

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday
9 January 2022

**Epiphany
Season**

January the sixth marks the feast of Epiphany. While universally celebrated by Christians worldwide as the Magi visited Jesus, lots of local traditions exist and I thought it would be interesting to explore a few here. In France families enjoy a special cake called une Galette des Rois or Kings' cake. Made of pastry and almonds, a small charm is hidden inside and the finder is believed to be the recipient of good luck if they avoid an expensive trip to the dentist. It reminded me of the tradition of hiding sixpences in Christmas puddings when people made their own. We had a very nice pudding from Aldi this year and if I'd found anything hard and metallic in it I'd probably be demanding a refund.

In Italy Epiphany is the time when "La Befana", the Good Witch of Christmas, gives gifts to children. There is an interesting legend surrounding the Witch and The Three Wise Men: the three lodge with La Befana overnight and the next day she has a sudden impulse to join their quest, running out of her cottage without putting her broom down, but unable (yet) to overtake them. In Spain the celebrations include colourful parades through the streets and children write letters to the Magi requesting gifts. In Prague the hardy citizens might take a swim in the icy Vitava river by the medieval Charles Bridge. In Australia Orthodox Christians will visit the Frankston waterfront near Melbourne for the annual blessing of the waters, linked of course to the baptism of Christ. So many traditions and only the space to mention a few here. They all display an awareness that this is a significant and joyful occasion, affecting all people – not just the specially pious.

Duncan Forsyth

Currently, face coverings are mandatory in places of worship. While there are exemptions, this is a legal requirement.

Methodist Circuit

Bible Study by Zoom™ or phone on Thursdays starting at 10.00am, please join by 09:45. Contact Graham Wells for details on 01784 258785 or g.wells988@gmail.com.

Church notices: Southville Methodist

Sunday services at 10.30am:

9th January: **Covenant Service of Holy Communion** led by the Rev. Andrew Reed

16th January: **Morning worship** led by the Worship Group

Southville Church is **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month, 09:30-10:30am

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services:

9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

Weekdays:

10.00am: **Holy Communion** in church

Regular events

Every Monday 10.00am to 12 noon: the **Monday drop-in** in the Church Centre. Come along and share refreshments, try your hand at crafts, or just have a chat. Bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you.

Fortnightly on Mondays at 8.00pm: Bible study on Zoom™ resumes tomorrow, Monday 10th January 2022, studying Acts.

Second Thursday of the month, 2.00-4.00pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meet in the Church Centre. Next meeting is on 13th January – come and enjoy a chat and cuppa, and plan this year's meetings.

By arrangement, 10am one Sunday in the month: **Young people's fellowship** group meet in the Church Centre. For children aged 11 upwards; speak to Melanie O'Neill or the vicar.

People

We are sad to report that **Jean Edwards**, a long-familiar face at Southville, died peacefully on Boxing Day morning. The funeral will be held at Southville, Wednesday 2nd February at 11am. Committal (at the crem.) restricted to family. It would help if you rang Robina on 0203 674 8479 if you plan to attend the service, to keep track of likely numbers.

Notices

Thank you for your generosity to many good causes in this season when need can be acute. Or, to put it another way, for your presents to Jesus on his birthday. Some of them are:

Angel Tree (presents from Young Offenders to their children): £125

The Children's Society: £190.15 (plus any contributions made online)

Crisis: £217.42

Feltham Food Bank: bags of food! plus monthly cash donations from several people

Looking back at the **Ecumenical Carol Service**: a recording was made and can be downloaded from www.stdunstansfeltham.org.uk, or Ian Stuchbury can supply a CD. Rachel Stuchbury wishes to thank all those who sang and/or played: "The recording proves how good it sounded, and I hope everybody who took part feels as I do, that it was well worth while."

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Prayer sheet for Sunday 9th January 2022

for the Ecumenical Parish of Feltham: St Dunstan's Anglican and Southville Methodist churches

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Dunstan's (keeping Epiphany on 9 th January and Baptism of Christ on 16 th)			
Readings in church, 9 th January:	Readings at Zoom™ service, 9 th January:	Readings in church, 16 th January:	Readings at Zoom™ service, 16 th Jan.:
Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12	Isaiah 60: 1-9 John 2: 1-11	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 55: 1-11 Romans 6: 1-11 Mark 1: 4-11
Southville (keeping Baptism of Christ on 9 th January and Epiphany II on 16 th January)			
Readings 9 th January:		Readings 16 th January:	
Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22		Isaiah 62: 1-5 I Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11	

Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

In the news:

As energy prices rise worldwide, we pray for all for whom this rise will cause suffering and want; and we pray that good may come out of the rises, with governments and companies investing in lower-energy development.

From Churches Together:

We pray for all who worship at Bethany Church, Bedfont, for their leaders and their mission.

In the parish: We ask God's blessing on all who live or work in Highfield Road, Orchard Road, Magnolia Court, Bowsley Court, Taylor Court, Ivory Court, Catherine Court, Peach Road or Hazel Grove.

Those who are ill or in particular need: Brian Elliott (older brother to Shirley Howell, in hospital with failing health), Maurice Park (Helen Forsyth's father), Josie Coates, Diana Gamble, Graham, Maria Lee (awaiting cardiac surgery), Barbara Meakin (The Cloisters Nursing Home), Barbara Tonkins, Rosemary White (Beryl Gamble's sister), Susanna Woollam

Those who have died recently and those who mourn them: Jean Edwards, Patricia Everett, Pamela Squares, Clarice Miller

Those for whose lives we give thanks:

Carlton Bruce, Billie Clayden, Win Gamble