

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 24th
October 2021

**Twenty-first
Sunday after
Trinity**

In Luke 4:14:30 there is a very familiar story about Jesus reading the scroll in the synagogue and quoting "No prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town". Do we often take for granted or not appreciate more familiar events or persons locally, yet cheer on people from farther afield?

Of course, this is not the same as the event in the Gospel, but for example, last weekend was the Great South Run in Portsmouth and 16,000+ runners took part. Like the London Marathon, there was television coverage or at least highlights, but did you know the Great South Run was started by Brendan Foster in 1990?

Now, I was cheering on all the runners – especially as it is unlikely that I would compete! – and in particular my son and daughter-in-law, who also took part while we dog sat for them. It wasn't until I saw the television coverage or studied the route that I realised what an achievement it was and thought about the commitment of practice runs, time and energy – on the day, they had to be up at 5 a.m. to get to us for 6.30 a.m. to leave their dog and get to Portsmouth to register and run not long after 10 a.m., not returning with road closures and parking until 6.30 p.m.

Until that point, I had been taking it all for granted and not accepting in the home town and it made me consider what else we take for granted in our lives – that the sun will rise each day and shine, that there will be food on the table, that we have somewhere to live and are safe indoors in bad weather, that we have clothes to wear, that God will somehow provide and look after us. Perhaps something worth pondering about?

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@sfmc.org.uk

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Sunday services at 10.30am:

Today: **Morning Worship** led by Mr. Jonathan Perkins

Sunday 31st October: **Morning Worship** led by the Revd. Alan Wickens

Southville Church is **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month from 09:30 to 10:30am. Next occasion: Saturday 6th November.

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 1st November. Studying Acts. Please contact Revd Anne for joining details; 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 11th 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 18th November. Melanie O'Neill will be in touch with parents/carers to confirm the date and time.

Dates for your diary

St Dunstan's Parish Office will be closed this week (Wednesday and Friday mornings).

Please ring 0208 890 2011 or email admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk if you need to contact the parish.

Thursday 4th November 8pm: **Service for All Souls** at St Dunstan's. Names to be read in service can be added to list at back of church. If adding names you are asked to attend the service.

Thursday 18th 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.

Sunday 7th November 9.45 am service at St Dunstan's will include prayers for response to **climate change**.

Saturday 27th November 5.30pm **St Paul's Cathedral Advent Carol service** with procession of light by choir and young people through the cathedral. **Free** tickets are needed to attend. Please let the parish office know before Friday 19th November if you want us to order you tickets. And whether you have children who wish to take part in the procession of light, as there will be a rehearsal earlier in the afternoon for the young people with their supervising adults. The tickets will not direct where you sit in the cathedral.

Notices

The **Feltham Foodbank thanks everyone who donated** as part of St Dunstan's harvest appeal. They are supporting approximately 60 families and individuals. We continue to collect for the Feltham Food Bank and the crate for donations is in St Dustan's church foyer. (Please don't give pasta, as they have lots!) Or donate on line.

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

Saturday 30th 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 10th (evening) to Sunday 12th 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.

Free trees to plant: Hounslow Council is offering 500 free trees this winter for residents to plant in their gardens. (Or churchyard, perhaps?) See <https://hounslow.greentalk.io/order> to register an interest. The handout point nearest to Feltham will be at Hounslow Heath car park on 16th January so there is plenty of time to choose a spot and dig a hole!

UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26)

UK faith groups are taking action to 'Make COP Count'. From 1st to 12th 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

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 th December:		Coffee morning
Sunday 5 th :	9.45am (9.30am)	Holy Communion Service on Zoom™)
Sunday 12 th :	8.00am 9.45am (9.30am)	Holy Communion Christingle Service on Zoom™)
Sunday 19 th :	9.45am (9.30am) 6.30pm	Holy Communion Service on Zoom™) Ecumenical Carol Service
Friday 24 th (Christmas Eve):	4.00pm 11.30pm	Crib service Holy Communion
Christmas Day:	9.45am (9.30am)	Holy Communion Service on Zoom™)
Sunday 5 th :	9.45am (9.30am)	Holy Communion Service on Zoom™)

Pre-pandemic an open-to-all **singing group** used to practise before Christmas to sing two or three items at the Ecumenical Carol Service. Please let Rachel (rachel.stuchbury@phoncoop.coop) know if you might like to take part this year. Practices would be held on two Monday nights, perhaps 6th and 13th December.

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