

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 6 June  
2021

**First Sunday  
after Trinity**

Cautious optimism. That's what I felt this morning, on being told by The Today Programme that nobody had died of COVID in the last twenty four hours. Hope. I don't want to get too carried away; we live in an area with a variant strain of the virus and we are asked to maintain our guard for a while longer.

In church that means we have to maintain social distancing and other measures. I'd personally like to thank everyone for their understanding and I hope that people will feel confident enough to return to church in the weeks and months ahead. We will continue to provide a safe environment for worship and fellowship as restrictions are eased.

We should allow ourselves to hope though. Hope is at the centre of the Christian message. We hope that we will soon be able to sing in church; we hope that we will be able to sit with whoever we choose, or not, as the case may be; mostly though, we hope that the worst impact of this virus has been overcome and that those affected personally through illness or bereavement can begin to heal in body, mind and spirit.

*Duncan Forsyth*

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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](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@sfmc.org.uk)

## Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Today: **Morning Worship** Mr. Graham Wells  
13<sup>th</sup> June 10:30 am: **Morning Worship** Miss Rudado Ushewokunze

The current covid restrictions will remain in place until further notice; these include restricted numbers, pre booking, single seating, no singing and no refreshments.

Southville Church will be **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month from 09:30 to 10:30am; the next occasion will be Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

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

Sunday services (for the next five weeks, pending review):

9.30am **Service on zoom**  
10.30am **Holy Communion** in church - booking is appreciated

And on Wednesdays:

10.00am **Holy Communion** in church – no need to book

A change of time for our Sunday services is being tried, to see whether it enables more people to come to church. Please note that government guidance for indoor services remains largely the same as before 17<sup>th</sup> May: hand sanitizing, masks to be worn, no

congregational singing inside the church and socially distanced seating (which in our Borough is seating by individual household, because of local infection patterns).

For our zoom services, phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

**Zoom Bible study** will continue tomorrow at 8pm. Contact Anne Dollery for joining details.

**Email Bible study** group are about to study Ephesians which will take us up to our summer break. Anyone with suggestions for our autumn study or anyone wanting to join the Ephesians study, please contact Anne Mills-Roberts on 01784 613357.

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## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon: **Funeral of Connie Rowse** in St. Dunstan's. All are welcome; no flowers by request; the family invite individual donations to Cancer Research UK instead.

Advance notice: **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 'Pond Fest' at Bridge House Pond**. We are invited to be involved, either running a stall or helping with stalls. Please contact Gary at the Parish Office.

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## Other news

St Paul's Cathedral has opened **Remember Me**, an online book of remembrance for all those who were living in the UK and have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. People of all beliefs or none are invited to submit, free of charge, the name, photograph and a short message in honour of a deceased person. *Remember Me* will be open for entries for as long as it is needed. To launch the project, the choristers of St Paul's have recorded a special piece of music. See [www.rememberme2020.uk](http://www.rememberme2020.uk) for details.

Rabbi Dr. Miri Lawrence is requesting help with an interesting project concerning experiences of **religious practice during Covid-19**, entitled Stay Home Stories. The project is funded by the government's Arts and Humanities Research Council and is a partnership between several universities and museums, see [www.stayhomestories.co.uk](http://www.stayhomestories.co.uk). Please contact [m.p.lawrence@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:m.p.lawrence@qmul.ac.uk) if you would be willing to be interviewed on zoom.

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## A few phone numbers in case of need

Samaritans: 116 123 (and it's free)

Domestic Abuse UK: 0808 200 0247

Hopeline Suicide Prevention (aimed at young people or those concerned about a young person): 0800 068 4141

Mind information line (on mental health problems and how to seek help): 0300 123 3393

CAP Christians against Poverty: free debt counselling 0800 328 0006. <https://capuk.org/>

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## From the Borough of Hounslow:

The Secretary of State announced on Wednesday 19 May that extra testing and increased vaccination would be taking place in the London Borough of Hounslow to help tackle the current Covid variant of concern. Three weeks now remain of the five-week 'surge'.

Here are simple steps we can all take:

- Take one PCR test during our five week surge period if you live in Hounslow
- Get vaccinated when you can
- Continue taking twice weekly rapid tests to ensure you are not spreading the virus without knowing

To see latest updates and latest information about any pop-up vaccination clinics  
[www.hounslow.gov.uk/surge](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/surge)

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### And after all that we'd better have a joke ...

A priest parked his car on a yellow line in the middle of a big city. He left a note on the car windscreen which read: *Dear Warden, I have been round the centre ten times looking for a spot; if I don't park here I will be late for my church service.* In big letters was added: *Forgive Us Our Trespasses.*

When he returned to the car it had a parking ticket on the windscreen, with a note which read: *Sir, I have been circling the city centre for ten years; if I don't give you a ticket I could lose my job.* In big letters was added: *Lead Us Not Into Temptation.*

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