

## Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 26  
July 2020

**Seventh  
after Trinity**

Have you ever wondered, maybe you already know, what a parable is? Refreshing my memory: a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as Jesus' stories in the Gospels, about a third of His recorded teachings. There are no parables in John's Gospel and 11 only in Matthew, 2 only in Mark, 18 only in Luke, 4 in Matthew and Luke, and 6 in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The subjects were familiar then and today. Take the parable of the mustard seed: do you remember sowing mustard and cress on a damp paper towel as a child? It grew really quickly and although not left to grow as big as possible, my remembrance is the seeds were very tiny. Internet research says that the seeds roughly measure 0.1 by 0.03 millimetres, mustard bushes reach an average mature height of between 6 and 20 feet with a 20-foot spread, and birds will land on one for seeds.

I used to make my own bread (no time these days!) and was always amazed at how a small amount of yeast made the dough increase so much in size. So these simple stories or parables still work today, even in a far busier pace of life and with more sophisticated technology. Of course, the purpose of telling the parables was to illustrate a point and Jesus links the parables with the Kingdom of Heaven, asking if the audience understood - they replied they did.

The theme of little beginnings leading to greater things is reflected in Geoffrey Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde, 1374: "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow" and more recently on July 20, 1969, when Neil Armstrong declared as he stepped on the Moon, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

*Dee Howley*

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**Church life continues in our homes and in our lives, on line and by phone.**

**You are invited to say The Lord's Prayer at 10am each Sunday, a joint act of prayer.**

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### **Church Notices: St. Dunstan**

**Sunday worship** : a service by Zoom is held at 10am each week, and the PCC has decided that it will continue until at least the end of August as it is popular. This means our Sunday service of Holy Communion in church will continue to take place in the evening (moving from 6.30pm to 6.00pm from 2<sup>nd</sup> August). These arrangements will be reviewed before the end of August and PCC members would welcome comments from anyone interested.

#### **Services in church this week:**

Today at 6.30pm: **Holy Communion** (said service) led by the Revd. Elis Matthew.  
*Booking closes at noon on Saturday.*

Thursday 30th July 10.00am: **Morning prayer** *No need to book a place, as small numbers attending - just give your phone number at the door if it's not in church records, for Track and Trace.*

Next Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> August) \*\*6.00pm\*\* (please note time) **Holy Communion** (said service) led by the Revd. Anne Dollery. *Book a place by noon on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> please.*

Please book a place to attend by emailing [admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk) or phoning 0208 890 2011. When booking please give your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your contact phone number.

The Church of England now requires all those attending and taking part in services in any way to **wear face masks in church**, unless you are exempted by the Government regulations for wearing of face masks.

The **Zoom Bible study 8pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** will be looking at Psalm 139. Please contact Anne Dollery if you wish to join the study. The group will be taking a break during August.

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### Church Notices: Southville Methodist

No public services will be held at Southville Church until September. The Circuit's Zoom services will continue until at least the end of August with churches potentially opening from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Continuing invitation from Roz Sendorek for to join the Staines **Zoom Service** this Sunday at 10.30am. If you're uncertain, please contact Matt Sendorek ([matt.sendorek@btinternet.com](mailto:matt.sendorek@btinternet.com)) for an email invitation, or Roz on 01784 459984 or 07712 816163.

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### Other news

Canaan Bookshop is open, as previously announced; they are also happy to offer free local delivery to people unable to visit the shop. We are also now invited to download the latest special offer catalogues from [www.canaanchristianministries.co.uk/special-offers.html](http://www.canaanchristianministries.co.uk/special-offers.html)

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### Dates for your diary

If you want to retreat and regroup ....

Lama Alan Wallace of Lampeter has agreed to provide an On-Line Retreat with Dr. Eva Natanya, from 18 to 23 August, entitled 'Dwelling in the heart of reality: parallel practices in Buddhist Dzogchen and Christian mysticism'. Details at [contemplative-consciousness.net/lampeter-2020-virtual-retreat/](http://contemplative-consciousness.net/lampeter-2020-virtual-retreat/)

Nearer home, The House of Prayer in Molesey has organised an preached retreat using Zoom which will run from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: 'Rebuild my church: new wine – new wineskins after Covid-19'. Two conferences each day (10.30am and 4.30pm) – see <https://www.christian-retreat.org/covid19update> for this and other possibilities.

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### A funny thing happened to me .... By Jackie Trebett

The TV series *Keeping up Appearances* included a character called Hyacinth Bucket (snobbish Hyacinth likes to be called Mrs. Bouquet) and her brother in law Onslow, who spends much of his time in a string vest watching the TV, eating crisps and drinking beer (nothing wrong with that), much to Hyacinth's disgust!

My friend, her young daughter and I were having a coffee break in the Hounslow branch of Woolworth's (rather a long time ago). As we were queuing up, suddenly the little girl said loudly "Look, look Mummy, Aunty Jackie, there is Onslow!". We followed the pointed finger and sure

enough there was an Onslow lookalike, vest and all. Needless to say we got our drinks and hid in a corner of the cafe.

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## From Hounslow Borough

### Free Summer Youth Activities



Kick start your summer holidays with exciting activities run by Brentford Community Sports Trust.

The sessions are held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday **1 -4pm at Hanworth Youth Centre**, 64 Hounslow Rd, Feltham TW13 6QQ

Sessions start on Monday 3 August and are available to young people aged eight-19 who live in Hounslow.

## Community Sports Trust

Activities include;

- Basketball sessions
- Team games
- Quizzes
- Fitness
- Educational workshops

No need to book – just turn up!

For more information, email [youth@brentfordccst.com](mailto:youth@brentfordccst.com) or call 07956499265

### West London College 'Skills for Londoners' courses coming soon



In August, West London College will start delivering a wide range of 'Skills for Londoners' courses, through a mixture of online learning and face to face teaching.

Courses include employment skills, a three week pre-employment course for those interested in a career in care work and a Construction

Bootcamp.

The courses are designed to support anyone looking for a new career path, facing redundancy in their current job or wants to boost their confidence and skillset.

For information email [musharaf.malik@actionwestlondon.org.uk](mailto:musharaf.malik@actionwestlondon.org.uk)

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