

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

5 November 2023

All Saints Sunday

A few years ago, casting around for something to say to a tongue-tied 11-year-old, I asked what football team he supported. Unhesitatingly he replied "Saints" – leaving me baffled. Did I imagine he was referring to the joyful throng playing and singing, cheering and celebrating in heaven? No I didn't – though as a regular worshipper, he would understand what picture the word 'saints' could conjure up.

Instead, my puzzled mind groped its way towards a theory: he lived in Southampton, which begins with an S like 'saints' - perhaps this was a nickname for Southampton Football Club. In fact, the club was formed in 1885 by the St. Mary's Church of England Young Men's Association; early members included Sunday School teachers and choristers. Should it surprise us if current club members also have active church lives? Not at all! Many of us could point to fellow-Christians who are faithful football supporters (not to mention any names ...). Come to that, my young friend - now aged 16 - is still involved in church life and the huge posters in his Southampton bedroom are evidence of his passion for club and team.

Although the St. Mary's club has been Southampton Football Club since 1897, when it won the Southern League, the name 'Saints' obviously endures. On the Southampton Football Club website is a picture of St. Mary's Stadium (still very near the church, for those whose interests combine the two). In the picture, tiers of red seats are varied by a number of white seats, spelling 'Saints' in huge letters. And the club logo includes a halo! I wonder whether this nickname influences how the fans perceive their club – or vice versa? Language matters – as does visual imagery (thinking of that halo).

For myself, thinking about the 'Saints' of Southampton has given me a cheerful mental picture of a huge, ecstatic crowd, dressed in bright red-and-white and absolutely united in a deafening celebration. ("Come on, you Saints?") I'll keep that in mind this Sunday when we too are celebrating – jubilantly, I hope! – All Saints.

Rachel Stuchbury

Church notices: Southville Methodist

Sunday services:

- 9.00 am **Revival & Prophetic Prayer Service**
- 10.00 am **Prayer and Praise**
- 10.30 am **Morning Worship** - with Holy Communion once a month

Methodist Circuit

Bible Study, in person, on Thursdays 10.30-11.30am. Contact Graham Wells for details on 01784 258785 or g.wells988@gmail.com.

Church notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services:

- 9.30am (first Sunday of the month): **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™
- 9.45am **Holy Communion** in church
- 9.45am **Junior Church** in the Church Centre

Wednesdays:

- 10:00am: **Holy Communion** in church

Regular events:

Monday coffee drop-in 10.00am to 12 noon in the Church Centre, every Monday except bank holidays. Free tea and coffee in a friendly gathering, which might include crafts or gentle activities and always a joke! Come and go as you please; bring anyone who might enjoy it.

The fortnightly **Bible study on Zoom™** has paused – contact the vicar if interested.

Second Thursday of the month 2pm-4pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meets in the Church Centre. The next meeting will be on 9th November and we shall be making Christmas wreaths – with artificial materials, of course.

People

If Duncan and Helen Forsyth are able to move shortly they hope to come to say **farewell at St Dunstan's** church after the service and two minutes silence on Remembrance Sunday 12th November. TBC

The **funeral service for Jean Wicks** will be held at Hanworth Crematorium on Thursday 16th November at 3.30pm. Family flowers only and donations in Jean's memory invited to the charity Dementia UK. Please continue to pray for her family and friends at this time.

Dates for your diary

St Dunstan's **Parish Office** will be closed on Wednesday 8th November.

Next Tuesday 7 November, **Bishop Sarah** will be visiting the Kensington Area and will spend the day travelling with me across different parts of our Episcopal Area. This is to help +Sarah understand the joys and the challenges of this part of her Diocese and to inform her prayers and her leadership amongst us. During the day +Sarah will be in two of our Church Schools to take lessons and assemblies there. She will visit a church centre which has developed a particular ministry and a growing congregation through reaching out to refugees, and meet with a group of Kensington's Global Majority Heritage clergy. +Sarah will also visit two churches that have experienced revitalisation in recent years.

At the end of her day amongst us, +Sarah will lead evening prayer from St Etheldreda's Church on the Fulham Palace Road. This service will begin at 5pm, and all KA clergy and LLMs, plus members of your PCCs, ministry teams and congregations are welcome to join the service – either online or in person. The link to join the service online is [here](#). This will be a wonderful opportunity to join with our Diocesan Bishop, to hear and receive her prayers for the Kensington Area as well as being able to pray with and for her in her own ministry.

