

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 11 April  
2021

**Sunday after  
Easter**

I planted some red tulips last autumn and their large red flowers have remained firmly closed all week. I began to wonder if they would ever open in this cold weather – then today the sun was warm and there was no cold wind. I found the flowers had finally opened. They are glorious and were waiting for the warmth, which also brought out insects for pollination. Spring is all around us. Bringing new life. The gradual relaxation of the Covid restrictions in coming weeks, we hope, and the continuing vaccination programme also bring the promise of new life.

On the evening of Easter day the risen Jesus comes to the disciples behind locked doors. His living presence and his greeting of peace begin to release the disciples from fear and grief. They received the gift of the Holy Spirit and their new lives began as Jesus sent them to share the good news.

Spring is slowly happening all around us; the Easter greeting tells us that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia! New life with Christ, new life in our fellowships and communities. We will be going out changed by our experiences over the last year, into a world that has changed. We are sent with Christ's peace. To share in new life, to bring new life. To dare to grow and bloom and bear much seed.

*Anne Dollery*



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## Church Notices: Southville Methodist

No services in Church are planned for the remainder of April – check the weekly notices for updates.

We will continue to circulate service material each week by email and printed, for those without access to the internet (electronic is easier and more cost efficient). If you have not been receiving these and would like to please contact: Jonathan or Roger on 020-8890 1978, email: [jonathan.media.southville@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.media.southville@sfmtc.org.uk) or call Marilyn Woodley on 07958 737094.

Meanwhile Staines Methodist Church are continuing to Zoom their service each Sunday at 10:30 and we would encourage you to join. For an invite email [service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk)

**Circuit Bible Study by zoom on Thursdays** starting at 10.00 please join by 09:45. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details to join – you can also join by phone. Email contact: [jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk)

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## Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

**Our zoom services will continue on Sundays at 10am.** All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

### Services in church:

Every Sunday until further notice: 9am **Holy Communion**

Because of the limited capacity due to social distancing seats for **services in church need to be booked** by noon the previous day, saying which service, names of those attending and contact number. All the restrictions remain unchanged: seating by household, hand sanitizing, masks to be worn and no congregational singing inside the church.

### Revision of St Dunstan's church electoral role – until 30<sup>th</sup> April for APCM

**If you are not already on the role and would like to join please contact Gary Welland at the parish office who will send you a form, to be returned to him by 30<sup>th</sup> April at the very latest, to be included in the role for the 2021 APMC. Details of the role are below.**

### What is the Church Electoral Roll?

The church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Church Electoral rolls provide an indication of the real membership and strength of the church.

### Who can be on the Church Electoral Roll?

Baptised adults (over 16 years of age) who live in the parish, or who have worshipped regularly at St Dunstan's for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of the local Church of England congregation.

If you worship regularly at two churches, you can be on the Electoral Roll of both churches but if you wish to be elected to a Church Council, you may only select one of the two churches you attend to be nominated and elected to the Council.

### Why join?

Enrolment is a way of saying .... "*I belong*". For us it is an act of commitment to St Dunstan's Church and the church as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels.

At St Dunstan's we seek to share our experiences of God's loving presence in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

**St Dunstan's Church Annual meeting (APCM): Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May on zoom at 10.45am**, which is immediately after the 10am Zoom service. A separate email will be sent with the joining details so that people not wishing to join the service may attend the meeting.

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## People

We are sorry to learn that **Robina Howliston** has suffered a family death: John Brice, her brother-in-law died last Saturday. We pray for her and all her family, as well as for **Marilyn Wade** and her family as they grieve for John Storr.

We are thankful to report that **David Gamble** had his eye operation and it is progressing as the surgeon expected. David has been ordered to rest for a fortnight; we hope for further satisfactory news on his sight.

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**Following the sad announcement of the death of HRH Prince Philip; information from the Diocese of London:**

### **Condolence books**

The Church of England has opened an [online condolence book](#), which is open to any individual or church communities who wish to sign and record a message.

The Government has advised that in order to observe current Covid-19 precautions, **physical condolence books should not be offered at this time.**

### **A message from the Bishop of London**

Bishop Sarah has recorded a video message, which can be seen [on their website](#) alongside the text. Please feel free to share it with your communities.

### **Service at St Paul's cathedral**

A special Choral Evensong will be broadcast tomorrow (Saturday 10th April) at 5.00pm on BBC Radio 3. Bishop Sarah will give the Blessing. The Cathedral will be closed all day and there will be no congregation at the service.

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### **Date for your diary**

**Rowan Williams** (retired Archbishop of Canterbury) and Paula Gooder (Chancellor of St. Paul's) will be in conversation about the **Resurrection** this Tuesday from 7.00 to 7.45pm. Register (free) at <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/new-online-events/resurrection> or catch it on YouTube afterwards.

### **Christian Heritage walking tour in City of London**

**Tuesday, 20th April 2021: 10 am to 11.30am**

Meet at St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD. Take part in a 90-minute walk around City Churches including those associated with Wilberforce, Tyndale, Wesley, Whitefield, Lord Shaftesbury and John Newton. The walk is about a mile long starting at St Paul's Cathedral and finishing at St Mary Woolnoth, taking in other churches including St Mary-le-Bow and St Stephen Walbrook. The tour will be led by Ben Virgo from Christian Heritage London. Meet on the steps of St Paul's at 9.45 for a prompt start at 10am. Booking is essential. [Click here](#).

### **Tackling the Climate Crisis Together**

There's a growing awareness that the Climate Crisis is the big issue, beyond Covid, and that the Church could take a prophetic role in tackling it. The Kensington Area are excited about playing our part and are planning to gather a "Creation Care Group" in partnership with the "Compassionate Communities' Team". Please [click here](#) for more information with comments from Bishop Graham.

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## 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/>

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## A laugh (thanks to Anne Mills-Roberts)

Bobby was very fond of money, even as death drew near. Bobby's partner Chris was faced with an unexpected request: to promise that Bobby would be buried with their £5,000 in savings. Chris reluctantly agreed to this. At the funeral, just before they closed the coffin, Chris put in a small wooden box. Aghast, their friend Leslie said, "Surely you didn't just bury the money?" "Of course I did" replied Chris, "I'm a Christian and I can't lie". Leslie gasped: "You mean you've just buried £5,000?" "I did indeed" said Chris calmly, "I wrote Bobby a cheque."

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