

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 12th – 26th
September 2021

**15th to 17th
Sundays after
Trinity**

September: ninth month of our year, beginning of Autumn, just over 3 months to Advent and Christmas!

Meteorologically speaking, 1st September is the first day of Autumn and together with October and November makes up the season. Astronomically speaking, the first day of Autumn is the equinox, in 2021 Wednesday 22 September, the earliest date it can fall, with the latest being 24 September – thus Autumn would end on the Winter Solstice, this year 21st December.

Just to confuse everything, we may look forward to an Indian summer, a period of unseasonably warm, dry weather that sometimes occurs during the Autumn months of September to November. Indeed, weather forecasters are predicting a mini heatwave of 28C as I write!

Did you know that in the Roman calendar, September – as the name suggests – was the seventh month? July, for Julius Caesar, and August, for his successor Augustus Caesar, replaced Fifth and Sixth months respectively in 44 BC and 8 BC, with both being given 31 days to reflect the importance of the 2 leaders.

This is the season for harvest, with corn ripening in the fields and blackberries on the brambles, apples in the trees and squirrels burying nuts, and of course horse chestnuts/conkers. Thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest Festival or Harvest Home is traditionally held on the Sunday near to the Harvest Moon, which is the full moon occurring closest to the autumn equinox.

To summarise, in 1819 John Keats wrote To Autumn:

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core...

Dee Howley

Methodist Circuit Bible Study

This takes place by zoom or phone on Thursdays starting at 10.00am, please join by 09:45. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details. Email: jonathan.griffiths@sfmc.org.uk

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Sundays at 10.30am: **Morning Worship**

12th September: Revd. Juliet Ushewokunze (Holy Communion)

19th September: Mr. Graham Wells

26th September: Mrs. Mary Windo

Southville Church is **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month from 09:30 to 10:30am.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Times of services until the end of November:

Sunday at 9.30am: **Service on zoom**

Sunday at 9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

Celebrant 12th September: Revd. Jonathan Rust, Director of Mission, Kensington Area

Celebrant 19th September: Revd. Canon Miles Baker, Area Director of Mission, Kensington Area

- and the Revd. Anne Dollery thereafter

Wednesday at 10.00am: **Holy Communion** in church – 15th & 22nd Sept Revd Sue Loveday

Advance notice: on Sunday 10th October we shall be keeping **Harvest Festival**.

Notice of funerals in church: 1pm on Friday 17th September for Mr Alan Thomsom; 12 noon Thursday 23 September for Mr William Neversell

The PCC met on 5th September to discuss the schedule of services for the next three months. It was decided:

- to continue holding one **service of Holy Communion in church** every Sunday. Numbers attending are rising steadily. In order to benefit from David Gamble's organ playing, the latest start time possible is 9.45am.
- that the **Zoom service** should continue, since a group of up to 20 still regularly attend it. A 9.30am start seems popular, but that means that the Vicar cannot regularly be there since she will be in church. However, she still has responsibility for its proper conduct and content as a Church of England service. It was agreed that from October the Zoom service should follow the order of Morning Prayer, and be led by those who attend it; the Vicar will attend it once a month. (The first half of the service in church will be led by lay people on that day, with the Vicar returning to celebrate Communion.)

Regular events

Event Monday 10.00am to 12 noon: the **Monday drop-in** in the Church Centre. Come along and share refreshments. There may be crafts, quizzes, board games, jigsaw puzzles or anyone is welcome just to pop in for a chat. Bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you.

Second Thursday of the month, 2.00-4.00pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meet in the Church Centre. Next meeting is on 14th October.

Dates for your diary

Today! 2.15pm for 2.30pm: a History Walk led by members of Feltham Local History Group. at Feltham Cemetery Lychgate (Sunbury Road). All are welcome, no charge.

Monday 4th October at 7.00pm: **Young voices from Israel-Palestine**. A live (zoom) encounter led by 'Solutions not Sides', a UK charity. Richmond Inter-Faith Forum invite anyone interested to register at <https://riff-young-voices-israel-palestine.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th October: **Christian Resources Exhibition** at Sandown Park, Esher.

Notices

The whole life of St Dunstan's, our worship, our practical and pastoral care, our buildings and grounds can only happen with the regular help of many people. We give thanks for all who have served us in the past and are serving us now. As more of the life of our church begins again

ST. DUNSTAN'S NEEDS YOU!

Please email Ian Stuchbury on ian.stuchbury@phonecoop.coop, (or ring him on 0208 890 5632 and leave a message), if you can volunteer to help, or sign up on the lists at the back of church, letting us know which dates you are not available:

- ✓ to lead intercessions on Sundays
- ✓ to read a bible reading
- ✓ with Junior Church on a Sunday
- ✓ to count the retiring collection (fortnightly)
- ✓ serve refreshments
- ✓ maintain the Churchyard
- ✓ maintain Church buildings

Our group for teenagers (YCF) is planning to reopen this term. Thank you to Melanie O'Neil will be in touch about dates for meetings. And to Richard Clayton who has agreed to help.

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