

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 14 March  
2021

**Mothering  
Sunday (Fourth  
in Lent)**

Mothering Sunday is a day which can cause different feelings in normal year. Even more so this year, when families are separated due to the lockdown and many are grieving the loss of a loved one. Below are two prayers for Mothering Sunday which refer to some of the mixed emotions of this day and a prayer that reminds us of God's sacrificial love for each of us, his beloved children.



Loving God,  
Thank you for mums and children  
and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no  
children;  
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home,  
And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thank you God for the love of our mothers:  
thank you God for their care and concern;  
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;  
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;  
thank you God for all that they give us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

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*Anne Dollery*

**Together for Lent Bible study on zoom**

A Lent Bible study group for Southville and St Dunstan's is held on Tuesday evenings 19.45-21.00. The group is using material from 'Transformed by the Presence of Jesus' by Liz Babbs. Please email Marilyn Woodley at: [marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com](mailto:marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com) if you wish to join the study group.

16 <sup>th</sup> March	Named by Jesus	John 20:1-18
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Faith and Jesus	Matthew 14:22-36
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Obedience and Jesus	John 21:1-14

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### Church Notices: Southville Methodist

There will be no services in church until further notice. We would encourage you to join other services online. If you would like to join services or receive printed / electronic service material (electronic is easier and more cost efficient) please contact: Jonathan Griffiths tel: 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 the Staines **Zoom Service** continues each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact [service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk) for a link.

**Circuit Bible Study by zoom on Thursdays** starting at 9.30am studying Matthew. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details to join – you can join by phone. Email contact: [jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk)

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### Church Notices: St. Dunstan

**Services in church:** the church is currently closed but it is hoped - if Covid infection rates continue to decline – that services in church might resume on Palm Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> March) and continue over Easter.

**Sunday Zoom service**, currently at 10.00am, will continue. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

**Mothering Sunday flowers and prayers:** we have delivered a small plant with a prayer to the more senior women in our congregation living locally.

A recording of the **weekday morning prayer** for Wednesday is on the St Dunstan's website.

We are collecting again for **Feltham Young Offenders Angel Tree Mothering Sunday**, to send a card and small gift voucher on their behalf to the young men's mother (or other significant person, e.g. aunt, grandmother). Donations are welcomed - closing date 21st March 2021 - and can be by cheque or through the link on our parish website - please indicate it is for Angel Tree. Thanks - Dee Howley

A reminder of the **Diocesan Lent Appeal:** money collected this year will be given to three charities working (in the UK only) to combat youth violence. Donations online via the diocesan website; Ian Stuchbury will pass on donations made without GiftAid which reach him, but please be aware that the parish cannot deal with GiftAided donations.

**Churchyard and garden:** Those of you who pass the church will have noticed that the grass is growing again! It will soon be time to get out the mower and begin the ancient ritual of keeping the grass under control. We hope to restart our monthly work parties on Saturday mornings. If you are able to help, even if only for a short time, then do let Ian Stuchbury know.

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### Dates for your diary

**National Day of Reflection** On Tuesday 23 March 2021 it'll be one year since the first UK lockdown began. Since then, millions of people have been bereaved, both as a result of Covid-19 and due to other causes. The restrictions we've all been living under have meant that many people have had to grieve without the comfort of having friends and family around them. Marie Curie, a charity which supports people around the event of a terminal diagnosis, has organised a National Day of Reflection to acknowledge grief and loss over the last year. The national Church of England is one of a number of organisations supporting

it. On that day we are invited to take a minute's silence at 12 noon and to shine a light at 8pm to show our support for the millions of people who are bereaved and to take a moment to connect with someone. Next week we will attach the prayer card for the Day of Reflection to the news letter

Tuesday 23rd March 7.00-8.30pm: **Faith and mental health.** An online lecture by the Bishop of London. Register (free) at <https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5af4adf742512ff619ff611e4&id=a153eaaf21&e=7f0486957a>

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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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### **Other notices**

**Silent prayer in a group:** the House of Prayer in Molesey is offering a free, silent prayer space on Zoom every evening from 8.30pm to 9pm, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Contact [admin@christian-retreat.org](mailto:admin@christian-retreat.org) for joining details.

**Vaccinations** against coronavirus are continuing to taking place. Anyone aged 56 or over, or clinically 'extremely vulnerable', is invited to make an appointment. Go to [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or phone [119](tel:119), with your NHS number handy.

And a reminder from **Canaan ministries:** the bookshop is still closed of course, but happy to take orders and deliver them. It will also benefit if you order any other kind of book via <https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/canaanbookshop> (you may know that [uk.bookshop.org](http://uk.bookshop.org) is a scheme by independent bookshops trying to survive in the extremely adverse trading conditions).

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Primroses in the churchyard



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