Tuesday 7th feltham 7.45pm Christ Church History Society talk about those remembered locally who served in the Second World War,.

Wednesday 8th November 8pm: **PCC meeting** at St. Dunstan's, to discuss the Mission Action Plan.

Friday 10th November 7-8.30pm: **Kensington Area Youth Event** for young people in Years 7-13 at St Saviour Sunbury. Email admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk for a booking form.

Saturday 11th November 10am-1pm: **Lego™ morning** in St. Dunstan's. Children must be accompanied by an adult carer.

Sunday 12th November 3.00pm: **Service and ceremony for Remembrance**, Feltham War Memorial, High Street, Feltham. Parade starts 2:45pm.

Monday 13th November 6.15-8pm: **Interfaith week event** with our bishop, Emma Ineson, at the Sikh Gurdwara (Alice Way, Hounslow TW3 3UD). The bishop will plant a tree, there will be a Gurdwara tour, then refreshments, and from 7pm the bishop will give an address: **Women leaders in faith and inter-faith**.

Thursday 16th November 3.30pm: the **funeral service for Jean Wicks** at South West Middlesex (Hanworth) Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations are invited in Jean's memory to Dementia UK; these can be made through Lodge Brothers Feltham website.

Thursday 16th November 3.30pm **Messy Church at St Dunstan's** church for primary aged children with parent or adult carer.

Tuesday 28th November 8.00pm: **PCC meeting** at St. Dunstan's.

Saturday 2nd December 10.30-12 noon: **Coffee Morning** in St. Dunstan's Church.

Saturday 2nd December 5.30 pm: **St Paul's Cathedral Advent Carol Service**. Tickets are free. In addition, young people from across the diocese can be part of the procession of light which moves through the Cathedral; there is a rehearsal earlier in the afternoon for this, for the children and their supervising parents/guardians. The service will last approximately an hour and a quarter; contact the office at St. Dunstan's by Friday 10th November, saying how many tickets you need and if any young people want to be in the procession.

Saturday 3rd December **Brick Church** at Southville Methodist church

Saturday 9th December 7.30pm Feltham Choral Society **Christmas Concert** at St Dunstans church. Tickets £10 on the door (cash only)

Sunday 10th December 9.45am **Christingle** service at St Dunstan's.

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm Joint **Carol Service** at St Dunstan's for Southville and St Dunstan's

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Prayer sheet for 5th November 2023

for the Ecumenical Parish of Feltham: St Dunstan's Anglican and Southville Methodist churches

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings, Sunday by Sunday

5 th November (Fourth Sunday before Advent)	5 th November (All Saints Sunday)
Joshua 3: 7-17 <i>or</i> Micah 3: 5-12 I Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 23: 1-12	Revelation 7: 9-17 I John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12
12 th November (Third Sunday before Advent)	12 th November (Remembrance Sunday)
Joshua 24: 1-3A, 14-25 <i>or</i> Wisdom 6: 12-16 <i>or</i> Amos 5: 18-24 I Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13	Isaiah 25: 1-9 <i>or</i> Isaiah 52: 7-12 <i>or</i> Micah 4: 1-8 Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39 <i>or</i> Revelation 22: 1-5 Matthew 5: 1-12 <i>or</i> Matthew 5: 43-48 <i>or</i> John 15: 9-17

Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

In the news

A prayer from the church in Southern Africa

God of the possible,
grant the people of Palestine and Israel that which seems impossible:
wise leadership, gentle hearts,
and a new beloved community,
embodying love, truth, justice, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation.

From Churches Together

All who worship at Christ Church Feltham, the Revd. Andy Watson and the pastoral team .

In the parish

Those living or working in Elmwood Avenue, Ordnance Close, Vineyard Road, Charleston Close, Tawney Close or Chervil Close.

Those who are ill or in particular need:

Jim Devine, Julie Dutton (Brenda Cook's daughter), Amanda Elliott, Hilary Elliott, Jonathan Griffiths, Fiona Holloway, John Howliston, Jacob Hunter, Pam Kemp, Ian Lecky, Ray Newell, Mary Walden, Gill Welland, Barry Went, Susanna Woollam

Those who have recently died: Jean Wicks

Those whom we remember this week: Phyllis Jackson, Shirley Sorenti, Jenny Morrison