

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 2 May  
2021

**Fifth Sunday  
of Easter**

Some of you probably know I am a long suffering Brentford supporter. Over the years this has been both a source of joy and disappointment. Frankly there's been a lot more disappointment than joy when I come to think about it. Brentford find themselves in the Championship play offs again this season having contrived to mess up a great chance of automatic promotion. Ten times Brentford have qualified for play offs and ten times they have been unsuccessful. Last season they lost in the final to local rivals Fulham compounding the agony. It could have been worse of course, it could have been QPR. My wife Helen said, "Why do you bother with them? They always let you down". The fact is it's not just a game. It's about community and belonging. It's about identity and far more besides. I'm sure this is what the late great Liverpool manager Bill Shankly meant to articulate with his famous response to the comment that football wasn't a matter of life or death. "No" he growled "It's much more important than that". Lots of things give us a sense of belonging and our shared faith has to top that particular league table. I look forward to us coming together as a worshipping community as we emerge tentatively from the pandemic. Currently we worship under the constraints of COVID restrictions but we hope that this will change over the coming months. In the meantime spare a thought for Brentford fans and let's hope and pray it's 11th time lucky. I doubt it though.

*Duncan Forsyth*

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## Circuit Bible Study

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

## Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Services in church in May:

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10:30 led by Rev Andrew Reed (Service of Holy Communion)  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10:30 led by Mr Graham Wells

Meanwhile, we will continue to circulate service material each week by email and printed, for those without access to the internet (electronic, i.e. email or Whatsapp, is easier and more cost efficient). If you have not been receiving these and would like to, please contact: Jonathan or Roger on [register@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:register@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk) or Text or WhatsApp: 07521 776 637 or call Marilyn Woodley on 07958 737094.

Staines Methodist Church are continuing to **Zoom their service each Sunday** at 10:30am and we would encourage you to join. For an invite contact Matt or Roz [service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk)

Southville Church will be **open for private prayer** once a month from 09:30 - 10:30am; watch the notices and social media for the next date.

We will be continuing to follow all the same Covid-19 practices as before for services and private prayer; booking will be required for services, but not for Private Prayer times

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

Our **zoom services** will continue on Sundays at 10am. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

Services in church:

Every Sunday until further notice: 9am Holy Communion

Wednesdays until further notice: 10am Holy Communion – no need to book

Service for Ascension Day: 8pm Thursday 13 May – no need to book

Because of the limited capacity due to social distancing seats for **services in church on Sunday need to be booked** by noon the previous day, saying which service, names of those attending and contact number. All the restrictions remain unchanged: seating by household, hand sanitizing, masks to be worn and no congregational singing inside the church.

We are offering a mid-week Holy Communion service on Wednesdays for a trial period. If there is only person in the congregation the service will be become Morning Prayer.

**Bible study** begins again on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm on zoom. Please contact parish office or Anne Dollery for joining details.

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**There are now six vacancies** on the PCC (Parochial Church Council). We would like to fill as many of these as possible. Could you serve please? The PCC meets once every 4-6 weeks, currently on zoom. Membership of the PCC need only be for one year but can continue if you are willing for a total of 3 years. If you are interested please contact Duncan Forsyth (dncnforsyt@aol.com), Ian Stuchbury (ian.stuchbury@phonecoop.coop) or the parish office by 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Nominations for Church Warden.** We continue to seek a second church warden to serve alongside Duncan Forsyth. If you think this might be you and would like to find out more, please speak to Duncan Forsyth or Rev'd Anne Dollery.

The **revised Electoral Role** for St Dunstan's is on display on the church notice board and our website from Saturday 1 May.

**St Dunstan's Church Meeting** to elect Church Wardens and its Annual Meeting (APCM): **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.45am** on zoom, i.e. immediately after the 10am Zoom service. A separate email will be sent with the joining details. The papers for this meeting ( the Agenda, last year's minutes and Annual Report) are attached. Paper copies already being sent out to those not online. Please contact Gary at the parish office if you need a paper copy.

St Dunstan's urgently needs a **reliable term-time cleaner** for the Church Centre. One hour a week during school terms to clean the downstairs meeting room, hallway and downstairs toilet every Friday before 3pm. Payment will be at the London Living Wage, currently £10.85. Please make applications or ask for more information from [admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk).

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## Christian Aid Week

... starts on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and we want to raise money for this excellent cause. A virtual Big Breakfast? ... no, it just wouldn't be like the real thing. An auction of talents? ... but we did that last year. Aha – what about **a raffle**?

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The idea is that people give to Christian Aid online (see <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>) and then let Rachel Stuchbury know how many £1 tickets they have 'bought'. (Or a smaller number if it was a big donation – it won't be much like a raffle if one person wins all the prizes!) The draw – with real tickets - will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> May and winners will be contacted in turn to choose their prize. So far there are twelve to choose from details and pictures for you to admire are attached. Further details in next week's newsletter – start saving now!

**Feltham Food Bank** continues to need our donations for support those in need. Please donate money through their giving page. Their website address is [felthamfoodbank.org](http://felthamfoodbank.org).

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We are sad to report the death of The Revd. John Congdon, who many of you will have known most recently from when he has taken services at St Dunstan's. We send our prayers and condolences to his wife and all his family.

An Appreciation: The Revd John Congdon (90yrs) RIP

I first met John Congdon many years ago before I was ordained. I was leading a Sunday evening praise service and John, who was Chaplain of West Middlesex Hospital at the time, had been invited to preach. After speaking for about 7/8 minutes John stopped abruptly and reached into his jacket pocket. No mobile phones in those days, he had received a message-pager alert. "Sorry" said John, "I am on call and must get back to the hospital immediately!", and off he went! Somehow I managed to carry on and years later John would pull my leg about it when we met in Tesco's on our mutual shopping days.

The Revd David Vanstone, sometime curate at St Dunstan's, recalls the times in retirement he noticed John's name, along with his own, in the Services Register at churches where they were both helping out during interregnums. It might well be that this also happened at St Dunstan's during our own waiting time before vicar Anne was appointed. (Vicars never completely retire, you see.)

John and Mary Congdon were faithful member of St Mary's, Bedford for many years and were a great team, Mary being an accomplished organist. We give thanks to God for their dedicated ministry for so long.

We pray John may rest in peace, and rise again to glory.

Revd. Leslie Lawrence

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### **Public Notice from NHS North West London Clinical Commissioning Group**

**Questions or concerns about Covid 19 vaccines, pregnancy, fertility and breastfeeding** will be addressed at their free webinar with an NHS specialist on Thursday 6 May 2021 18.00- 19.30. A poster with the link to register is attached. Or go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search "fertility Covid vaccines" to find the event.

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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

Daily Hope line of bible readings, prayers and hymns (Church of England): 0800 804 8044

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/>

Feltham Food Bank: 07448 831 297 felthamfoodbank@gmail.com . A referral is needed.

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