

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 18
October
2020

**19th after
Trinity**

This week was Prisons Week

“Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

Prisoners know all about lockdown, in ways which are far starker than the ‘stay at home’ experience people have lived during the viral pandemic. However, beyond the walls of prison, people of all ages have had to learn how to navigate uncertainty and many people feel fearful, bewildered and out of control. In past months there was a loss of freedom to be with loved ones, even when at the point of death. For some people there has been overwhelming pain and sadness. Some people have felt lonely and isolated whilst others have longed for space away from other people. All of this is experienced within the walls of prisons 365 days a year.

This Prisons Week, as we pray for all those connected with the criminal justice system in any way, including all prison staff and families of prisoners as well as prisoners themselves, let us not talk of social distancing but rather of physical distancing. Let us pray for social connection, restored relationship and an openness to the generous love of God who longs to draw close to every individual person, treasured and known by name.

We pray that amid both places of brokenness and places of beauty, there might be a discovery of inner freedom and peace which is rooted in the love, hope and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ and present through the power of the Holy Spirit, never locked down.

*Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester,
Church of England Bishop for Women’s Prisons*

“There are many things we take for granted and it is only when we lose it, we realise the value it had. Due to Covid-19 a lot of people are now experiencing the loss of work and, at the same time, the loss of liberty. These two factors are bad enough but combined they risk diminishing the self worth of the individuals concerned. A lot of people can now relate to where I have been. In the same way I can now relate to their fears and insecurity.”

Former prisoner, March 2020

See Prayer Sheet (below) for the Prisons Week Prayer.

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Services in church at Southville are taking place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month: the next is

Sunday 25th October at 10.30am: **Holy Communion** - Revd. Juliet Ushewokunze

- followed by 8th and 22nd November, and so on.

Meanwhile the Staines **Zoom Service** continues each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation, or Roz Sendorek on 01784 459984 or 07712 816163.

Circuit Bible Study by zoom on Thursdays in October starting at 9.30am studying Matthew. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details to join – you can join by phone. Email contact: jonathan.griffiths@sfmc.org.uk

Church Notices: St. Dunstan

Services this week

Sunday **9.30am**: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church
Booking closes at noon on Saturday.

10.30am: **Zoom service** (joining details as before)

Wednesday 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church

Services next week

Sunday 25th October 9.30am: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church
Booking closes at noon on Saturday 24th

10.30am: **Zoom service** (joining details as before)

Wednesday 28th October 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church

Bookings for the Sunday service bear no similarity to the (varying) number of people who appear! Please book a place if you are coming; apart from anything else, it would really reduce the stress levels of those whose unpleasant duty it would be to deny you entry if each seat was taken. Booking can be by email to admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk or phone (0208 890 2011). When booking please give your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your contact phone number. You will have to wear a mask in church unless you are exempted.

Bible Study by zoom 8pm Monday 26th October, studying chapter 4 of the book of Ruth. Please contact Anne Dollery for details of how to take part (remotely).

Feltham Food Bank : our box is open! No pasta or tinned soup at present please (due to over-supply).

Our (postponed) annual meeting will be held at 8pm on **Friday 23rd**, virtually through zoom by broadband and phone line – contact the office if you need details and haven't received them by email or paper. A copy of the revised Electoral Roll is on display in church, so that you can check you are correctly listed.

We have vacancies on our PCC, which meets virtually at present so all you need is a phone line or a computer. This is your chance to contribute your views and advice on how the church moves forward – we need people with imagination! We also have a vacancy for a second Churchwarden, to work closely with the Vicar on all aspects of church management; past postholders have commented how many skills they developed or extended through this opportunity. Finally, we need a PCC Secretary as well.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 28th October 8pm service of **Holy Communion for All Souls at St Dunstan's** (provided restrictions permit).

Thursday 12th November 7.00pm (on Zoom): **Hounslow Friends of Faith** will hold a celebration of its 20th Anniversary, during Interfaith Week. All are welcome to attend, details to follow.

Online series of short retreats, run by St Augustine's Theological College, West Malling, Canterbury. The first will start 18th October, the last next June. Brief details are available in printed form from Rachel Stuchbury if you want them. The retreats are free but you are required to register. They seem to provide a recorded address (or possibly several) with materials for you to use for reflection.

People

The Rev'd Andy Watkins is being licenced at 10.30am today, 18th October, by the Bishop of Kensington for his ministry in the Christ Church Anglican and Methodist partnership. We send our prayers and best wishes to him, his wife Dizzy, their children and all at Christ Church..

Congratulations to Leslie, Dimitri and Kay on the birth of Eli! We are all looking forward to the day when he appears at his first Sunday Zoom service, and we can admire him on screen.

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