

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 27
September
2020

**16th after
Trinity**

In today's reading from Philippians, Paul urges us to pocket our pride, and to live and work and think as one. Anything less is unworthy of the One whose life on earth is the supreme example of humility. He humbled Himself, emptied Himself of His glory and became obedient to death – the most painful death possible. For us.

We should be of the same mind as Jesus (v5), not acting in selfish ambition but in humility. We are all naturally proud, but we are called to follow Jesus' ultimate example of self-sacrifice for the sake of others. The bible shows us how to become more Christ like, by letting us see what Christ was like! We should be encouraged in Christ, comforted from His love and like Him, count others as more significant than ourselves.

Our gospel reading follows soon after Jesus overturned the tables of the money-changers in the Temple. Once again the chief priests and elders come to question Jesus, hoping to entrap Him, but without success. Jesus makes no direct answer, but it is clear that he and John derive their authority from the same source. In the parable that follows, His critics find themselves under fire. Verses 28-32: the first son represents the social outcasts, who have made a genuine response to John and to Jesus: the second the religious leaders, with their mock obedience.

Derek Perry

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Public services begin again at Southville today! We all thank God for that, and seek his blessing as Southville passes yet another church anniversary. Today's service of Holy Communion will be led by the Revd. Juliet Ushewokunze.

Further services at Southville will take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month: 11th and 25th October, 8th and 22nd November, and so on, all at 10.30am as before.

Meanwhile the Staines **Zoom Service** is expected to continue each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact Matt Sendorek (matt.sendorek@btinternet.com) for an email invitation, or Roz Sendorek.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan

Services this week

9.45am: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church
Booking closes at noon on Saturday 26th

10.30am: **Zoom service** (joining details as before)

No weekday services: Wednesday morning prayer will be back in October

Services next week

Sunday 4th October 9.45am: **Holy Communion** (said service) in church
Booking closes at noon on Saturday 3rd
 10.30am: **Zoom service** (joining details as before)

Wednesday 7th October 10.00am: **Morning prayer** in church

Please book a place at a Sunday service in church by emailing 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. You will have to wear a mask in church unless you are exempted.

There will be a **PCC meeting** on Tuesday (29th September) at 7.45pm (via Zoom or phone).

Harvest : we are inviting gifts and donations to support Tearfund, the Food bank and the Upper Room. While we are not able to gather to celebrate, we hope to be able to open the church in the afternoon of Sunday 4th October to receive donations.

Our Harvest gifts go to:

	<i>What we donate:</i>
Tear Fund: a Christian charity 'passionate about ending poverty', working through local churches in the areas of most need world-wide.	Money. See https://www.tearfund.org/ to donate online or send a cheque to Tear Fund, 100 Church Road, Teddington TW11 8QE.
The Upper Room: works with homeless or vulnerable adults to meet immediate needs and increase their employability, while building confidence and self-esteem. Based at St. Saviour in W12.	Clothing: new underwear and T shirts for men. Toiletries (but not shampoo). Paper cups, aluminium foil, cling film, toilet rolls. See fuller list at https://theupperroom.org.uk/get-involved/donate/donate-items/
Feltham Food Bank – feeding our hungry neighbours. Busier than ever now, after being disrupted by the pandemic.	Specially needed at present: UHT milk, coffee, tea, sugar, tins of meat or tuna or sardines, small bottles of cooking oil, tins of fruit, small packets of basmati rice.

St Dunstans' (postponed) APCM will be held at 8pm on Friday 23 October This will need to be held virtually with connection through zoom by broadband and phone line.

St Dunstans' Electoral Roll

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

Who can be on it? Any Baptised adults (Christened) over 16 years of age, who live in or outside the parish, and have worshipped regularly at St Dunstan's for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of the congregation. (Of course the requirement for regular worship doesn't apply if you were not able to join in Zoom services when we were unable to meet in church.)

Why join it? At St Dunstan's we seek to share our experiences of God's loving presence in a welcoming and inclusive environment so enrolment is a way of saying "I belong".

If you would like to join our Electoral Roll please let the Parish Office know by **30th September at the latest**. The Electoral Roll Officer (Susan Collins) will then be in touch with you. A copy of the Electoral Roll will be on display on the website from 8th October.

Date for your diary

Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm (on Zoom): **West London Citizens** annual meeting. This is a new branch of Citizens UK, a participant organisation which trains people to listen, network and encourage community action for the common good. Initiatives in Hounslow include a campaign to get care workers paid the Living Wage. Anyone can listen in without any commitment; see <https://actionnetwork.org/events/the-joy-of-public-life-wlc-delegates>. If you need encouragement by hearing about good things that are happening, this is warmly recommended!

Persons

Rachel Stuchbury wishes to apologise to all the people who received a church mailing two weeks ago by post, with insufficient stamps to cover the postage. Happy to refund your expenses! And very sorry for the inconvenience it will have caused.

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