

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 6th  
September  
2020

**Thirteenth  
after Trinity**

September is a time of new beginnings and this is a September like no other. As people begin to return to work and young people head back to school or university, so we seek to come together for worship in greater numbers and in safety. Not everybody will feel able to return to church but it is right that we gather according to the rules and guidelines if we can. The future is a bit uncertain and we pray that the virus does not spike during the winter months necessitating further lockdown measures either locally or nationally.

It has been an unsettling time for everyone and the economic consequences will have a negative impact on many people in our community; changes to the furlough scheme are likely to result in redundancy and unemployment for many. I know that many of us support initiatives like the food bank, and I'm sure that support will become even more crucial in the coming months as many more families face hardships they could not have anticipated just a few months ago.

Churches will play a vital role in providing practical and pastoral support. We must be supportive of each other, bearing in mind the impact the virus and the lockdown has had on people's psychological and physical well-being. Covid 19 has changed us all to some extent: it has changed the way we come together to worship God, but we have not gone away. I pray we will rise to the challenges ahead as we adapt to changing circumstances and thrive as a Christian presence here in Feltham

*Duncan Forsyth*

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## Church Notices: St. Dunstan

### Services this week – please note changes in timing for September:

Today at 9.45am: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church. *Booking closes at noon on Saturday*

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

Wednesday at 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church. *No need to book a place; just give your phone number at the door*

### Services next week- 13<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.45am: **Morning Prayer** (said service) led by Duncan Forsyth our Church Warden. *Booking closes at noon on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>.*

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

There will be no Morning Prayer services in the weeks of 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September. Morning Prayer services will begin again in October.

Our services of Holy Communion at 9.45am on Sundays will recommence on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Please book a place to attend a Sunday service in church by emailing [admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk) or phoning 0208 890 2011. When booking please give your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your contact phone number.

The Church of England now requires all those attending services (except those leading) to **wear face masks in church**, unless you are exempted by the Government regulations for wearing of face masks.

Advance notice that **St Dunstan's (postponed) APCM** has to be held before 31<sup>st</sup> in October. This will need to be held virtually with connection through zoom by broadband and phone line. The date of the APCM and information about any revision of our Electoral Role at this time will be in next week's Newsletter.

St Dunstan's Bible study will begin again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> by zoom at 8pm. Please contact Anne Dollery if you would like to join.

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### **Church Notices: Southville Methodist**

Public services will begin again at Southville Church at the end of September.

Continuing invitation from Roz Sendorek for to join the Staines **Zoom Service** this Sunday at 10.30am. If you're uncertain, please contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation, or Roz on 01784 459984 or 07712 816163.

We are very sorry to hear that the Rev'd Peter Clark died on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Peter retired from Christ Church and our Circuit to Beverley in North Humberside. We remember his ministry among us and his thought provoking articles for this Newsletter. We send our condolences and our prayers to his family and friends in North Humberside and around the world.

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The House of Prayer in Molesey is an ecumenical space which tries to offer a space for prayer, meditation and reflection. It has a growing list of events, some via Zoom and others at the House. See <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme>. The next is a retreat at home, individually guided (via Zoom). It runs from this Friday (11<sup>th</sup> Sept) at 7pm to Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> Sept) at 3.30pm.

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#### **A visit to the seaside by Anne Dollery**

A couple of weeks ago I visited friends who live at Frinton on Sea, which is near Clacton on the Essex coast. It is famous for its beach huts – there are hundreds of them. And not a single place on the seafront selling ice cream nor an amusement arcade in sight. You can't even hire a deckchair. But what it does have is the most amazing collection of private large houses- some Art Deco – many built in the first years of the last century. One of these- the Flemish House - was for sale in August. Looking at the pictures online it had a very, very large sitting room and a lovely terrace. Fine for entertaining. In the 1920s and 30s Frinton was the place to go for a long weekend and celebrities of the time – Douglas Fairbanks Junior, Gracie Fields and many more now long forgotten were regular guests at these large 'party houses'. In the 1920s Winston Churchill wanted to buy a house at Frinton, but his wife was not keen and they ended up at Chartwell. My friends told me that Frinton used to pride itself on not attracting day trippers. How times change, as on a fine summers day Frinton is now packed with day visitors spending a quiet day on the beach, getting away from the noise and expense of the usual seaside attractions.

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