

## Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> to  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

**Ninth to twelfth  
Sundays after  
Trinity**



I have seen lots of butterflies and moths in the vicarage garden this year and a very nosy bird on the roof has been waking me up at 5.30am each morning! While sitting outside one hot evening I even watched several bats flying round catching insects. The public parks, the town's ponds and our individual gardens, window boxes and flower pots are full of all sorts of life! Thank you to all gardeners and all who volunteer and tend our green spaces. Thank you Lord for the wonder and amazing richness of life here and across the planet! I pray for our need to change how we live to reduce our harmful effects on the environment and increase our stewardship; and that those who lead nations and businesses respond urgently to care for the whole of the earth.

Plants have grown larger in the heavy rains and the trees seem to have thicker leaves waving in the breeze. Wild life around us is flourishing in the warmer wet weather. I pray that we also flourish, being revived and restored by Christ, who gives us the living water, in the sunshine and showers of this summer.

*Bridge House Pond – looking almost tropical?*



*Bearing fruit – the Feltham Beauty apple tree in memory of Mark Savage*



### **A Prayer for August**

Lord God,  
We put ourselves into your hands  
We pray that you will bless us and our families and  
friends during August. May we all help make our homes  
places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves ,  
but helping others enjoy the blessing of these weeks.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen

*Anne Dollery*

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### **Methodist Circuit Bible Study**

This takes place by zoom or phone on Thursdays starting at 10.00am, please join by 09:45.  
Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details. Email: [jonathan.griffiths@sfmc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@sfmc.org.uk)

### **Church Notices: Southville Methodist**

Sundays at 10.30am: **Morning Worship**

Southville Church will be **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month from 09:30  
to 10:30am.

**Margaret Horton's funeral** will be held at Southville on Friday 13th August at 1.45pm.

Please remember **Barbara Clarke** and her family in your prayers following the death of her  
husband this week.

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### **Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England**

Sunday services (until further notice):

9.30am        **Service on zoom**  
10.30am      **Holy Communion** in church

And on Wednesdays:

10.00am      **Holy Communion** in church

**Precautions against infection** in church this summer: seating will offer distanced and  
non-distanced options, and we all need to be considerate of those who are vulnerable.  
Masks are optional but recommended. Congregational singing is being gradually  
reintroduced. These arrangements, and the times of services, will be reviewed in early  
September.

Would you like to **read a lesson, or lead the intercessions**, at the Sunday service? If so, please talk to the vicar or Duncan Forsyth. The idea for the present is not to create a rota, but to include someone for a specific date on which they can commit to being there.

... and we still need **people to lead junior church** periodically, starting in September. At present we could only offer it once a month, in term-time; it would be good to be able to increase this to once a fortnight! Please consider whether you could help.

Some summer reading : **'Living in Love and Faith'** book by the Church of England can be downloaded free on line. Also films and podcasts.

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## Notices

**Feltham History Society** meetings will recommence at 7.45pm on Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> September, in Christ Church. A **history walk** round the old Feltham Common is offered on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August meeting at 2.30pm in the car park at Feltham Assembly Hall. Free of charge, open to anyone.

**WOT is back!!** and will be meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2pm-4pm in the Church Centre garden. (Please note change of time.) We will enjoy a cream tea and a chat, and discuss future meetings. Please let Shirley or Marian know if you plan to come. All ladies welcome.

**Monday 16th August 10.00-11.00:** Southville Methodist Church wanted to be able to provide something to the community to help keep the children entertained during the long summer break so are planning to give away 120 free activity backpacks on a first-come-first-served basis. The bag itself comes ready to self-decorate and contains a variety of pens, pencils, activity books, bubbles, bats and balls, and lots of other goodies.

**Help needed:** the Salvation Army Food Bank is very short of funds, as sources of grants are drying up and donations of food and money have shrunk. Nobody can support every good cause! But if God prompts you to make a donation to this one, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/feltham-the-salvation-army> (or give cash to Ian Stuchbury).

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## A few phone numbers in case of need

Samaritans: 116 123 (and it's free)

Domestic Abuse UK: 0808 200 0247

Hopeline Suicide Prevention (aimed at young people or those concerned about a young person): 0800 068 4141

Mind information line (on mental health problems and how to seek help): 0300 123 3393

CAP Christians against Poverty: free debt counselling 0800 328 0006. <https://capuk.org/>

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## Jokes (the internet has a lot to answer for)

Now that Benedict XVI has retired from the job, like all good celebs he's 'releasing a fragrance'. Expect to see Popepourri on the shelves this summer.

Many people believe that the five-day week was invented by Robinson Crusoe, as he always managed to get all the work done by Friday.

A Rabbi and a Priest were having a picnic on a really hot summer day and wanted to take a dip in the local river to cool off. They had not thought to bring bathing suits, so decided to skinny dip instead. The river was flowing rapidly and both clergy were washed a short distance downstream as they swam. After climbing out of the river they had just started to make a run for it to get to their clothes, when a party of local people came into view.

The Priest covered his privates with his hands and put on a burst of speed, but the Rabbi covered his face instead. "What are you doing?" the Priest panted. "Well, I don't know about you," the Rabbi answered, "but members of my congregation recognize me by my face."

A reporter is looking for someone to interview at the Summer Olympics. He sees a man carrying a 12 ft pole and asks "Excuse me, are you a pole-vaulter?". "No, I'm German", the man replies. "But how did you know my name is Walter?".

Why did the reporter talk to the ice-cream? He was looking for a scoop.

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