

## Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 3rd  
October 2021

**Eighteenth  
Sunday after  
Trinity**



This is the first of our Harvest Festival Sundays- at Southville today and at St Dunstan's next Sunday. Harvest is a time when we give thanks for God's creation and for those who grow and distribute our food. We are also invited to give food, toiletries, clothing and money to support our neighbours in need, both near and far away. As the fuel distribution crisis begins to improve( I hope and pray), I am reminded to also give thanks for all that the earth provides; for ores and fuels of kinds, for wind, water, wave and solar power. And to give thanks for those who capture, mine, extract, process and deliver these riches to us. Reminding myself that with our use of the earth's scarce resources comes the great responsibility of care of the whole of Gods' creation.

Our basic needs are simple: to stay alive we need water, food, air, shelter; and loving care. Then there are our everyday needs for communication, education, care, work and transportation. In all these we are dependent on others and our behaviour affects others. John Donne tells us ' No man (or woman) is an island, everyone one is a part of the main' (land).

In times of uncertainly we may become anxious about our everyday needs being met. Some people will try to hoard their way out of anxiety, at the expense of others. We are fortunate that there is mostly enough of the everyday essentials to meet everyone's everyday needs. There is not enough – whether it be pasta, toilet rolls or petrol- if in our fears or greed we take more than we need for today.

In Exodus 16 God feeds the Israelites in the wilderness with bread from heaven, which they call Manna. Moses tells them to go out each morning to gather enough for that day for their family. They are told by Moses not to gather more than they need each day, as it will not keep. Of course some ignore the warning and find next day that the bread they have kept is foul, full of worms. But on the eve of the Sabbath the people are told that they can gather enough for two days, so that they can rest on the Sabbath. On that day the manna keeps and is fine for the next day.

Leaning to live trusting that God's provision will be enough for all is challenging. Particularly when so many in our Borough and across the country are having to rely on foodbanks. Trusting in God can lead to sharing and offering what we have with those in need. The abundance of God can be seen in the baskets of food left over when Jesus feeds 5,000 with five loaves and two fish ( Mark 6) - a sign that God is generous and provides more than enough for all.

*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

## Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Sunday services at 10.30am:

Today: **Harvest Festival** led by the Revd. Andrew Reed  
(with a collection of tinned/dried/packet food for the Riverside Vineyard Food bank)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October: **Holy Communion** led by the Revd. Juliet Ushewokunze

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

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

Times of services:

Sunday at 9.30am: **Service on Zoom™**

Sunday at 9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

And on Wednesdays:

10.00am: **Holy Communion** in church

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### Please note: next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> October) will be different

8.00am: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church

9.30am: **Service on Zoom™**

9.45am: **Harvest Thanksgiving** (family service, not Holy Communion) in church

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## Regular events

Every Monday 10.00am to 12 noon: the **Monday drop-in** in the Church Centre. Come along and share refreshments and gentle occupations, or just a chat. Bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 8am **Bible study on zoom** and fortnightly. Please contact Revd Anne for joining details; annedollery@ yahoo.co.uk

Second Thursday of the month, 2.00-4.00pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meet in the Church Centre. Next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> October and will include a few games of Bingo. Eyes down for a full house! See Shirley Howell or Marian Foley for more information.

Third Thursday of the month, 4.15-5.30pm: **Young people's fellowship** group meet in the Church Centre. Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October.

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## Harvest festival at St. Dunstan: 10<sup>th</sup> October

In thanksgiving to God for all we have received, we are invited to offer gifts for those less fortunate. They can all be brought to church, or please contact the Parish Office if you are unable to travel.

For **Tearfund**: gifts of money. See <https://www.tearfund.org/get-involved/donate>, or write a cheque (payable to Tearfund) or bring cash to church - Ian Stuchbury will forward them.

For **The Upper Room**: needs include new men's T-shirts, vests and underpants, soap (not shampoo), deodorants and toothpaste, clingfilm and tin foil. Large, strong black rubbish bags.

For **Feltham Food Bank**: food basics in tins or packets – no pasta please, we have plenty.

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## Dates for your diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm: **Young voices from Israel-Palestine**. A live (zoom) encounter led by 'Solutions not Sides', a UK charity. Richmond Inter-Faith Forum invite anyone interested to register at <https://riff-young-voices-israel-palestine.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm: **Feltham Local History Group** meeting at Christ Church.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October: **Christian Resources Exhibition** at Sandown Park, Esher.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 5.30-7.30pm: **Black History celebration** with Hounslow Council and many voluntary groups. On Zoom, meeting ID: 838 4434 5141, passcode: 247061. This year's theme is 'Proud to Be' – all are welcome!

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## Notices

From **Canaan Bookshop** in Staines: to celebrate Christian Bookshop Day on 9<sup>th</sup> October, we are holding a competition: anyone (regardless of age) is invited to draw or write a description of their favourite Christian book, submitting it on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct at the latest. Prizes are offered! [www.canaanbookshop.co.uk](http://www.canaanbookshop.co.uk) Tel: 01784 457194 info@canaanbookshop.co.uk

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**Pictures of the Monday drop-in and the Autumn lamps they made:**





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