

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 7
February 2021

**Second Sunday
before Lent**

There has been a great deal of justifiable concern expressed about the impact of the past year with all its lockdowns and restrictions on the mental health of the nation. The enforced isolation that many people have had to endure will surely have had a profound impact. but I would particularly like to concentrate on the mental health of our children and young people. School, college and university closures have disrupted the lives and educations of this generation like no other since the Second World War.

The first week in February is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is "Expressing Yourself". Youngsters are encouraged to undertake creative activities that make them feel good and aid self-expression. Youth groups like the church groups that are usually available are currently suspended or have moved online. When we are able to safely reopen our churches we must be mindful of our responsibility to support and nurture our children and young people and to encourage their faith journey. We must celebrate their contribution to church life and embrace them for who they are, in all their rich diversity. The past year hasn't been easy for anybody but the vaccines bring hope and our young people are the living expression of this.

Duncan Forsyth

Together for Lent Bible study on zoom

A Lent bible study group by zoom for Southville and St Dunstan's will be held on Tuesday evenings 19.45-21.00. The group will be using material from 'Transformed by the Presence of Jesus' by Liz Babbs. Please email Marilyn Woodley at: marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com if you wish to join the study group.

23 rd February	Walking with Jesus	Luke 24:13-35
2 nd March	Known by Jesus	John 4:1-26
9 th March	Waiting for Jesus	John 11:1-44
16 th March	Named by Jesus	John 20:1-18
23 rd March	Faith and Jesus	Matthew 14:22-36
30 th March	Obedience and Jesus	John 21:1-14

A daytime Lent study group on zoom could also be offered if there were sufficient people to make it viable. Please email admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk if you would only be interested in attending a daytime study group.

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

There will be no services in church until further notice. We would encourage you to join other services online. If you would like to join services or receive printed / electronic service material

(electronic is easier and more cost efficient) please contact: Jonathan Griffiths tel: 020-8890 1978, email: jonathan.media.southville@sfmtc.org.uk. Or call Marilyn Woodley on 07958 737094.

Meanwhile the Staines **Zoom Service** continues each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk for a link.

Circuit Bible Study by zoom on Thursdays starting at 9.30am studying Matthew. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details to join – you can join by phone. Email contact: jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk

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The **Sunday Zoom service has moved** to 10.00am each Sunday. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone or tablet. Preacher on 21st February will be Rachel Stuchbury.

The **church mailing** for the coming weeks, including Lent, should arrive by 7th February.

Recording of **weekday morning prayer** for Wednesday is on St Dunstan's website.

Bible Study by zoom: suspended until Easter as the Lent Bible Study is available, see above.

Ash Wednesday: a service will be held on zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th February,

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th February 7pm-7.45pm: **Rooted in love.** Bishop Sarah and Paula Gooder in conversation about the love of Christ, what it means to be part of the body of Christ, and how we can draw closer to Christ this Lent. John Swinton, in conversation with Paula Gooder, Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral. Book to attend at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-jesus-in-the-storm-tickets-127980488085?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1; also available on catch-up, see www.stpaulsresources.co.uk.

Thursday 18th February 7pm: **Organ donation** – a Zoom meeting organised by Hounslow Friends of Faith. All are welcome to discuss this important topic.

Saturday 27th February 10am-4pm: **Wondrous Doings: Praying the Psalms.** A study day arranged by the House of Prayer, Molesey (via Zoom). See <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/wondrous-doings-praying-the-psalms>

Lent opportunities

During Lent, anyone who uses the internet or has a radio is offered an opportunity to get to know Jesus better. Daily materials for prayer and reflection, including appropriate art and music, are offered at <https://www.onlineprayer.net/> while the regular services on BBC Radio 4 will be using the same themes and methods. (These services are the Daily Service at 9.45am Monday to Friday, and Sunday Worship at 8.10am on Sunday.) The inspiration is Ignatian spirituality, which encourages the careful reading of stories in the Gospels to become better acquainted with Jesus and to learn to walk with him every moment of our ordinary daily life.

Anyone for a joke? (Don't say you weren't warned.)

An exercise for anyone feeling that lockdown is making them less fit:

Begin with a one-pound potato bag in hand. Extend your arms straight out from your sides, hold them there for a full minute, and then relax. After a few weeks, move up to five-pound potato bags; when you can hold them for a minute without feeling your arms tremble, try a pair of ten-

pound potato bags. When you can hold these out for more than a minute, try again with a potato in each bag.

What lies at the bottom of the sea and twitches? A nervous wreck.

How do mathematicians scold their children? "If I've told you that n times, I've told you n+10 times!"

A recent finding by statisticians: the average human being has one breast and one testicle.

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