

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 12
July 2020

**Fifth after
Trinity**

Our lives are very different from six months ago. To protect each other and the NHS many changes have and are taking place in what we do. This includes what can or may happen in church services and activities. I have heard the expression 'the new normal' and I don't think we are there yet, only beginning the journey. We are trying the engine, looking at the sat nav and working out the route. In the churches we are praying and thinking and at the beginning of discovering what is possible. At this time we cannot go back to how our lives were before the pandemic, much as we might like to, because it would put everyone at risk. And in these times we may discover some blessings emerge from the changes. .

So we begin thinking and planning for the future. To use a very different sporting analogy of living through these times, at the beginning of the pandemic we were told to pace ourselves as if running a marathon – not a sprint or even a middle distance race. Now it is also being described as more like a triathlon with all its different sports in one race, reflecting the changes we have and are experiencing in our lives at this time.

In all that has been, and will be, God is with us.
As we follow Christ

**May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Romans 15:13

Anne Dollery

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.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan's

St Dunstan's **Sunday morning worship by Zoom** continues at 10am each week. A recording is usually available via the church's website. .

Short public services will resume at St Dunstan's this week, in a restricted form as we work out how to comply with government regulations; these include:

- Social distancing at 2 metres (which will restrict the number of people able to attend) and so needing to book to attend services, to avoid having to turn people away.

- Keeping a record of the name and phone number of everyone attending (for Track and Trace)
- Not lingering, either inside or outside the building

Services in the church this and next week will be:

Thursday 16th & 23rd July 9.30am: **Morning prayer** led by Rachel Stuchbury

Sunday 19th & 26th July 6.30pm **Holy Communion** (said, only wafers, not wine)

led on 1st Sunday by Revd Philip Smith and on 2nd Sunday by Revd Ellis Matthew

Please book a place to attend any of these services by emailing
admin@stdunstansfeltham or phoning 0208 890 2011 to book a place.

When booking please give your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your contact phone number.

The vicar has written to everyone with more details and explanations; if you have not received such a letter, please use the same email address or phone number to let us know

People

Chris Evans (Linda Gamble's brother and David's Uncle's) funeral will be held at 12 noon on Monday 13th at Hanworth Crematorium and Ron Hunter (Louise's father and Emmaline and Jacob's grandfather) funeral will be held at 12.30pm on Tuesday 14th July at East Surrey Crematorium. We remember and pray for these families at this time. It is not possible to attend either of these funerals unless already agreed with the families as numbers are restricted.

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.

Date for your diary

Mr. Barney Leith OBE was to have been the guest speaker at the Hounslow Friends of Faith AGM. The AGM has been postponed but Mr. Leith has kindly agreed to give his talk as a Zoom event on Wednesday 22nd July at 6pm. It is entitled: 'Let your vision be all-embracing: what it means to be a Bahá'í in the 21st century'. Contact info@hounslowfriendsoffaith.org for a link if you would like to hear the lecture on the 22nd.

A funny thing happened to me ... by Anne Mills-Roberts

Funny? Well ... it was certainly a surprise. It was sooo exciting booking my first game of golf after the lockdown! I had acquired a golf buggy and in a mixture of excitement and trepidation I was ready. First tee and a good drive - here we go! Freedom and fresh air! Bang, on the side of my head. A young man 250 yds away hit me with his golf ball. Fortunately the ball hit my visor strap so just a small swelling and later an apologetic bunch of flowers.

Can too much isolation affect you? Now safe and happy at home, I thought, until my kitchen sink became blocked. Water draining very slowly. Called my son-in-law who checked the sink then

looked at me with a big grin. Sitting like a plug was the transparent plastic top from a salad dressing tub!!!

Joke, joke - thanks to Jackie Trebett

A couple are woken up at 3am by a banging on the front door. The husband goes down and opens it; it's dark and pouring with rain. A man is standing outside: "Can you give me a push?". The husband replies "Push off", and closes the door.

Back upstairs the wife asks, "Who was it?". "Some man wanting a push", the husband replies. "Aren't you going to help him?" protests the wife, "You've got a short memory, what about those chaps that helped us the other day when we were stuck?".

The husband sighs, puts on some clothes, goes back downstairs and opens the front door again. It's pitch dark, still raining and he can't see the man any more. "Are you still there?" he calls. "Yes", comes the reply. "Do you still need a push?". "Yes I do", says the man firmly.

The husband peers around. "Where are you then?" he asks. Comes the reply: "I'm on the swing."

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