

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 25 April
2021

**Fourth Sunday
of Easter**

Two of last week's world changing moments

On Monday 19th April NASA's small helicopter 'Ingenuity' made the first ever controlled powered flight on another world, by rising three metres above the surface of the planet Mars. On Wednesday 21st an American court found a white US policeman guilty of the murder of George Floyd, an African American. While there were witnesses to his murder the verdict was not a forgone conclusion. In the past the racist behaviour and violence of some police had not been condemned or brought to trial.

The helicopter was humankind's first flight on another planet. The information about the flight took half an hour to reach earth from Mars. The first tiny step in the exploration of another planet and our exploration of creation.

The good news of the guilty verdict and justice for George Floyd's family was heard immediately across America, here in the UK and around the world. I pray this verdict will lead us all to take the many steps needed to combat and end racism now. And to keep on taking thought and action. So that by the time the first woman (or man) steps on Mars we will all treat each other as equals: God's children made in his image, precious in his sight and ours.

Anne Dollery

Circuit Bible Study

This takes place by zoom on Thursdays starting at 10.00am, please join by 09:45. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details to join – you can also join by phone. Email contact: jonathan.griffiths@sfmc.org.uk

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

There will be no service in church today. In May:

Sunday 9th May 10:30 led by Rev Andrew Reed (Service of Holy Communion)
Sunday 23rd May 10:30 led by Mr Graham Wells

Further details about these services will be published in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, we will continue to circulate service material each week by email and printed, for those without access to the internet (electronic, i.e. email or Whatsapp, is easier and more cost efficient). If you have not been receiving these and would like to, please contact: Jonathan or Roger on register@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk or Text or WhatsApp: 07521 776 637 or call Marilyn Woodley on 07958 737094.

Staines Methodist Church are continuing to **Zoom their service each Sunday** at 10:30am and we would encourage you to join. For an invite contact Matt or Roz service.staines@sfmc.org.uk

Southville Church will be **open for private prayer** once a month from 09:30 - 10:30am; the next date will be Saturday 1st May. Watch the notices and Social Media for any changes.

We will be continuing to follow all the same Covid-19 practices as before for services and private prayer; booking will be required for services, but not for Private Prayer times

The Eastern End News

The next issue is planned for 25th April. If your details appear in the Magazine please ensure that you have completed and returned to the editors a copy of the GDPR consent form (available from the editors) or personal details will not appear.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Our **zoom services** will continue on Sundays at 10am. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

Services in church:

Every Sunday until further notice: 9am Holy Communion

Because of the limited capacity due to social distancing seats for **services in church need to be booked** by noon the previous day, saying which service, names of those attending and contact number. All the restrictions remain unchanged: seating by household, hand sanitizing, masks to be worn and no congregational singing inside the church.

Bible study begins again on Monday 10th May 8pm on zoom (**not 26th April**) Please contact parish office or Anne Dollery for joining details.

St Dunstan's PCC meeting Monday 26th April 7.45pm for 8pm on zoom.

Revision of St Dunstan's church electoral roll – by 30th April for the 2021 APCM.

If you are not already on the roll and would like to join, please contact Gary Welland at the parish office who will send you a form, to be returned to him by 30th April at the very latest. Email for the Parish Office: admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk

The church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Church Electoral rolls provide an indication of the real membership and strength of the church.

Baptised adults (over 16 years of age) who live in the parish, or who have worshipped regularly at St Dunstan's for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of the local Church of England congregation. If you worship regularly at two churches, you can be on the Electoral Roll of both churches but if you wish to be elected to a Church Council, you may only select one of the two churches you attend to be nominated and elected to the Council.

Enrolment is a way of saying "I belong", an act of commitment to St Dunstan's Church and the church as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels.

Five nominations are needed for the PCC (Parochial Church Council). To stand you need to be on our electoral roll by 30th April. Could you serve please? The PCC meets once every 4-6 weeks, currently on zoom. Membership of the PCC need only be for one year but can continue if you are willing for a total of 3 years. If you are interested please contact Duncan Forsyth (email dncnforsyt@aol.com), Ian Stuchbury (email ian.stuchbury@phonecoop.coop) or the parish office by 12th May.

Nominations for Church Warden. We continue to seek a second church warden to serve alongside Duncan Forsyth. If you think this might be you and would like to find out more, please speak to Duncan Forsyth or Rev'd Anne Dollery.

St Dunstan's Church Meeting to elect Church Wardens and its Annual Meeting (APCM): **Sunday 16th May 10.45am** on zoom, i.e. immediately after the 10am Zoom service. A separate email will be sent with the joining details so that people not wishing to join the service may attend the meeting. The formal notification of these meetings has been issued.

St Dunstan's urgently needs a reliable term-time cleaner for the Church Centre. The hours will be 60 minutes a week during school terms to clean the downstairs meeting room, hallway and downstairs toilet every Friday before 3pm. Payment will be at the London Living Wage. Please make applications or ask for more information from admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk.

People

We are very pleased to hear that **Lorna Baker** had a cataract removal operation last week and is recovering well.

Christian Aid Week

... starts on 10th May 2021 and we want to raise money for this excellent cause. A virtual Big Breakfast? ... no, it just wouldn't be like the real thing. An auction of talents? ... but we did that last year. Aha – what about **a raffle**?

The idea is that people give to Christian Aid online (see <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>) and then let Rachel Stuchbury know how many £1 tickets they have 'bought'. (Or a smaller number if it was a big donation – it won't be much like a raffle if one person wins all the prizes!) The draw – with real tickets - will take place on 16th May and winners will be contacted in turn to choose their prize. So far there are twelve to choose from and you will shortly be able to admire pictures of them. Further details in next week's newsletter – start saving now!

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

Daily Hope line of bible readings, prayers and hymns (Church of England): 0800 804 8044

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/>

Southville Methodist	Tachbrook Road, Feltham TW14 8NU Change of website address: www.southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk Email address: contact-us@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk Minister: Rev. Juliet Ushewokunze (020 8890 2783) Email: rev.ushewokunze@sfmc.org.uk
St. Dunstan (C of E)	St. Dunstan's Road, Feltham TW13 4JY Minister Rev. Anne Dollery (020 8890 8347) Email: AnneDollery@yahoo.co.uk C of E Parish office 39 St.Dunstan's Road, Feltham TW13 4JY (visitors by appointment only) Email: admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk Tel: 020 8890 2011 Website: www.stdunstansfeltham.org.uk