

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday 30 May
2021

Trinity Sunday

I was looking forward to a fine warm bank holiday weekend. The forecast had been for dry sunny weather but it now seems less certain. As do the lifting of all restrictions in June; while the amazing lifesaving vaccination programme continues apace so do cases of the Indian variant in parts of our Borough and other places. While in many parts of the world vaccination is very slow or has hardly begun.

This is Trinity Sunday and in these uncertain times I give thanks for our Christian relationship and experience of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In these times of uncertainty and change I am very grateful for the stability of God's love for us. I can pray to God as Father, bringing to him my hopes and fears and as Creator giving thanks for the wonder of spring all around us. I give thanks for Christ the cornerstone, our Lord who brings reconciliation and healing, interceding for us with the Father. The wind of uncertainty and change blows. And so thank goodness does the Holy Spirit. Inspiring, guiding and comforting the church and each one of us as we follow Christ. In a world where many work for peace among the rubble and the people of Goma have lost much to a volcano we are to share the light of Christ with practical love.

It is the mysterious astonishing certainty of God's love for each one of us that enables me to get up each day, to step out into the each uncertain day, with its constantly changing future. For whatever happens, sunshine or rain, whether restrictions continue or not, God is with us and promises to be with us always.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love. Amen

Anne Dollery

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@sfmtc.org.uk

Church Notices: Southville Methodist

Today: no service in church

Next Sunday, 6th June 10:30 am: **Morning Worship** led by Mr. Graham Wells.

There will be a service in church at **10.30am every Sunday** until further notice. The current covid restrictions will remain in place in the light of this week's announcement for Hounslow residents. These include restricted numbers, pre booking, single seating, no singing and no refreshments.

Southville Church will be **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month from 09:30 to 10:30am; the next occasion will be Saturday 5th June.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services (for the next six weeks, pending review):

9.30am **Service on zoom**

10.30am **Holy Communion** in church - booking is appreciated

And on Wednesdays:

10.00am **Holy Communion** in church – no need to book

A change of time for our Sunday services is being tried, to see whether it enables more people to come to church. Please note that government guidance for indoor services remains largely the same as before 17th May: hand sanitizing, masks to be worn, no congregational singing inside the church and socially distanced seating (which is back to seating by individual household due to our Borough being one with a variant of concern).

For our zoom services, phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone, tablet or by phone.

Zoom Bible study will continue on Monday 7th June at 8pm. Contact Anne Dollery for joining details.

Email Bible study group are about to study Ephesians which will take us up to our summer break. Anyone with suggestions for our autumn study or anyone wanting to join the Ephesians study, please contact Anne Mills-Roberts on 01784 613357.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 5th June at 11am: **World Environment Day Interfaith meeting** (on zoom) organised by the World Zoroastrian Organisation (based by Bridge House Pond), to discuss the role of the environment in our respective religions and to pool ideas for a collaborative environmental project to benefit the local area. Meeting id=968 9989 6139, password=interfaith. All are most welcome.

Wednesday 30th June at 12 noon: **Funeral of Connie Rowse** in St. Dunstan's. All are welcome; no flowers by request; the family invite individual donations to Cancer Research UK instead.

Advance notice: **Saturday 24th July 'Pond Fest' at Bridge House Pond**. We are invited to be involved, either running a stall or helping with stalls. Please contact Gary at the Parish Office.

Other news

St Paul's Cathedral has opened **Remember Me**, an online book of remembrance for all those who have been living in the UK who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. People of all beliefs or none are invited to submit, free of charge, the name, photograph and a short message in honour of a deceased person (who was living in the UK). *Remember Me* will be open for entries for as long as it is needed. To launch the project, the choristers of St Paul's have recorded a special piece of music. See www.rememberme2020.uk for details.

Rabbi Dr. Miri Lawrence is requesting help with an interesting project concerning experiences of **religious practice during Covid-19**, entitled Stay Home Stories. The project is funded by the government's Arts and Humanities Research Council and is a partnership between several universities and museums, see www.stayhomestories.co.uk. Please contact m.p.lawrence@qmul.ac.uk if you would be willing to be interviewed on zoom.

Cargo bikes for families: Hounslow is using a scheme that loans cargo bikes to families free of charge for a month, following which you can choose to purchase them at very low prices. If

interested see https://www.peddlemywheels.com/family-and-cargo-bikes?utm_campaign=&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=.

The Big Ask is an online survey for young people aged 4-17 years in England, launched by the Children's Commissioner. Age-appropriate questions and format are offered, so that any young person can tell the government what their life is like and how it could be improved. See https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/?utm_campaign=&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=.

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/>

See latest updates about how to tackle new variant of concern; get vaccinated at a pop-up clinic on 31st May ! No appointments necessary www.hounslow.gov.uk/surge

From the Borough of Hounslow:

The Secretary of State announced on Wednesday 19 May that surge testing and increased vaccination will be taking place in the London Borough of Hounslow to help tackle new variants of concern.

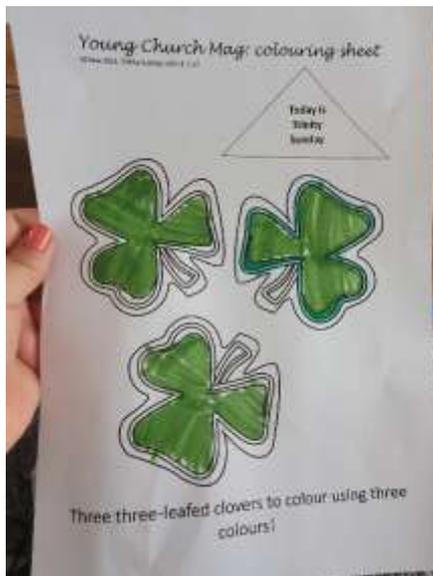
Over the next five weeks, we will be stepping up our efforts to ensure that both PCR testing and vaccinations across Hounslow are as accessible as possible to all residents.

Here are simple steps we can ALL take to help stop the spread of COVID 19 including the new variants:

- Take one PCR test during our five week surge period if you live in Hounslow
- Get vaccinated when you can
- Continue taking twice weekly rapid tests to ensure you are not spreading the virus without knowing

And a picture

Messy-church prayers and activities were delivered to families for Pentecost; Emma Willis (a regular at our zoom service) kindly sent us these pictures of Sofia busy using them:



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