

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 7 March
2021

**Third Sunday in
Lent**

I'm walking through Lent. Not much else you can do at the moment is there? Recreational opportunities are somewhat thin on the ground at the moment but walk we can as long as we don't stray too far from home. Frankly I have to walk in all weathers as I'm the owner of a great big Golden Retriever called Cooper. The dog has perfected the death stare when it's time for his walk & won't be put off whatever the climate. It's a good opportunity to relax and clear the mind though and can help you prepare for the days or weeks ahead. A chance to reflect a bit and enjoy the tentative signs of new life as we move inexorably towards Easter. Daffodils. Woodpeckers. A Red Kite. All around us the natural world is waking up as winter recedes and as Christians our spiritual focus is on the forty days and forty nights Christ spent in the wilderness. We know how the story ends but we nevertheless have hope. We see it all around us. We hope and pray circumstances allow us to gather in person during Holy Week and particularly on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection but even if we are unable to do so we will celebrate Easter in other ways and with hope in our hearts. I will keep walking. It's less of a trudge through mud now both physically and metaphorically which is a relief because Cooper fixes me with the death stare three times daily.

DUNCAN FORSYTH

Together for Lent Bible study on zoom

A Lent Bible study group for Southville and St Dunstan's is held on Tuesday evenings 19.45-21.00. The group is 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.

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| 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 |

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

Church Notices: St. Dunstan

Services in church: at a meeting of the PCC on Monday it was reported that the Director of Public Health in Hounslow had asked places of worship not to reopen for the present. The PCC agreed that the church should remain closed but would hope – if Covid infection rates continue to decline – that services in church might resume on Palm Sunday and continue over Easter. The Sunday Zoom service will continue.

Sunday Zoom service, currently at 10.00am, will continue: we thank God that some of us have got to know one another much better through this service, while noting that others find that zoom services do not suit them and that there are a few who have been unable to do so. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

Mothering Sunday flowers and prayers: we hope to deliver a small plant with a prayer to the more senior women in our congregation living locally on the weekend of 14th March.

A recording of the **weekday morning prayer** for Wednesday is on the St Dunstan's website.

If you would like to contribute we are collecting again for **Feltham Young Offenders Angel Tree Mothering Sunday**, to send a card and small gift voucher on their behalf to the young men's mother (or other significant person, e.g. aunt, grandmother). Donations are welcomed - closing date 21st March 2021 - and can be by cheque or through the link on our parish website - please indicate it is for Angel Tree. Thanks Dee Howley

A reminder of the **Diocesan Lent Appeal:** money collected this year will be given to three charities working (in the UK only) to combat youth violence. Donations online via the diocesan website; Ian Stuchbury will pass on donations made without GiftAid which reach him, but please be aware that the parish cannot deal with GiftAided donations.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd March 7.00-8.30pm: **Faith and mental health.** An online lecture by the Bishop of London. Register (free) at <https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5af4adf742512ff619ff611e4&id=a153eaaf21&e=7f0486957a> .

Lent opportunities

Have you heard any of the **Lent Talks** on Radio 4? Wednesdays, 8.45-9.00pm. The first was by an anaesthetist working in Intensive Care, a beautifully-written letter to his new-born daughter.

People

We pray for Richard Clayton and all his family following the recent loss of his aunt Macma Cynthia Morgan who died in hospital in Jamaica.

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

Daily Hope line of bible readings, prayers and hymns (Church of England): 0800 804 8044

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/>

A reminder from Hounslow Council:

Vaccinations against coronavirus are taking place; anyone aged 60 or over, or clinically 'extremely vulnerable', is invited to make an appointment. Go to www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination_or_phone_119, with your NHS number handy.

And a reminder from Canaan ministries: the bookshop is still closed of course, but happy to take orders and deliver them for any church requirements. It can also benefit if you order any other kind of book via <https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/canaanbookshop> (you may know that uk.bookshop.org is a scheme by independent bookshops trying to survive in the extremely adverse trading conditions).

Crocuses at St. Dunstan's:



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