

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

14th January 2024

**Second Sunday of
Epiphany**

So Christmas is over for another year! I was reflecting as I boxed the Christmas decorations away again on Twelfth Night how much of our lives are boxed up. Perhaps we keep unpleasant memories or experiences in a box and try to forget them; perhaps we simply endeavour to keep secular things apart from religious or spiritual things; perhaps we attempt to keep work and life outside work separate; perhaps we have different circles of friends and these rarely overlap; perhaps our boxes are filled with papers or old photographs (pre-digital ones!), perhaps we open our boxes at certain times of the year or maybe only when we are looking for something specific or having a clear out .

A box is defined as a container with a flat base and sides, typically square or rectangular and having a lid. Boxes can be figurative as above or literal, for example many common food items come in a box (cereal, eggs, to name but two) and bigger appliances inevitably arrive in a box. If the box is made of cardboard it can be squashed and recycled. Like me, I expect many of us have empty boxes in the loft or wherever, tucked away in case of need.

I thought also on the Ancient Greek story of Pandora, who disobeyed and opened her box releasing various misfortunes on mankind; at the very bottom was a small thing, Hope. I recalled that the gifts the Three Wise Men bring to the infant Jesus are often shown as being in a box (or casket).

May we remember the wonderful Christmas gift to the world and not box it up for another year. May we remember that Christ is not only the Light of the world, but also the Hope of the World. Amen

Dee Howley

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
14th January: Covenant Service led by the Revd. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah
21st January: Morning Worship led by Mrs. Sheila Hassan

Methodist Circuit

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

Church notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday 14th January:

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

Sunday 21st January:

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church celebrated by the Rev. Rudy Tan

11.15am: **NEW MONTHLY Service of hymns, readings and prayers** in church. As with all our services, the whole family is welcome to attend, led by Rachel Stuchbury.

Plus -

Every Wednesday:

10:00am: **Holy Communion**

Regular events on Sundays:

Junior Church monthly in the Church Centre on the first Sunday at 9.45am – next meeting 4th February.

Monthly informal prayer times: just 10 minutes, starting 5 minutes after the Sunday morning service. Last Sunday of the month.

Additional Sunday service: a simple service of hymns/songs, readings and prayers on Sundays 21st January and 25th February at 11.15am. Date in March to be announced.

Morning Prayer on Zoom™ at 9.30am, first Sunday of the month – next one 4th February

Regular events on other days:

Monday coffee drop-in is open from 10am to 12 noon (on Mondays, obviously!). It's a much-loved institution, offering free tea and coffee, crafts, jokes, chat, more chat, more coffee. Do tell anyone who might be interested.

WOT group (Women on Thursdays) meets in the Church Centre 2pm-4pm on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be a meal out on 8th February; if you wish to attend and haven't said so, contact Shirley Howell or Marian Foley very soon.

Messy Church monthly on Thursdays at 3.30pm in the church. The next sessions are 18th January & 22nd February.

Lego Mornings in St. Dunstan's Church: 3rd February **10.30am** – 1pm

Brick Church in Southville Church: 3rd February 10:00am-11:30am

Dates for your diary

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18- 25th January. Daily prayers from Churches Together in Britain & Ireland can be found at <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WPCU-2024-English-accessible-text-only.docx> Hard copies will be at the back of Church.

PCC Meeting: Tuesday 16th January 7:45pm for 8pm start in the Church Centre

Ash Wednesday 14th February – easy to remember, and only five weeks away!

The Upper Room winter lectures: The Upper Room supports homeless and vulnerable people in West London, including ex-offenders, with meals and toiletries, and assistance to access employment, which can include driving lessons. At St. Dunstan's we collect contributions for it at Harvest Festival. The Upper Room also raises money by arranging popular talks involving well-known people – politicians, TV presenters, all sorts. There is a charge of £15 per ticket. See <https://theupperroom.org.uk/news-and-events/> for booking links and details.

Thursday 22nd February 8-9.15pm: **Dame Felicity Palmer** – opera singer – in conversation with playwright Jonathan Maitland.

Thursday 11th April 8-9.15pm: **Robert Fox** – theatrical and film producer – with former BBC media correspondent Torin Douglas. Robert's recent productions include the Netflix series *The Crown*.

Other notices

Temporary Road Closure: The one way part of St. Dunstan's Road, Feltham. Road closed from Friday 12th January 2024. between number 5 and number 19. Traffic diverted via Vernon Road,

Princes Road, Avenue Road, Bedfont Road, and the same in reverse. This is for water company works.

New hymnbooks for St. Dunstan's: these are now in use. Part of the cost has been met from the legacy generously left to the church by Connie Rowse. If you would like to contribute to the remainder either by dedicating a hymnbook to someone loved (for which a nameplate will be fixed inside the book) or donating towards the cost of a hymnbook, please contact the Parish Office and/or write your name and the name of the loved one on the list at the back of church. The minimum donation suggested for a dedication is £5 and each book cost £11.70.

The newsletter will be a fortnightly issue next week, i.e. covering Sundays 21st and 28th January and will be the last one prepared by Rachel Stuchbury. Please send materials (or corrections!) to the Parish Office for Shelagh Lagden, who will be taking over from Rachel in February.

Thank you!

Thank you to **Rachel Stuchbury** for producing our News and Prayer sheets, keeping us informed in normal times and through the lockdowns connecting us in fellowship and prayer. Rachel has given us information about many events in the wider church and community, faithfully and regularly. Thank you Rachel for all your regular, reliable giving of your time and skill in updating and preparing our News & Prayer sheets.

Thank you to **Shelagh Lagden** for volunteering to produce the Newsletter from February.

Thank you to **everyone** who helped clear the Church Centre garage, ready for the work on the new garage roof to be put on, starting Monday 15th January.

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Prayer sheet for 14th January 2024

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

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings, Sunday by Sunday

14 th January (Covenant – Southville)	14 th January (Epiphany II)	21 st January (Epiphany III – Methodist lectionary)	21 st January (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
Exodus 24: 3-11 <i>or</i> Deuteronomy 29: 10-15 Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Romans 12: 1-2 John 15: 1-10 <i>or</i> Mark 14: 22-25	I Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) I Corinthians 6: 12-20 <i>or</i> Revelation 5: 1-10 John 1: 43-51	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 I Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20	Revelation 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11

Invitation to remember in our prayers:

In the news

We pray for the people of Ecuador as they endure a wave of terror from lawless gangs, and for people in all places where the state cannot or will not protect them from violence.

From Churches Together

We pray for all who worship at Bethany Church, that the light of Christ may shine brightly there and touch the lives of people in Bedfont.

In the parish

We remember those who live or work in Bedfont Road, Raleigh Road, Avenue Road, St. Dunstan's Road, Queen's Park Gardens and The Hermitage.

Those who are ill or in particular need:

Lorna Baker, Jim Devine, Julie Dutton, Amanda Elliott, Hilary Elliott, Jonathan Griffiths, Rev. Frank Hackett, Fiona Holloway, John Howliston, Jacob Hunter, Pam Kemp, Ian Lecky, Ray Newell, Antonio Sorenti, Barbara Tonkins, Mary Walden, Gill Welland, Barry Went, Susanna Woollam, Kath Young

Those who have recently died

Those whom we remember this week:

Nicole Welland, Carlton Bruce, Joyce and Joe Kedge, Estelle Schrecker, Peter Butler