

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 17th  
October 2021

**Twentieth  
Sunday after  
Trinity**

**The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it; ( Psalm 24:1)**

I have been watching some of the TV presentations about those competing for the 'Earthshot' prize this year, leading up to the meeting of the UN Conference on Climate Change ( COP 26) which begins on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November in Glasgow. Maybe you have also watched some of the inspiring things being done to reduce, stop and repair the damaging effects our human life is having on our climate and environment. These ideas are already being used in different parts of the globe to restore and renew the life of the earth. There is also much that we are doing and can do individually: our choices of transport, food, recycling, re-use, even our holiday plans. As followers of Christ we are commanded to serve and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Caring for the whole of God's creation is vital. Every part of life on earth; soil, plants, insects, fish, animals, birds, atmosphere and climate all depend on each other.



There are also things we can do to help as communities, churches and nations. Below is the first part of the multi- faith declaration that was made by faith leaders in Britain and Ireland (including the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference ), ahead of the COP 26 meeting.:

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*(The whole declaration can be found at the end of this Newsletter)*

*Anne Dollery*

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### **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@sfmtc.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk)

### **Church Notices: Southville Methodist**

Sunday services at 10.30am:

Today: **Morning Worship** led by the Revd. Andrew Reed

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October: **Morning Worship** led by Mr. Jonathan Perkins

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

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### **Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England**

Times of services:

Sunday at 9.30am: **Service on Zoom™**

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

And on Wednesdays:

10.00am: **Holy Communion** in church

### **Regular events**

Every Monday 10.00am to 12 noon: the **Monday drop-in** in the Church Centre. Come along and share refreshments, try your hand at crafts, or just have a chat. Bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you.

Fortnightly on Mondays at 8.00pm: **Bible study on Zoom™**. Next one 18<sup>th</sup> October. Studying Acts. Please contact Revd Anne for joining details; [annedollery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annedollery@yahoo.co.uk)

Second Thursday of the month, 2.00-4.00pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meet in the Church Centre. Next meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> November. See Shirley Howell or Marian Foley for more information.

Third Thursday of the month, 4.15-5.30pm: **Young people's fellowship** group meet in the Church Centre. Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October.

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## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 5.30-7.30pm: **Black History celebration** with Hounslow Council and many voluntary groups. On Zoom™, meeting ID: 838 4434 5141, passcode: 247061. This year's theme is 'Proud to Be' – all are welcome!

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 8pm Service for All Soul's at St Dunstan's.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 6.30-8.30pm: Hounslow Friends of Faith are meeting to mark **National Interfaith Week**. A light finger buffet will be served in Hounslow House; this is mainly a social gathering.

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## People

Our condolences to the Revd Juliet Ushewokunze on the loss of her niece, whose funeral took place in Zimbabwe yesterday – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for her and her family at this time.

Our condolences to Rachel Stuchbury on the loss of her God father, whose funeral is next weekend in Hereford cathedral.

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## Notices

**Many thanks** to those who have worked on the church grounds in the past weeks. Also to the provider of the largely dry and sunny weather, which made the whole business much easier!

Two of the events currently planned at the **House of Prayer** in Molesey (see [www.christian-retreat.org](http://www.christian-retreat.org)):

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am-4pm: What do we tell ourselves about God? Who do you say that I am? An opportunity to explore our ideas about God through mandala making, pantoum writing and other resources. Cost is £30; bring a packed lunch.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> (evening) to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December (after lunch): Advent retreat: Coming into the light. A weekend silent retreat with the possibility of spiritual direction. Includes poetry, music and an opportunity to share in community prayer.

And something different: **The Walk**. A beautifully-made puppet named 'Amal' is travelling across Europe. Standing 3.5 metres tall, it represents a young Syrian girl who is seeking her mother, and is drawing public attention to the plight and the promise of refugees. Her journey is 'a travelling festival of art and hope' and the fascinating schedule can be seen at <https://www.walkwithamal.org/events/>. 'Amal' arrives in the UK on 19<sup>th</sup> October, is in central London from 23 October. and we all have the chance to enjoy the creative response by artists and communities.

## UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26)

**UK faith groups are taking action to 'Make COP Count'**. From 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November, world leaders meet in Glasgow at the UN conference on climate change. It's an unmissable opportunity to try to keep the world below 1.5 degrees of warming.

UK faith groups are asking for just and fair finance for people in countries suffering the worst effects of climate change – specifically for:

- 1) New and additional sources of finance for climate-related loss and damage.
- 2) An end to all use of public money to subsidise fossil fuels.

There's more information about how we can get involved at <https://makecopcount.org/>.

## Cop 26 'Time is Now Declaration'

Organised by the Climate Coalition, It can be signed by individuals, business and community organisations. So far, 146,570 individuals, 640 businesses/organisations, and 264 community/faith groups have signed up (147,474 in total). To sign the declaration as an individual please go to <https://thetimeisnow.uk/>. The declaration is below.

**“Dear Prime Minister,**

The time is now to lead the UK towards a healthier, greener, fairer future. Ahead of hosting the United Nations climate summit in Glasgow in 2021, we can build back better together if we:

- **Unleash a clean energy revolution** that boosts jobs across the UK, making our transport, power and housing fit for the future
- **Protect, restore and expand our green and wild spaces;** allowing nature to thrive, taking carbon from the air and boosting the nation’s health
- **Leave no one behind** by increasing support to those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change at home and abroad

The UK must lead the world by ensuring our recovery gets us on track to net-zero emissions and limits the rise in global temperature to 1.5 degrees C. Our best chance of building a resilient economy goes hand in hand with tackling climate change.

We are ready to play our part, and we call on you to join us.”

**A Rocha UK** is the UK’s only Christian nature conservation charity. Its mission is to equip UK Christians and Churches to care for the environment. It runs the popular **Eco Church** ‘greening scheme’ now with more than 3,500 participating local churches, as well as a growing programme to support Christian land managers in managing their land for nature and to cut carbon (Conservation Partner in Action), and the Wild Christian programme to help individuals and families address the environmental crisis in their home and community and by speaking up. [www.arocha.org.uk](http://www.arocha.org.uk) A Rocha UK is part of an international family of Christian conservation organisations now in 20 countries.

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### **And looking ahead to December at St. Dunstan’s ...**

The plan is to hold these services in church. If the rate of Covid infection rises much higher, some of them may have to be held outdoors (in a shortened form).

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December:	Coffee morning
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> :	9.45am Holy Communion (9.30am Service on Zoom™)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> :	8.00am Holy Communion 9.45am Christingle (9.30am Service on Zoom™)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> :	9.45am Holy Communion (9.30am Service on Zoom™) 6.30pm Ecumenical Carol Service
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve):	4.00pm Crib service 11.30pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day:	9.45am Holy Communion (9.30am Service on Zoom™)
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We remind governments of their commitments made in Paris in 2015 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees, and of Article 17 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights to protect the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity. We call upon them to take the urgent action needed to avert the loss, damage, and forced migration threatened by climate change.

We look to governments to work together and with others to create a positive vision for 2050 where addressing climate change is not just an opportunity to stop burning fossil fuels, but also: to achieve cleaner air and water; to reduce food wastage; to ensure a just and equitable sharing of the earth’s resources; and to protect the habitats we share with all other life on whose health we also depend. Across our doctrinal and political differences, we know that we must change our ways to ensure a quality of life which all can share, and we need to provide hope for people of all ages, everywhere, including future generations. To offer hope in the world we need to have confidence that those in power understand the vital role they have to play at the Glasgow COP26.

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