

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 25th July
2021

**Eighth Sunday
after Trinity**

I pride myself on being well-organised – well, pride does go before a fall, as I completely forgot about writing for the newsletter this week until the Vicar telephoned me!

In my defence, it is the last week of term and indeed of the school year, always a very busy time (!) and we have a family wedding next Friday, rescheduled from April earlier this year with the pandemic restrictions. Invitations had already gone out and been accepted and the venue booked; however, the happy couple decided to reschedule when they realised there were only 2 days to organise everything for the original date once the lockdown restrictions were eased: for example, tasting and choosing the menu, flowers, measuring for the bride's dress and fitting, selecting and fitting the groom's outfit... There were a number of problems along the way, in particular the wedding venue changing ownership and having a complete refurbishment, including the whole kitchen. As you can imagine, stress levels have been very high for the bride, the groom, both families and the mother of the groom – me!

It is lovely to know that the wedding can go ahead without further restrictions and without having to whittle down the number of guests. Even the weather seems to be co-operating as it is forecast to be a bit cooler than of recent days and the ceremony will now be outside.

As is the nature of things, I am sure the actual day will be fine and so, as I take a deep breath, with only a week to go, I give thanks that 2 young people wish to commit to a life together and that family and friends are able to attend to support them at the beginning of their life together. God's blessings on Philip and Sam.

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

Sundays at 10.30am: **Morning Worship**

Southville Church will be **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month from 09:30 to 10:30am.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services (until further notice):

9.30am **Service on zoom**
10.30am **Holy Communion** in church

And on Wednesday:

9.45am **Holy Communion** in church *this week only, 28th July*

On other Wednesdays 10am

The PCC has carefully considered how far to abandon the **precautions against infection** in our church services this summer. The seating will be restored to more like it was pre-pandemic, but with some distancing and some seating in ones and twos for people who are happier that way. Mask wearing will be optional; bookings will not be required. Those attending will still be invited to use the QR code and those attending recorded. Some congregational singing will be cautiously reintroduced. People will come forward to take communion. Coffee and tea will be served after the Sunday service. These arrangements, and the times of services, will be reconsidered in early September.

Would you like to **read a lesson, or lead the intercessions**, at the Sunday service? If so, please talk to the vicar or Duncan Forsyth. The idea at present is not to create a rota, but to include someone for a specific date on which they can commit to being there.

... and as explained last week, we still need **people to lead junior church** periodically starting in September. We would like to have only sufficient volunteers to offer it once a month, in term-time; it would be good to be able to increase this to once a fortnight! Please consider whether you could help.

Notices

Studying theology at St Mellitus College (Diocese of London). For details of all courses please go to: stmellitus.ac.uk.

Places are still available to study theology from September 2021 at **St Augustine's College, Canterbury**. Theology is a way to renew our faith and enliven our discipleship as we make connections between knowing God and living our daily lives. Why not try a 'taster term'? You can take a single module for £150, learn a great deal and discover if you want to venture further (online options now available). Interested? Please email r.young@staugustinescollege.ac.uk.

Feltham History Society meetings at Christ Church 7.45pm on Tuesdays 3rd August and 7th September. **History walk** on Sunday 11th August meeting at 2.30pm in the car park at Feltham

Bumper summer edition: next week's newsletter will cover four weeks (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August). We promise to find a few summer-related jokes (you can take that as a warning ...).

WOT is back!! and will be meeting on Thursday 12th August 2pm-4pm in the Church Centre garden. (Please note change of time.) We will enjoy a cream tea and a chat, and discuss future meetings. Please let Shirley or Marian know if you plan to come. All ladies welcome.

People

Congratulations to Michael Hodson on his first class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering – and to all students who have completed their studies in the pandemic.

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/>

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