

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

21 June
2020

**Second
after
Trinity**

This Sunday is Father' day – a secular occasion to remember Dads, because Mums are remembered on Mothering Sunday – or just a commercial opportunity to sell gifts and hospitality. A number of fathers have told me they would be happy for their families to forget Father's day because it is just about retail or restaurant business. For Christians every Sunday is our Lord God almighty Father's special day. I would still like to give thanks and remember fathers, and this is as good a day as any. I offer two prayers below:

Thank you, God, for all who show a fathers love in our world.

We remember our fathers.

We remember fathers who are older, but who still bear the responsibility of raising children and grandchildren. And we remember fathers who mean well, but make mistakes.

We remember fathers who are unable to support their children, and are forced into unimaginable decisions:

We remember men who, because of various circumstances, are unable to become fathers.

We remember fathers who have adopted children and fathers who given up their rights as fathers.

We remember fathers who rejoice in the achievements of their children. Who joyfully watch a new generation take hold.

We remember fathers who are single parents, who through personal sacrifice and perseverance provide a loving home for their children.

We remember fathers whose children are sick or disabled and who will try anything to cure or help them.

We pray for fathers and their children around the world caught in the terrors of violence and living in fear.

Thank you, God, for all who show a fathers love in our world.

Thank you for those who are special, especially to us.

Be close to those who are sad today.

**Help us know that you, our Father,
are always close.**

In Jesus name, amen

**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

Correction: re the Korean family in last week's newsletter, it was actually Marilyn Wade whom Jihee contacted not Marilyn Woodley – apologies from Rachel, my mistake.

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 on Monday 29th June. Please contact Anne Dollery if interested.

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.

While St Dunstans's church remains shut, anyone wishing to **help with the churchyard** would be most welcome - ;alone or socially distanced. The church yard has been mown.

Good News

John Howliston's health condition has improved and he is not expecting to need an operation.

A funny thing happened to me By Kath Young

Well, my eyesight's quite good normally but I went in the garden to hang the washing out and there was a dead robin by the path. I thought "I'm not touching that, Jenny will have to deal with it" – Jenny is my daughter, we live together. When I'd finished it was still there.

Next day I went out and it was gone. "I see you took that dead robin away", I said to Jenny. "Dead robin? What dead robin?". "Lying on its side, with its legs all stiff." "Oh Mum! That wasn't a real bird, it was a model, fallen off the" "Oh!"

From Hounslow Borough Council:

Grow your own and discover gardening this weekend

Feltham in Bloom Facebook community have been working hard on a great new initiative called #GrowAtHome to encourage more people in the community to get creative with growing their own herbs, vegetables and plants without needing access to a garden.

Anyone that doesn't have access to garden or even thought about keeping plants in their homes because they live in flats or only have balcony areas can now benefit from a range of free plants, seeds and materials to help you get started to #GrowAtHome.

The Feltham in Bloom Facebook community is offering anyone in the borough a range of free materials to help you grow herbs, salads, vegetables or flowers in your garden, on a balcony or even a windowsill and a range of free baby plants and seeds are on offer for anyone interested in some gardening fun during lockdown.

You can contact Rob Antill via email: rob.antill@hotmail.com for further information or join the Feltham in Bloom Facebook Group.

Calling all children and young people in Hounslow - take part in the Virtual London Youth Games!

The LYG Virtual Games is open to all children and young people from Hounslow, who can compete in twelve challenges to earn points for Hounslow. A leaderboard with the latest Borough standings is updated every week.

The LYG Virtual Games started this month and is running for four weeks, giving children and young people the chance to represent Hounslow in a series of sport related challenges that can be done at home, school, or while out for daily exercise.

The first week featured a Netball Challenge set by sisters Izzy and Elly from Ealing, a fitness test set by Cross Country runners Dominique and Ricky from Sutton, and a Badminton Challenge set by Aaron from Lewisham. A total of 5,605 entries were recorded across the three challenges in the first week with representation from all 33 London Boroughs.

All the challenges relate to different sports and have been set by young Londoners, for young Londoners. Individual prizes are also up for grabs. Young people are encouraged to share videos of their challenge attempts on social media using #ThisIsLYG to be in with a chance of winning the weekly MVP (Most Valuable Player) award.

For the latest information and to join the Hounslow LYG team visit the LYG [website](#).

Telling the history of the Windrush Generation in Hounslow

Monday 22 June is national Windrush Day - do you have a story to tell?

The Borough Council invite members of the local British Caribbean communities to tell your stories of

migrating into the borough. What were your first experiences, jobs and homes? What were the stories of your ancestors and decedents? Your stories will form part of the History of Hounslow's Communities. This new archive hosted by Hounslow Library will be launched on Windrush Day and used to educate, and to celebrate the contributions of our diverse communities.

Please visit Hounslow Borough's website [website](#) for more information from Monday.

Four ways to celebrate Windrush Day

Join a live poetry reading via Black Cultural Archives- 7pm - 8pm on [Black Cultural Archives's](#) Instagram Live

Stream the adaptation of Andrea Levy's Small Island via National Theatre's YouTube-7pm on 25 June. Watch via the [NT YouTube](#), free to watch but you can donate to support the National Theatre.

Read about the journeys, the struggles and the enormous impact of the Windrush Generation

The Boroughs Windrush-inspired reading list: Trinidadian-born Sam Selvon's [The Lonely Londoners](#); [Back to my Own Country](#), an essay by Andrea Levy available to read for free (along with a selection of interesting Windrush articles via the British Library's archives [here](#), including this introduction to [James Berry's poetry](#)), and [The Windrush Betrayal](#) by Amelia Gentleman.

Try your hand at Caribbean classics and learn about the influence of Caribbean cookery in the UK

You can read up on the enormous influence of Caribbean culture on food in the UK :for more background they recommend these articles from [Melissa Thompson](#) on [Black erasure in the British food industry](#) and [Riaz Phillips](#) on the [odds operating against Black people working in the food industry](#).