

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

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2020

**First
after
Trinity**

An Easter poem (inspired by I Corinthians 13)

Good Friday, another day, a time to reflect
Amid the chaos that surrounds us.
The virus creeps on, silently stealing into our lives,
Taking many, demanding we pay attention.
Fear abounds, will we be next?
Empty, still streets, devoid of the hubbub of modern life,
Where we are frightened to walk,
Remind us of lockdown.

Those charged with healing the sick, comforting the dying, caring for others
Go about their lives in a new sombre fashion;
Visions in PPE remind us of the silent killer;
Heroes all, their dedication knows no bounds.
Life continues despite the menace
But all has changed.

Faith returns to guide us, breeding trust
A new vaccine will be found; protection is on its way.
We can survive.
Nature flourishes, a constant reminder of renewal,
A lesson in faith;
Our gaze lingers on a flower opening its delicate petals, a leaf unfurls -
We marvel at the wonder of it.
The cycle continues, unabated, unrequested,
Marching on to sustain itself.

Thus Hope is born,
Hope for tomorrow, for new life before us.
Children grow, play, live and learn,
Resilience personified,
A vision of a fresh new world
Where kindness, caring, sharing is the new order of the day,
Where people matter rather than things.

Love allows this. It is everywhere,
We just have to find it –
A simple gesture, a smile, a hug,
A thoughtful phone call,
Griefs shared, a hand held,
Joy given and received.
Just look and love is there.
Love is all that matters.
It conquers all. God knows.

Hilary White, Easter 2020

Church life continues in our homes and in our lives, on line and by phone.

No public services will be held until further notice at either St Dunstan's or Southville Methodist Churches, due to the public health advice about the Coronavirus.

St Dunstan's church building is shut. All groups and other events and activities taking place in the churches and church centre have stopped until further notice.

You are invited to say The Lord's Prayer at 10am each Sunday, a joint act of prayer.

People

Two pieces of sad news: **Louise Hunter's** father (Ron Hunter) who was living in Croydon died on Wednesday. And Chris Evans, brother to **Linda Gamble** and uncle to David, died last Sunday; he lived in Sunbury. We all send our warm sympathy to Louise, Emmeline and Jacob and all the Hunter family; and to Linda, David and the Gamble family. Please remember them all in your prayers as they face bereavement under these particularly trying circumstances.

We are glad to hear that **Carol Hendricks-Bruce** is feeling much better after being unwell with serious vertigo..

And news via Marilyn Woodley, for those who remember **Jihee and Jeahong (Brian) Oh**, the Korean family that came to St Dunstan's 10.30am service and who moved to Wales several years back. 'I have had a surprise text message from Jihee enquiring how I and my family were coping with the lockdown and how everybody they knew at St Dunstan's were keeping. and an update on how they and their son Isaac were. Isaac had been due to be baptised when they suddenly needed to move, so that event was unfortunately unable to take place. They are all fine and Isaac has just celebrated his 6th birthday -- hard to believe, how time flies. We have now texted several times and Jihee sent me a lovely picture of Isaac. A bonny young lad !!'

Church Notices

St Dunstan's **Sunday worship by Zoom** continues at 10am each week. A recording is usually available via the church's website. If you know anyone who might like to join us, please ask them to email admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk.

Continuing invitation from Roz Sendorek for **Southville Methodist Church to join the Staines Zoom Service** this Sunday at 10.30am. If you're not sure what to do please contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation. Roz 01784 459984 07712 816163

Please see the SFMC website for details of online **Bible Studies in our Circuit and other resources.**

St Dunstan's Bible study through Zoom will continue at 8pm tomorrow, i.e. Monday 15TH. Please contact Anne Dollery if interested and have not already contacted her. (email:annedollery@yahoo.co.uk)

Churches are permitted to open for individual private prayer from 13th June. The Methodist Church has announced that it expects its churches to remain shut.

St. Dunstan's PCC met (by Zoom) this week to consider whether, if churches were to be allowed to open for **individual private prayer**, we would aim to open the church imminently. The PCC decided that the church would not open for individual private prayer, if it was permitted. Most attending felt this would not be a priority as there was no indication that most people would particularly welcome the opportunity. There were also concerns about whether enough people who were not vulnerable would be available for the cleaning and security needed. Comments from any interested person are welcome to any member of the PCC.

Help Requested

Feltham, Hanworth & Bedfont's **Covid 19 Food Response** (which took on the work of the local Foodbanks) **needs more food and other basics** such as toiletries. Please donate money on line to help buy additional food at : <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/feltham-the-salvation-army> . Donations should go to one of the collection points at Feltham Salvation Army, Reach Academy, Riverside Vineyard or Christ Church between 10am – 2pm only on their individual days of opening for collection. Please check at 'Covid 19 Food response' or Feltham Salvation Army website for the particular days of opening.

Good News

The 25 metres of material purchased for **Clinical Scrubs** has now all been made by Joyce Higginbotham into eight sets plus several bags. (Advice to clinical staff is to put the scrubs into a cloth bag immediately after taking them off and launder them at sixty degrees, still in the bag. It is then safe to take them out and hang them up to dry before wearing them again.) They will continue to be needed for a very long time.

Canaan Bookshop in Staines is delighted to announce:

We are planning to re-open the shop from Monday 15th June subject to the current guidelines on social distancing. The size of the shop will only allow three customers at a time, and they will be asked to limit their visit to a maximum of 15 minutes – as well as, of course, staying away if experiencing any symptoms of Covid 19. However we will be open Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm (closing during lunchtime 1pm - 2pm). We look forward to seeing you all again; meanwhile, we are still able to offer our local delivery service, if you are unable to get into the shop.

To keep up to date with our latest news and special offers, please see our website or facebook page, but if you have any questions please feel free to contact us. We would like to thank you all for your continued support, and we hope, your much-needed support in the future

The Church of England's audio **Time to pray app** is now completely free to download (Church House publishing/Aimer Media). It provides day time and night prayer (Compline). The Time to pray podcast is also available at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>.

The **Phoenix Counselling Centre**, a voluntary agency, is offering a free counselling service as well as their paid-for sessions. At present all sessions are online but they hope to be able to offer one to one when their centre can reopens. The free sessions are aimed at:

- NHS staff and their families
- Emergency and frontline service staff
- Teachers
- Parents of children with mental health issues
- Bereavement
- Domestic abuse
- Unemployment due to business closures

- Carers

For more information or to respond to their crowd-funding campaign please go to:
www.phoenixcounselling.org

A funny thing happened to me By Susan Collins

Long before lockdown, we have occasionally purchased on line food shopping from the Supermarket. So we have been pleased to be able to tap into that facility again. But if you are still waiting for a slot to book a delivery, heed these words of advice. Searching and selecting your favourites appears to be quite easy. For example, the choice of apple, whether they are individually selected, or come packaged. Make your choice, click and it's in your shopping basket. Simple. Your shopping is done without leaving home. Next the delivery. Six eating apples. What a surprise. Something gone wrong here. Oops.... Six packets. We have 36 eating apples. Good job the family are coming, they can have a party bag! And to top it Instead of 4 chicken pieces, 4 whole chickens. That certainly became a challenge for the freezer. Roast chicken mid week. Yum. So when you order..... check and double check. Or alternatively enjoy the surprise and be creative.