

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 28
February 2021

**Second Sunday
in Lent**



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for...

Hope is trust in what we can't yet see, it is confident expectation in what is to come. When I saw the 'hope' mosaic in Bridge house pond garden covered in snow I knew – because I knew what they were before the snow, that the mosaics would reappear. We have to wait much longer for some of the things we hope for. Signs of spring are now appearing in the parks and gardens and we hope to enjoy the warmer weather. With the rollout of the vaccination programme and the gradual lifting of the Covid restrictions we cautiously hope to be able to meet with our friends and family.

Lent is a season of hope. It prepares us for the celebration of Easter and the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. God's love for us in Christ: His life given for us that we can live in hope. Like the mosaics, this is the solid ground. If at times it becomes covered at times with some of the many things that life can throw at us. As the mosaics were covered by the snow.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Anne Dollery



Together for Lent Bible study on zoom

A Lent Bible study group for Southville and St Dunstan's is held on Tuesday evenings 19.45-21.00. The group is using material from 'Transformed by the Presence of Jesus' by Liz Babbs. Please email Marilyn Woodley at: marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com if you wish to join the study group.

2 nd March	Known by Jesus	John 4:1-26
9 th March	Waiting for Jesus	John 11:1-44
16 th March	Named by Jesus	John 20:1-18
23 rd March	Faith and Jesus	Matthew 14:22-36
30 th March	Obedience and Jesus	John 21:1-14

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

There will be no services in church until further notice. We would encourage you to join other services online. If you would like to join services or receive printed / electronic service material (electronic is easier and more cost efficient) please contact: Jonathan Griffiths tel: 020-8890 1978, email: jonathan.media.southville@sfmtc.org.uk. Or call Marilyn Woodley on 07958 737094.

Meanwhile the Staines **Zoom Service** continues each Sunday at 10.30am. Contact service.staines@sfmtc.org.uk for a link.

Circuit Bible Study by zoom on Thursdays starting at 9.30am studying Matthew. Please contact Jonathan Griffiths for details to join – you can join by phone. Email contact: jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk

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Sunday Zoom service at 10.00am continues to be well-attended. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone or tablet.

Recording of the **weekday morning prayer** for Wednesday is on the St Dunstan's website.

Dates for your diary

St Dunstan's **PCC Meeting on zoom** Monday 1st March 7.45 for 8pm

Friday 5th March at 3pm: service for **World Day of Prayer** on Zoom, led by the Revd. Anne Dollery. This year the material has been prepared by women in Vanuatu. Email Rachel Stuchbury on rachel.stuchbury@phonecoop.coop for a link.

Saturday 6th March 10.00-12.30pm: **Turn aside for a while**. A Lenten quiet morning arranged by the House of Prayer, Molesey (via Zoom). See <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme> Cost is £10.

Tuesday 23rd March 7.00-8.30pm: **Faith and mental health**. An online lecture by the Bishop of London. Register (free) at <https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5af4adf742512ff619ff611e4&id=a153eaaf21&e=7f0486957a> .

Lent opportunities

During Lent, anyone who uses the internet or has a radio is offered an opportunity to get to know Jesus better. Daily materials for Ignatian-style prayer and reflection, including a painting and a piece of music, are offered at <https://www.onlineprayer.net/>. (The paintings are interesting; there was one where Jesus appeared to be preaching to four women, of whom two had dropped off to sleep. Unless it was a female version of the Garden of Gethsemane story?)

People

Jack and Susan Collins would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages and prayers over the loss of Peter. We are very touched by your kindness as it has been a difficult time for so many. Peter had been poorly for quite a while and was nursed amazingly by the Macmillan nurses.

We pray for Richard Clayton and all his family following the loss this week of his aunt Macma Cynthia Morgan who died in hospital in Jamaica.

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

Looking forward

Would anyone be interested in an Ecumenical Parish Open Gardens weekend in June – restrictions permitting, of course? The idea is to arrange a low-key event, aimed at congregations and friends, which can easily be cancelled or adapted as necessary. If you like the idea (either as an opener or a visitor) please let Rachel Stuchbury know on Rachel.stuchbury@phonecoop.coop.

No laughing

– because it's Lent. But you may like to offer sympathy instead: I've just spent two minutes gazing at an urgent reminder, written on the back of my hand: 'Lent'. Lent books? course? service? I wondered anxiously. Then noticed a faint smudge at the end, which made the word 'Lentils'. Ah! The moral of that is, don't wash the backs of your hands when they are acting as a notepad.

This is a picture taken on Wednesday of daffs under the cedar tree at St. Dunstan's.

