

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sundays 9 -
23 August
2020

**9th to 11th
after Trinity**

O God, the source of our common life,
when we are dry and scattered,
when we are divided and alone,
we long for connection, we long for community.
Breathe of God, breath on us

With those we live beside,
who are often strange to us,
whom we may be afraid to approach,
yet who have riches of friendship to share,
we long for connection, we long for community.
Breathe of God, breath on us

With those we have only heard of,
who see with different eyes,
whose struggles we try to imagine,
whose fierce joy we wish we could grasp,
we long for connection, we long for community.
Breathe of God, breath on us

With those we shall never know,
but whose lives are linked to ours,
whose shared ground we stand on,
and whose common air we breathe.
We long for connection, we long for community.
Breathe of God, breath on us

When we are dry and scattered,
when we are divided and alone,
when we are cut off from the source of our life,
open our graves, O God,
that all your people
may be free to breath, strong to move,
and joyful to stand together
to celebrate your name.

Janet Morley

Church life continues in our homes and in our lives, on line and by phone.

You are invited to say The Lord's Prayer at 10am each Sunday, a joint act of prayer.

The next News & Prayer sheet will be for 30th August.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan

Sunday worship : a service by Zoom is held at 10am each week, and the PCC has decided that it will continue until at least the end of August as it remains popular. This means our Sunday service of Holy Communion in church will continue to take place at 6.00pm.

These arrangements will be reviewed by the end of August and PCC members would welcome comments from anyone interested. To help this please do respond by 22 August to the **questionnaire** which is going out today with this Newsletter to St Dunstan folk.

Services in church during August:

Sundays at 10.00am: **Service by Zoom**. Phone 0208 890 2011 for joining details.

Sundays at 6.00pm: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church. Booking closes at noon on Saturday.

Thursdays at 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church. No need to book a place.

Please book a place to attend by emailing 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 in church to **wear face masks in church**, unless you are exempted by the Government regulations for wearing of face masks.

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

No public services will be held at Southville Church until September. The Circuit's Zoom services will continue until at least the end of August with churches potentially opening from Sunday 6th 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.

Dates for your diary

If you want to retreat and regroup

Lama Alan Wallace of Lampeter has agreed to provide an On-Line Retreat with Dr. Eva Natanya, from 18 to 23 August, entitled 'Dwelling in the heart of reality: parallel practices in Buddhist Dzogchen and Christian mysticism'. Details at contemplative-consciousness.net/lampeter-2020-virtual-retreat/

Nearer home, The House of Prayer in Molesey has organised an preached retreat using Zoom which will run from Sunday 27th September to Friday 2nd October: 'Rebuild my church: new wine – new wineskins after Covid-19'. Two conferences each day (10.30am and 4.30pm) – see <https://www.christian-retreat.org/covid19update> for this and other possibilities.

Joke, joke Contributed by Jackie (of course!)

A woman walks into a clothes shop and says, "Could I try on that dress in the window?". "You can if you want", replies the assistant "but customers usually prefer the changing room".

A man walks into a builder's merchant and asks for 25,000 bricks and a two foot square steel mesh. "What are you going to do with those?" asks the assistant. "I'm building a barbecue",

says the man. "You don't need all those bricks for a barbecue!" protests the assistant. "Oh, I think I do", says the man, "I'm on the fourteenth floor".

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