

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 29th
August 2021

**Thirteenth
Sunday after
Trinity**

Like millions of others I've been glued to the television news reports from Afghanistan. There have been distressing scenes as people scramble to board transport aircraft in desperation to escape Kabul as the Taliban tighten their grip on the country. It is increasingly clear that not every person vulnerable to Taliban retribution will be able to leave before the deadline, and that the consequences for these people may well be dire. We will continue to pray for them in the weeks and months ahead, and hope that international pressure can be exerted to mitigate the brutality that characterised the Taliban's previous period of rule.

Whatever our view of the UK's involvement in Afghanistan over the last twenty years or the manner of our rapid disengagement, there is now a refugee crisis to be faced. How we respond to this as individuals, as Christians and as a country will define us to some extent. We can and will pray for the displaced as they attempt to rebuild their lives in the West. We can support refugee charities locally and nationally. There has been an outpouring of sympathy for the families, and we must pray that this translates into practical support as they settle into their new lives.

Duncan Forsyth

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.

We pray for the family of **Barbara and Charles Clarke** who are mourning both of them. The funeral was held on Wednesday and we commend all of the family, both living and departed, to God's loving care.

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 Wednesdays:

10.00am **Holy Communion** in church

Precautions against infection in church this summer: seating will offer distanced and non-distanced options, and we all need to be considerate of those who are vulnerable. Masks are optional but recommended. Congregational singing is being gradually reintroduced. These arrangements, and the times of services, will be reviewed in early September.

We do need people to read lessons, lead intercessions and help with children's activities; please think about this. Sign-up sheets may be available from next Sunday.

Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September: **Brentford Art Trail**. See www.creativemile.org or just go along – Friday 3rd evening, Saturday or Sunday 11am-5pm.

Saturday 4th September at 3.00pm: **Tea (coffee) with Southville** in the Church Centre – a chance for people from St. Dunstan's and from Southville to meet up again. All welcome.

Tuesday 7th September at 7.45pm: **Feltham History Society** meeting in Christ Church

Friday 10th September at 5.00pm: **Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral** with the Bishop of London, to celebrate Bishop Pete of Willesden who will be retiring next year. All welcome, no need to book but be seated by 4.50pm.

Monday 4th October at 7.00pm: **Young voices from Israel-Palestine**. A live (zoom) encounter led by 'Solutions not Sides', a UK charity. Richmond Inter-Faith Forum invite anyone interested to register at <https://riff-young-voices-israel-palestine.eventbrite.co.uk>

Notices

Email Bible Study—from 8th September we will be studying the first 6 chapters of Isaiah.

Anyone not already on the list and who would like to receive the study please contact Anne Mills-Roberts on 01784 613357.

From **Canaan Bookshop** in Staines: from 1st September it will be opening from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Free local deliveries are available for those not wishing to shop in person. Canaan Ministries will once again have a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition which will be at Sandown Park, Esher, on 12th to 14th October; if you plan to attend, please book your ticket using the link on the Canaan website, www.canaanbookshop.co.uk

The **WOT group** is now back to meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, starting at a new time of 2-4pm. Our next meeting is Thursday 9th September, we will be having a Beetle Drive, all ladies welcome. More information from Shirley or Marian.

More good news: the **Monday morning drop-in** is back! 10.00am to 12 noon every Monday (except bank holidays), starting 6th September, in the Church Centre. Come along, meet with others and share some refreshments. There may be crafts, quizzes, board games, jigsaw puzzles or anyone is welcome just to pop in for a chat. Stay as long as you like. Bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you.

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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