

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 20 June
2021

**Third Sunday
after Trinity**

Sometimes when newsletter writing, Bible passages speak to me and sometimes I have to wait for inspiration elsewhere. 2 phrases jumped out at me on this occasion.

“Stumbling block” –perhaps you feel there are many stumbling blocks in our way at the moment with the pandemic? It seems for every 2 steps forward there is another step back: disappointment that the easing of restrictions has been delayed for another 4 weeks. For some, it does still have a considerable impact and here I am thinking of hospitality venues, etc.. I accept the reasoning, which is fairly easy in the lighter days of Summer; of course we want people to be safe and return to some kind of normality whatever that may now be, but actually it will make little real change for me as I am fortunate to be able to work remotely from home and able to see family and friends as well as continuing to attend St Dunstan’s Zoom services and sing!

“Be still!” – 2,000 years later and we are still talking about the weather; indeed, I sometimes wonder what the British would have to talk about without our ever-changing weather! The recent heatwave has almost forced being still on us as it has simply been too hot to do much. Whenever I read this phrase, I am always reminded of the hymns “Be still for the presence of the Lord” and “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” verse 5 “Drop your still dews of quietness” and W. H. Davies’ lovely poem 'Leisure', beginning “What is this life if, full of care,/We have no time to stand and stare”. Perhaps, like me, with the current slower pace of life, you have been able to find moments of stillness and refreshment amidst these stormy times. I do hope so.

Dee Howley

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

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Today: **Holy Communion** Rev. Andrew Reed
27th June 10:30 am: **Morning Worship** Mr. John or Mrs. Mary Windo

The current Covid restrictions will remain in place until further notice; these include restricted numbers, pre booking, single seating, no singing and no refreshments.

Southville Church will be **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month from 09:30 to 10:30am; the next occasion will be Saturday 3rd July.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services (until further notice):

9.30am **Service on zoom**

10.30am **Holy Communion** in church - booking is appreciated

And on Wednesdays:

10.00am **Holy Communion** in church – no need to book

We continue to observe the restrictions set out by the government to limit the spread of infection.

The PCC decided that the service times would remain unchanged at present.

For our zoom services, phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

Zoom Bible study will continue tomorrow at 8pm. Contact Anne Dollery for joining details.

Dates for your diary

Junior church in the church centre garden 10.30am on Sunday 27th June and Sunday 11th July only. For ages reception to age 11. Please tell parish office if planning to attend. We have 15 spaces. Email: admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk Parents please bring children to the parish centre gate for the garden and sign them in.

Sunday 27th June 2pm-4pm **Picnic in church centre garden** (weather permitting). Bring your own food and a rug; chairs, tea and coffee will be offered. Please let the Parish Office know if you are coming.

Wednesday 30th June at 12 noon: **Funeral of Connie Rowse** in St. Dunstan's. All are welcome; no flowers by request; the family invite individual donations to Cancer Research UK instead. If you plan to attend please let the parish office know in advance.

Thank you day is on 4th July. This is a UK-wide initiative encouraging people to get together and say Thank You to one another, to family members, to good neighbours and to key workers and volunteers. It has a particular resonance in a time of pandemic. The scheme is managed by the Together initiative: <https://together.org.uk>

Advance notice: **Saturday 24th July 'Pond Fest' at Bridge House Pond**. We are invited to be involved, running a stall or helping with stalls. Please contact Gary at the Parish Office.

People

Congratulations to Ken and Brenda Deane who reached their Golden Wedding Anniversary yesterday! We can all be grateful that there are enduring marriages around for today's young people to see.

Other notices

Please note that next week's newsletter will cover two weeks, due to departure of our reporter to uncharted border regions. There be dragons (Welsh ones).

30 June 2021 is the deadline for applications to be made to the **EU Settlement Scheme** (EUSS) to all eligible EU, EEA or Swiss staff. If you or someone you know is an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen and was resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, then this is a reminder to apply without delay at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme to be able to continue to work, study, and access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021.

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

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/>

A joke (clunk).

Some churchgoers will attend a service now and then. At one church, the vicar decided to issue a challenge to an 'occasional' worshipper. Taking him aside after the service, she said "Graham, the Lord is calling you to join his army!". "What do you mean?" replied Graham, "I'm already in the Lord's army". "Are you?" questioned the vicar. "Then how is it that I only see you here at Harvest Festival and Christmas?". He looked around and whispered, "I'm in the Secret Service".

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