

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 5
July 2020

**Fourth
after
Trinity**

I am sure that many of us are looking forward to resuming our lives as normally as possible in the coming weeks and months. Others may be anxious or even afraid about trips to the supermarket or the High Street. The things we once took for granted have become impossible and our lives have changed almost beyond recognition over the past few months. We have found a new way of doing church as we meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. Our church life continues as we meet and pray together online and I hope that most of us have found it to be a positive experience - I know I have, and I admit I was a bit sceptical at first.

Other areas of our lives have changed too; working from home and online meetings seem likely to be a permanent part of our lives going forward. Of course not everyone has the kind of job where that is possible and this has highlighted some profound inequalities in our society. We give thanks for the key workers but we cannot pretend that the burden of risk during the pandemic has been shared equally among us: the bus driver and the care home worker are just two occupations that have borne a far greater risk of infection than the professional working from home. How we deal with these and other inequalities going forward will define our country and Christians must play their part. We know who the people are that keep the country going now and they deserve fairness as well as respect.

Duncan Forsyth

Church life continues in our homes and in our lives, on line and by phone.

No public services will be held at St Dunstan's until after Sunday 12th July at the earliest. No public services will be held at Southville Methodist Church until September. The Feltham & Staines Methodist Circuit zoom services will continue until at least the end of August with Churches potentially opening from Sunday 6th September.

The restarting of groups and other events and activities in the churches and church centre will need to be considered by each church in the light of Government and Church guidance about safety and permitted activities.

You are invited to say The Lord's Prayer at 10am each Sunday, a joint act of prayer.

Church Notices

St Dunstan's **Sunday worship by Zoom** continues at 10am each week. A recording is usually available via the church's website. If you know anyone who might like to join us, please ask them to email admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk.

Continuing invitation from Roz Sendorek for **Southville Methodist Church to join the Staines Zoom Service** this Sunday at 10.30am. If you're not sure what to do please contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation. Roz 01784 459984 07712 816163

Please see the SFMC website for details of online **Bible Studies in our Circuit and other resources**.

St Dunstan's Bible study through Zoom will continue at 8pm on Monday 13th July). Please contact Anne Dollery if interested.

A mailing about the **restarting of services at St Dunstan's** will be sent out next week.

Other resources

A reminder from Barry Mockford of Canaan Ministries:

Greetings to you all from the 'Land of Canaan' (well the shop in Staines High Street!). We trust you are all well and keeping safe. Just to remind you that we are now open again for our usual hours of 10am-5pm Monday to Saturday (closed at the moment for lunch 1pm-2pm). You are all very welcome to come and visit us and as we can only have a maximum of three people at a time you can shop in safety, and be well looked after.

However, if you are not able to get into the shop, we are still able to deliver locally free of charge, so just call or email us, and we will do the rest.

Help Requested

Feltham, Hanworth & Bedfont's **Covid 19 Food Response** (which took on the work of the local Foodbanks) **needs more food and other basics** such as toiletries. Please donate money on line to help buy additional food at : <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/feltham-the-salvation-army> . Donations should go to one of the collection points at Feltham Salvation Army, Reach Academy, Riverside Vineyard or Christ Church between 10am – 2pm only on their individual days of opening for collection. Please check at 'Covid 19 Food response' or Feltham Salvation Army website for the particular days of opening.

Good News

The **clinical scrubs** contributed by people at St. Dunstan's were enthusiastically received and some hints dropped that more would be welcome! (No promises have been made in response.) If not required immediately by local primary care centres, the scrubs will go to St. Peter's Hospital in Chertsey. Mrs. Joyce Higginbotham, the retired teacher of dressmaking who did most of the work, has been asked to send a photograph to appear in future Hounslow Council "good news" stories. We have also been encouraged to claim back the cost of materials (about £180 in all) from Hounslow Council; this means that anyone who made a donation could either have their money back or let Ian Stuchbury know if there's another good cause they would like it to go to.



Osterley National Trust gardens and car park have reopened. You will need to book your garden and carpark visit in advance: do this at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/osterley-park-and-house/whats-on>. The park is still open without booking for walkers who don't arrive by car.

Joke, joke - thanks to Jackie Trebett

What did the policeman say to his tummy? "You're under a vest."

A teacher tells a little boy off about his homework. This essay you wrote about your pet dog, says the teacher, is exactly the same, word for word, as the one your brother wrote. "Of course it is", says the boy, "it's the same dog!".

A man is telling his friend that the previous night he went to hear his MP give a speech which lasted over an hour. "What was he talking about?" "I don't know", says the man, "he didn't say".

From Hounslow Borough Council:

Give your views

The Council has launched a survey to learn about the impacts of coronavirus on the borough. It would like to know how you and the people you live with have been affected, hear your thoughts about the future and the type of support you may need, and opinions on how the Council has responded and what it could do better.

This survey is completely anonymous and you don't have to answer every question. The results will inform and influence the Council in future. [Complete the survey here.](#)

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