

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 3  
January 2021

**Epiphany**

This Sunday we remember the wise men- or kings – seeking out Jesus, the new born king, at the beginning of the New Year in our calendar. In these very different times Christ is with us and like the wise men we may need to search and even travel in our minds and out of our routines to worship him whose star shines to reveal and invite all to his kingdom. The poem below by Tennyson invites us to ring in the Christ that is to be as we journey in faith, following our Lord and saviour into 2021.

May 2021 be a year of blessing for us all

*Anne Dollery*

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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### Church Notices: Southville Methodist

There will be no services in church until further notice. This is in line with the Covid19 Risk Assessment and resolution at a meeting of the Church Trustees held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020. We would encourage you to join other services online. If you would like to join services or receive printed / electronic service material (electronic is easier and more cost efficient) please contact: Jonathan Griffiths tel: 020-8890 1978, email: [jonathan.media.southville@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.media.southville@sfmtc.org.uk). Or call: Marilyn Woodley on 07958 737094. As always your safety is our top priority.

Meanwhile the Staines **Zoom Service** continues each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact [service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk) for a link.

**Circuit Bible Study by zoom on Thursdays** starting at 9.30am studying Matthew. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details to join – you can join by phone. Email contact: [jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk)

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### Church Notices: St. Dunstan

**There will be no services in church at St Dunstan's until further notice.** This decision was made by the PCC Standing Committee to preserve the life and health of all in our congregations. It is in response to the high infection rate of Covid 19 in our Tier 4 area and the Bishop of London's message that individual parishes could decide to only have services online and to cease services in church at this time in response to their individual situations.

The **Sunday Zoom service** takes place at 10.30am this Sunday 3rd. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone or tablet. **From next week- 10<sup>th</sup> January- it will change to 10am** while there is no Sunday service in church.

**Bible Study by zoom:** next meets at 8pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact Anne Dollery for details of how to take part (remotely).

**Christmas resources:** look on our website for recordings of Christmas services; pictures of nativity sets and Christmas trees; Christmas cards to us all; and poems about Christmas, being read by the vicar. And a photo of a nativity play in the 1970s, contributed by David Gamble; was he, by any chance, one of the angels? You decide!

**Bishop Sarah's Christmas letter to children:** is attached to this newsheet as a .pdf.

**Christmas thank you** to Shelagh Lagden (with support of Marion Foley) for the beautiful flower arrangement in church, to Jack and Susan Collins for our lovely Advent wreath, to David Gamble for singing safely as we received Holy Communion and to Ruth Stevens and Shirley Howell for their help with the outdoor Christingle.

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### Helping those in need

Please continue to support the **Feltham Food Bank:** website <http://felthamfoodbank.org> to donate on line and find out more. Donations of sealed packaged and tinned food can be left at the back of the church on Sundays. Please contact the Foodbank on 07448 831297 if you need to be referred for support. The Foodbank is part of the Covid 19 Response in Feltham.

**The Bedfont Lane Community Centre**, run by the Southern Avenue Residents Association, is distributing surplus food – ‘bridging the gap between food waste and food poverty’ 12–2pm Monday - Friday. Please do check their Facebook site to confirm times. They are asking that those taking food make a meaningful donation.

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### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 7pm-7.45pm: **Life in abundance: finding Jesus in the storm.** How can we take care of our mental and spiritual health, and live life faithfully and to the full, in the face of uncertainty, loss and change? John Swinton, in conversation with the Chancellor of St. Paul’s Cathedral. Available on catch-up; see [www.stpaulsresources.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsresources.co.uk).

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### Hark! the Herald Angels Sing .... or do they?

Hark! the herald angels sing  
“Health and safety is our thing.  
We’re all standing miles apart,  
Which doesn’t help the singers’ art.  
Joyful isn’t what we’re feeling;  
Carols don’t seem so appealing.  
Frankly it’s an uphill task  
Singing gladly through a mask.”

Hark! the herald angels sing  
“We can scarcely hear a thing!  
With these scarves across our faces,  
Altos might as well be basses.  
We can’t tell the Christmas story  
Sung in all its dazzling glory;  
Christmas spirit, take a hike!  
We’re all going off on strike.”

Notwithstanding this grumpy carol from Women’s Weekly, there is singing to be heard every Sunday at our zoom services – by everyone who cares to sing along with the choir of St. Martin in the Fields on Zoom. Keep your vocal chords active, we’re all going to need them one fine day!

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