

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 5th
September 2021

**Fourteenth
Sunday after
Trinity**

This is the time of year for new beginnings for many of our young people; starting nursery or 'big school', going up to a new class, new school, higher education and university beckon for many.

And for the rest of us beginning again or coming back to church, social activities and some return to the workplace.

We are all going into the unknown. The good news is that Jesus said to his disciples, 'I will be with you always' and he sent his Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us'. As the risen Christ went ahead of the disciples to Galilee so he goes ahead of us into the coming months. One of the symbols of Christian discipleships is an open sailing boat, (which is a symbol used by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland). If our lives are like being on a journey, the pandemic has been like very stormy weather over the last 20 months. We do not know what weather lies ahead. But we are promised that whatever happens, Jesus is with us. When the disciples roused Jesus fearing the boat will be swamped by the storm, he commands the wind and waves to cease and he asks the disciples, 'why were you afraid?'

I have been very impressed by and thank God for the care and sacrifice for each other, the NHS and the wider community shown by so many over these last 18 months and the lack of fear. We have faced the threat of sickness and loss of those we love, loss of employment and loss of our own lives and health. While the vaccines have protected and saved thousands of lives, the Covid 19 virus continues to be a threat to life and livelihood. This is why going into the unknown we will need to continue to be careful and cautious for those we live with and amongst in these changed times. Caution and care for others; loving our neighbours as ourselves. Continuing to cast out fear. Joyfully beginning our lives afresh and again.

Anne Dollery

Saturday 4th September 3pm at St Dunstan's church centre- St Dunstan's and Southville social get together. All welcome. We hope to be outside in the garden, for tea/coffee, cake and catch up. Please note parking is not expected to be available outside the church. Please park on the local roads.

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

Sundays at 10.30am: **Morning Worship**

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

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services:

Sunday 5th September 9.30am **Service on zoom** preacher Rachel Stuchbury
10.30am **Holy Communion** in church – preacher Rachel Stuchbury

Sunday 12th September

9.45am **Holy Communion** in church – Revd. Jonathan Rust, Director of Mission, Kensington Area
Service on zoom – TBC

Sunday 19th September 9.45am **Holy Communion** in church – Revd. Canon Miles Baker, Area
Director of Mission, Kensington Area

Service on zoom – TBC

Sunday 25th September 9.45am **Holy Communion** in church – Revd. Anne Dollery

Service on zoom – TBC

And on Wednesdays:

10.00am **Holy Communion** in church

We do need people to read lessons, lead intercessions and help with children's activities; please think about this and please see details in 'Notices' below Sign-up sheets will be available today.

Dates for your diary

Today, 11am-5pm: **Brentford Art Trail**. See www.creativemile.org or just go along.

Tomorrow (Monday) at 10.00am: the **Monday drop-in is back!** gathering (safely) in the Church Centre. Every Monday for the foreseeable.

St Dunstan's PCC meeting due to be held on Tuesday 7th September has been postponed. A new date is being arranged.

Tuesday at 7.45pm: **Feltham History Society** meeting in Christ Church

Thursday at 2.00pm: **WOT group** meeting in the Church Centre for a Beetle Drive.

Friday at 5.00pm: **Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral** with the Bishop of London, to celebrate Bishop Pete of Willesden who will be retiring next year. All welcome, no need to book but be seated by 4.50pm.

Monday 4th 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 12th to Thursday 14th October: **Christian Resources Exhibition** at Sandown Park, Esher.

People

We send our condolences to Leslie- Anne Lewis and her family on the sudden death of her father Gary Lewis. Please pray for her as they prepare to join the rest of the family for his funeral on 14th September in the USA.

We send our **congratulations to all GCSE and A Level students** who received their results this summer, to Emma Brown on her GCSE results and on her new after school job as a life guard.

We send our best wishes to Kim and Paul Warburton, who got married in St Dunstan's yesterday (Saturday) The first couple to do so for nearly two years.

Notices

The whole life of St Dunstan's, our worship, our practical and pastoral care, our buildings and grounds can only happen with the regular help of many people. We give thanks for all who have serviced us in the past and are serving us now. As more of the life of our church begins again

ST. DUNSTAN'S NEEDS YOU!

Please email Ian Stuchbury on ian.stuchbury@phonecoop.coop, (or ring him on 0208 890 5632 and leave a message) , if you can volunteer to help, or sign up on the lists at the back of church, letting us know which dates you are not available:

- ✓ to lead intercessions on Sundays
- ✓ to read a bible reading
- ✓ with Junior Church on a Sunday
- ✓ to count the retiring collection (fortnightly)
- ✓ serve refreshments
- ✓ maintain the Churchyard
- ✓ maintain Church buildings

Email Bible Study—from 8th September we will be studying the first 6 chapters of Isaiah. Anyone not already on the list and who would like to receive the study please contact Anne Mills-Roberts on 01784 613357.

From **Canaan Bookshop** in Staines: now open from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Free local deliveries are available for those not wishing to shop in person. Canaan Ministries will once again have a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition which will be at Sandown Park, Esher, on 12th to 14th October; if you plan to attend, please book your ticket using the link on the Canaan website, www.canaanbookshop.co.uk

The **WOT group** is back to meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at a new time of 2-4pm. Our next meeting is Thursday 9th September, we will be having a Beetle Drive, all ladies welcome. More information from Shirley or Marian.

More good news: the **Monday morning drop-in** is back! 10.00am to 12 noon every Monday (except bank holidays), starting 6th September, in the Church Centre. Come along, meet with others and share some refreshments. There may be crafts, quizzes, board games, jigsaw puzzles or anyone is welcome just to pop in for a chat. Stay as long as you like. Bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you.



Busy people working on the children's activities sent out from church recently.

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