

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 11
October
2020

**18th after
Trinity**

I never realised how many things need two hands or how essential the use of my right hand was until I broke a bone in my arm at the end of September. With my arm and wrist in plaster I now slice my bananas rather than peel them, have not managed to open any screw top bottles yet but my writing with my left hand is improving. I can't drive, I type slowly and struggle to put the recycling bins out (this week I gently kicked them into place). I am very grateful for the help and support that many people are giving me and for everybody's good wishes. And I am growing more and more aware of how amazing our bodies are and how much even a small injury can make the practical essentials of life difficult.

During these 'one arm only' weeks I am finding myself learning more about our dependence on our bodies and each other. At different times in our lives, we will all need help with practical things and be less independent, while wanting to retain our independence. Ultimately, we are dependent on God for our existence. We are His beloved children and we exist in and rely on his Creation. He gives us families, friends and the Church community to love and care for and we depend on each other.

A broken bone has made me more aware of the many ways in which we can help each other. It has also shown me how impossible it is to open many packets and containers. At present I poke and slash them with a sharp knife while a neighbour has opened my cartons of soup. And it is possible to hang out washing one handed but sometimes it falls in the flower bed!

Anne Dollery

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Today at 10.30am: **Morning Worship in church**, led by Mrs. Sheila Hassan

Services in church at Southville are taking place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month: after today, the next is

Sunday 25th October at 10.30am: **Holy Communion** - Revd. Juliet Ushewokunze

- followed by 8th and 22nd November, and so on.

Meanwhile the Staines **Zoom Service** continues each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation, or Roz Sendorek on 01784 459984 or 07712 816163.

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

Church Notices: St. Dunstan

Services this week

Sunday **9.30am**: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church
Please note change of time until further notice.. Booking closes at noon on Saturday.

10.30am: **Zoom service** (joining details as before)

Wednesday 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church

Services next week

Sunday 18th October **9.30am**: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church
Booking closes at noon on Saturday 10th

10.30am: **Zoom service** (joining details as before)

Wednesday 21st October 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church

Please book a place each for each Sunday service in church. Numbers attending are rising, and there is a serious possibility that without a booking, you might be turned away – which nobody wants to happen. Booking can be by email to admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk or phone (0208 890 2011). When booking please give your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your contact phone number. You will have to wear a mask in church unless you are exempted.

Many thanks for your Harvest donations! And do let the office know if you want to donate but have practical difficulties – St. Dunstan's' own cycle courier can visit your doorstep.

Bible Study by Zoom Monday 12th 8pm. Studying the book of Ruth. Please contact Anne Dollery for contact details.

Feltham Food Bank has remained active, delivering food parcels where they are needed. But it's now fully up and running again, and our food collection box in church is open for your contributions. No pasta or tinned soup at present please (due to over-supply). The three food-parcel schemes (Feltham Food Bank, the Storehouse at Riverside Vineyard and the Salvation Army) are working in cooperation.

Our (postponed) annual meeting will be held at 8pm on Friday 23 October. This will need to be held virtually through zoom by broadband and phone line. Please put the date in your diary. A copy of the revised Electoral Roll is on display in church, so that you can check you are correctly listed.

We have vacancies on our PCC, which meets virtually at present so all you need is a phone line or a computer. This is your chance to contribute your views and advice on how the church moves forward – we need people with imagination! We also have a vacancy for a second Churchwarden, to work closely with the Vicar on all aspects of church management; past postholders have commented how many skills they developed or extended through this opportunity. Finally, we need a PCC Secretary as well.

People

Congratulations to Ian and Rachel Stuchbury on their **Ruby wedding anniversary**.

We remember **Connie Rowse birthday** today; she is in Atfield House where they are not receiving visitors.

Give them your views ...

... on our town centre. Hounslow Council has a survey open until Sunday 18th October where residents can share their knowledge and ideas about Feltham town centre and suggest improvements – go to <https://felthamtowncentre.commonplace.is/>.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm (on Zoom): **West London Citizens** annual meeting. This is a new branch of Citizens UK, a participant organisation which trains people to listen, network and encourage community action for the common good. Initiatives in Hounslow include a campaign to get care workers paid the Living Wage. Anyone can listen in without any commitment; see <https://actionnetwork.org/events/the-joy-of-public-life-wlc-delegates>. If you need encouragement by hearing about good things that are happening, this is warmly recommended!

Thursday 12th November 7.00pm (on Zoom): **Hounslow Friends of Faith** will hold a celebration of its 20th Anniversary, during Interfaith Week. All are welcome to attend, details to follow.

Online retreat starting 18th October run by St Augustine's Theological College, West Malling, Canterbury. Details sent as separate attachment. The retreat is free.

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