

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

15 October 2023

**Nineteenth Sunday  
after Trinity**

There are some very contrasting messages in this week's Bible readings. In Philippians we are exhorted to stand firm in the Lord and to rejoice in the Lord – he is near! The Matthew reading gives the parable of the wedding feast, explaining what happens to the original invitees and we are very clearly warned that many are invited but few are chosen.

Perhaps, like me, you sometimes find it difficult to remain steadfast with all the hurly burly of modern life and the news so readily available, never mind so called "fake news"; I am thinking in particular of the events in Gaza and the recent earthquake in Afghanistan and the resulting injuries or loss of life, with the need to rebuild shattered lives and homes. There may be times when we may lose our way or wonder what it is all about – after all, we are only human. For me, there is tremendous comfort in knowing the Church is steadfast and always there when needed, a constant presence, even though this may be more in some seasons of my life than others. There is comfort, too, in prayer: He always hears us, even though we may not get the answer we wanted, so must trust in His wisdom that the response we receive is part of His plan and the right answer for us.

Part of being steadfast is working together and living as Christians, perhaps summed up by the Dedication Service today for our partnership with Southville Methodist Church or by the members of our congregation who have been confirmed or are preparing for confirmation in two weeks' time. Whatever the path and route we follow and whoever comes with us along the way, it is good to reflect on Philippians that the Lord is near!

*Dee Howley*

## **A prayer for Unity:**

God, you are the source of our wisdom.  
We pray for wisdom and courage to do justice,  
to respond to what is wrong in the world  
by acting to make it right;  
We pray for wisdom and courage to grow  
in the unity of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
reigns forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

---

## **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

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October only:

- 10.00 am **Shared service of dedication of our partnership** at St. Dunstan's Church  
Celebrant and preacher: Revd. Martine Osborne, Anglican Area Dean

## 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](mailto:g.wells988@gmail.com).

---

### Church notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services:

- 15<sup>th</sup> October \*\*10.00am\*\* **Holy Communion; Shared service of dedication of our partnership** in St. Dunstan, with our Methodist friends from Southville. Celebrant and preacher: Revd. Martine Osborne, Anglican Area Dean
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 8.00am **Holy Communion** in St. Dunstan, said service  
9.30am Service of Confirmation **in St. Mary, Bedford**  
- Anne Dollery will be there with our confirmation candidates Tadiwanashe, Austin, Cristina, Maureen, Soheila and anyone who would like to support them is welcome  
9.45am **Morning Worship** in St. Dunstan led by Rachel Stuchbury (with hymns/songs)

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™** will meet again in October – contact the vicar for joining details.

Second Thursday of the month 2pm-4pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meets in the Church Centre. The next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

---

### Dates for your diary

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am-3.30pm: **Racial justice pilgrimage** from Waterloo Station to Grenfell Tower, led by the Anglican Bishop of Willesden. All welcome, see <https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5af4adf742512ff619ff611e4&id=0c05494404&e=061dfad9d8>

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm-9pm **Bishop of Kensington Vision Evening** at St. Stephens, Twickenham. We have one spare ticket available. Please email or ring the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7pm-8:30pm, **Autumn Lecture Series 2023 – Here I Stand, I Can Do No Other** on Mondays at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Attend in person or livestream (£10). Next dates 16<sup>th</sup> October, Ken Loach Here I Stand: Films that Give Voice to the Voiceless, 23<sup>rd</sup> October Rory Stewart Here I Stand: Politics on the Edge, 30<sup>th</sup> October Sam Wells Here I Stand: With God.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 7.30-8.45pm: **Information evening for new Anglican Church officers**, on Zoom™. Register via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kensington-area-new-church-officers-evening-2023-tickets-695190793377?aff=oddttdcreator>.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 8pm, **Service for All Souls'** at St. Dunstan

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7-8.30pm **Kensington Area Youth Event** for young people in Years 7-13 at St Saviour's Sunbury. Email the Office for a booking form.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am-1pm, **LEGO™** morning in St. Dunstan. Children must be accompanied by an adult carer.

---

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 3pm, **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**, Feltham War Memorial, High Street, Feltham. Parade starts 2:45pm.

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; email [admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk) by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, saying how many tickets you need and if any young people want to be in the procession.

---

## People

Please pray for Tadiwanashe, Austin, Cristina, Maureen and Soheila who are being confirmed on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at St. Mary's Bedford.

We send our prayers and blessings to Leslie-Anne Lewis as she begins her studies for ordination, part-time at Ripon Theological College, Cuddesdon.

---

## Opportunity to help

**Serving tea and coffee at St. Dunstan:** due to the well-earned retirement of Jean Harwood, the Sunday refreshments rota is short of volunteers – which could mean one Sunday per month with no coffee-after-church!

If several people joined the list, each would only serve once in six or seven weeks. Any offers? (And help with serving refreshments at Saturday morning Lego™ sessions (normally first Saturday of the month) would be welcome.)

<b>Southville Methodist</b>	Tachbrook Road, Feltham TW14 9NU Website: <a href="http://www.southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk">www.southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk</a> Email address: <a href="mailto:contact-us@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk">contact-us@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk</a> Minister: Revd. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah (0208 890 2783) Email: <a href="mailto:rev.kofi@sfmc.org.uk">rev.kofi@sfmc.org.uk</a>
<b>St. Dunstan (C of E)</b>	St. Dunstan's Road, Feltham TW13 4JY Minister: Revd. Anne Dollery (020 8890 8347) Email: <a href="mailto:AnneDollery@yahoo.co.uk">AnneDollery@yahoo.co.uk</a> C of E Parish office 39 St. Dunstan's Road, Feltham TW13 4JY Tel: 020 8890 2011 Email: <a href="mailto:admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk">admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.stdunstansfeltham.org.uk">www.stdunstansfeltham.org.uk</a> Facebook: @stdunstansfeltham

## Prayer sheet for 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

#### Collect from the Anglican tradition:

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Readings, Sunday by Sunday

15 <sup>th</sup> October (shared Anglican/ Methodist service of dedication)	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Exodus 32: 1-14 or Isaiah 25: 1-9 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	Exodus 33: 12-23 or Isaiah 45: 1-7 I Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22

#### Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

##### In the news

We pray for a swift end to hostilities between Israel and its neighbours; for God to shield from harm the non-combatants and especially the poor; and that Christ, Prince of Peace, may reign over people of all religious traditions in that region.

##### From Churches Together

We ask God to bless everybody connected with Bethany Church, Bedfont, and to make that church's ministry fruitful.

##### In the parish

Those living or working in Feltham High Street, New Chapel Square, Victoria Road, The Green, Cavendish Parade, Manor Lane or Rose Gardens.

##### 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, Ian Lecky, Ray Newell, Mary Walden, Gill Welland, Barry Went, Susanna Woollam

##### Those who have recently died

Rose Mayger

##### Those whom we remember this week:

Grace Price, John Cook, Victoria Bassett