

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 19
July 2020

**Sixth after
Trinity**

The Gospel reading in the lectionary this week is the parable about the wheat and the tares. Jesus tells about how life is a mixture of the good and the bad; the poisonous tares shown by the enemy cannot be distinguished from the good wheat the farmer sowed until they ripen. Only then can they be safely removed. So in our lives we experience a mixture of good and bad and we are part of that. And 'we do the things we do not want to do'. So actions and people are mixed together. We need to be wary of deciding too soon – or making a judgment, when only Christ can judge between the wheat and the tares. In these changed times we may long for life to be straightforward. For life and issues and people to be less a mixture of the bad and good. Earlier in Mathew's gospel Jesus says 'judge not, that you be not judged'. (Chapter 7:1). At this time it may be even more than usually tempting to decide who are good and who are bad in our national life, to look for those to blame, and social media can play into this. Alongside this we are now much more aware of how we are all connected together, locally and globally. We are all 'growing' together and as followers of Christ we are part of our wider community.

Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

³ How long will you assail a person,
will you batter your victim, all of you,
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴ Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.

They take pleasure in falsehood;
they bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.

⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honour;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.

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

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

Church Notices: St. Dunstan

St Dunstan's **Sunday morning worship by Zoom** continues at 10am each week. A recording is usually available via the church's website. .

Services in church this week:

Today at 6.30pm: **Holy Communion** (said service) led by the Revd. Philip Smith
Booking closes at noon on Saturday

Thursday 23rd July 10.00am: **Morning prayer** led by Rachel Stuchbury
Book a place by 10am Wednesday please

Next Sunday (26th July): **Holy Communion** (said service) led by the Revd. Elis
Matthew. *Book a place by noon on Friday please.*

Please book a place to attend by emailing admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk or phoning 0208 890 2011.

When booking please give your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your contact phone number.

The vicar has written to everyone with more details and explanations; if you have not received such a letter, please use the same email address or phone number to let us know

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

No public services will be held at Southville Church until September. The Circuit's Zoom services will continue until at least the end of August with churches potentially opening from Sunday 6th September.

Continuing invitation from Roz Sendorek for to join the Staines **Zoom Service** this Sunday at 10.30am. If you're uncertain, please contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation, or Roz on 01784 459984 or 07712 816163.

People

We give thanks that Barbara Meakin (Marilyn Woodley and Maggie Netto's Mum) has made a good recovery from her fall in May and will be moving into Bristol Court in August. We pray for her and her family as they prepare for the move.

Date for your diary

Mr. Barney Leith OBE was to have been the guest speaker at the Hounslow Friends of Faith AGM. The AGM has been postponed but Mr. Leith has kindly agreed to give his talk as a Zoom event on Wednesday 22nd July at 6pm. It is entitled: 'Let your vision be all-embracing: what it means to be a Bahá'í in the 21st century'. Contact info@hounslowfriendsoffaith.org for a link if you would like to hear the lecture on the 22nd.

And if you want to retreat and regroup

Lama Alan Wallace of Lampeter has agreed to provide an On-Line Retreat with Dr. Eva Natanya, from 18 to 23 August, entitled 'Dwelling in the heart of reality: parallel practices in Buddhist Dzogchen and Christian mysticism'. Details at contemplative-consciousness.net/lampeter-2020-virtual-retreat/

Limericks you won't have heard before

She makes lovely puddings, does Mabel.
I got my feet under her table
But her dog was there first,
And I came off the worst.
I'll try again soon if I'm able.

I've a seat in the sun on the pier;
I've a loaf and a bottle of beer.
It's a wonderful life!
I've a sharp-tempered -footed wife,
But I don't think she knows that I'm here.

I said to my granddaughter, Carol,
"I don't so much mind your apparel,
But it's quite out of place
When we're all saying grace
For you to sing *Roll out the barrel*."

From Hounslow Borough

West London College 'Skills for Londoners' courses coming soon



**West
London
College**

In August, West London College will start delivering a wide range of 'Skills for Londoners' courses, through a mixture of online learning and face to face teaching.

Courses include employment skills, a three week pre-employment course for those interested in a career in care work and a Construction

Bootcamp.

The courses are designed to support anyone looking for a new career path, facing redundancy in their current job or wants to boost their confidence and skillset.

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