If you have a memory to share, please contact the church office so we can schedule a quick recording session over the next few weeks.
- **150-Second Faith Stories:** We are also recording video clips of church members sharing the good news of Jesus in just 150 seconds to display as part of the exhibition. If you would be willing to participate, let the office know and we will set up a time to record.

3. The Alpha Course (Starting Thursday, October 1st)

We are excited to launch the Alpha course again—a fantastic opportunity to explore, renew, and share our faith. I want to encourage everyone to join us and invite a friend as we kick off this season together.

- **Table Leaders Needed:** If you are willing to lead an Alpha small group table, please let me know directly, and I will share the details for our upcoming training evening.
- **Looking Ahead:** In the new year, we plan to build on this foundation with a brand-new discipleship course, for which participating in Alpha will serve as great preparation!

May God bless you as we follow Him together into a new season of growth, fruitfulness, and life in Jesus' name.

Every blessing, **Rev. Robin Smith**

Mission Focus for September

Our Mission Partner Focus for September is on students and ministry to them.

We support the Christian Union at Plymouth University in their late night outreach “Tea and Toast” Pray for them as they get stuck into a new year with changes of leaders etc and as they welcome new students. Remember to the work of UCCF (University and Colleges Christian Fellowship) as their workers support Chris unions around the country.

See the Missions notice board (on the left as you come into the church) for more information and leaflets, or visit cpas.org.uk

Snack and Chat:

Our next Snack and Chat lunch (2 courses and coffee for £5) is planned for Saturday the 19th of September, 12.45 for 1pm, in the Lower Hall. Due to its popularity bookings are required, and a sign-up sheet to book a place for Snack and Chat is available at the back of church. If you need any further information, please speak to Denise Horne or Jayne Smart.

ALPHA COURSE:

An invitation to explore Faith is open to all and will be held at St Jude's Parish Church. The course will run over 10 weeks and will commence on the 1st October 2026 @ 7.30. There are invitations in the Church and a sign-up list at the back of Church. Please sign up and consider asking a friend or neighbour if they would like to attend also.

Tot's Time:

Tots Time for children from 0 to 3 years restarts on Monday 7th September.

We would welcome an extra person to help with refreshments about once a month. if anyone feels they could do this please talk to Liz Hardinge.

First Aiders:

If you have had first aid training with a certificate that is in date, please could you let Gordon, our Health and Safety Officer, know. Also, and if you are interested in attending a future First Aid Course, again, can you speak with Gordon in the first instance or call or text him on 07974007056 or email

dramakinggord1958@gmail.com

REGULAR MEETINGS

THURSDAY PRAYERS IN CHURCH - NOW WEEKLY**

An open invitation to come and pray together for our fellowship, our city, country and the world as a family of God. Meeting now every Thursday from 9:30 – 10:30am in the Quiet Room inside the church. Come when you can and stay for as long as you are able. No pressure. Just turn up and be a part of this joyous time together.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ZOOM PRAYERS

To join the Zoom prayer time at 7pm on Wednesdays, just [click here](#) (In case you need them, the Meeting ID is **833 0893 9783** and the Passcode: **031312**)

MIDWEEKER AT 10:30AM IN THE UPPER HALL - restart later in September

10:30AM SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday 6 th September	All Age Worship
Sunday 13 th September	Communion Service
Sunday 20 th September	Morning Worship

The next newsletter will be on 15th September. Please send items to Tina James, Church Administrator, by Monday 14th September: church.office@judes.org.uk

AND FINALLY - A prayer from Lectio 365, a free daily prayer app with a choice of morning, midday and night devotionals to help you experience God's presence in your life.

Father, help me live this day to the full, being true to you in every way. Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet. Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen