

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 4
October
2020

**17th after
Trinity**

Autumn is my favourite time of the year. Long dog walks with acorns on the ground while the leaves begin to fall are good for the soul. The poet John Keats described Autumn as the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” in his poem Ode To Autumn.

From a Church point of view our thoughts turn to Harvest Festivals, always a time when the church engages with children and young people in our congregations and our schools. Harvest assemblies and special church services have traditionally been a way of thanking God for his gifts and showing generosity to others through the distribution of food to those in need. Well, this year we face a potential spike in the virus that seems to have changed the way we live, whether we like it or not.

We can still celebrate the season of Harvest - indeed it will take more than COVID 19 to stop us. We can still collect food or money or whatever is required for the causes we support, and we will. Things may be a bit different this year but we pray that the measures we take collectively to protect each other, as well as the research into a vaccine, will mean we can return to a more normal way of life by this time next year. In the meantime stay safe and enjoy the season of plenty: we still have a lot to give thanks for.

Duncan Forsyth

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Services at Southville will take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month: the next is

11th October at 10.30am, led by Mrs. Sheila Hassan

- followed by 25th October, 8th and 22nd November, and so on.

Meanwhile the Staines **Zoom Service** is expected to continue each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation, or Roz Sendorek on 01784 459984 or 07712 816163.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan

Services this week

Sunday **9.30am**: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church

Please note change of time until further notice.. Booking closes at noon on Saturday.

10.30am: **Zoom service** (joining details as before)

Wednesday 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church

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Please book a place each for each Sunday service in church. Numbers attending are rising, and there is a serious possibility that without a booking, you might be turned away – which nobody wants to happen. Booking can be by email to admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk or phone (0208 890 2011). When booking please give your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your contact phone number. You will have to wear a mask in church unless you are exempted.

The **PCC met** on 29th September and agreed to continue with the current pattern of services for the present. However, numbers attending Morning Prayer each Wednesday are very low, and it might not continue beyond October. If you have alternative suggestions for a Wednesday midweek service, the PCC would be pleased to hear them.

Harvest: please make your gifts and donations today. If you are attending the 9.30 service please leave any donations in the foyer. The church will be open this afternoon (Sunday 4th October) to receive tinned and dried foods and other items listed – please see list below . If this time is impossible, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time with Gary, when he is in the office.

Our Harvest gifts go to:

	<i>What we donate:</i>
Tear Fund: a Christian charity 'passionate about ending poverty', working through local churches in the areas of most need world-wide.	Money. See https://www.tearfund.org/ to donate online or send a cheque to Tear Fund, 100 Church Road, Teddington TW11 8QE.
The Upper Room: works with homeless or vulnerable adults to meet immediate needs and increase their employability, while building confidence and self-esteem. Based at St. Saviour in W12.	Clothing: new underwear and T shirts for men. Toiletries (but not shampoo). Paper cups, aluminium foil, cling film, toilet rolls. See fuller list at https://theupperroom.org.uk/get-involved/donate/donate-items/
Feltham Food Bank – feeding our hungry neighbours. Busier than ever now, after being disrupted by the pandemic.	Specially needed at present: tins of corned beef, tins of sweetcorn, tins of spaghetti in sauce, tins of tuna or sardines, sugar, UHT milk, instant coffee, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo. NOT needed: pasta, tins of soup.

Our (postponed) annual meeting will be held at 8pm on Friday 23 October. This will need to be held virtually through zoom by broadband and phone line. Please put the date in your diary. A copy of the revised Electoral Roll will be on display in church from 4th October.

We have vacancies on our PCC, which meets virtually at present so all you need is a phone line or a computer. This is your chance to contribute your views and advice on how the church moves forward – we need people with imagination! We also have a vacancy for a second Churchwarden, to work closely with the Vicar on all aspects of church management; past postholders have

commented how many skills they developed or extended through this opportunity. Finally, we need a PCC Secretary as well.

A belated welcome to Gary Welland, whom many of us know well already and who has looked after our website for years – who is now also our Parish Administrator. Gary is in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, please feel free to phone or email if he can assist you.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm (on Zoom): **West London Citizens** annual meeting. This is a new branch of Citizens UK, a participant organisation which trains people to listen, network and encourage community action for the common good. Initiatives in Hounslow include a campaign to get care workers paid the Living Wage. Anyone can listen in without any commitment; see <https://actionnetwork.org/events/the-joy-of-public-life-wlc-delegates>. If you need encouragement by hearing about good things that are happening, this is warmly recommended!

Thursday 12th November 7.00pm (on Zoom): **Hounslow Friends of Faith** will hold a celebration of its 20th Anniversary, during Interfaith Week. All are welcome to attend, details to follow.

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