

## Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday 31  
January 2021

**Fourth Sunday  
after  
Epiphany**

**On Wednesdays ....** I volunteer for the Salvation Army Foodbank (SAFB). This is currently one of three in Feltham; the others are the Riverside Vineyard Storehouse, and Feltham Food Bank (which St. Dunstan's rightly supports). SAFB differs in that it was set up as a 'temporary' response to the first lockdown – but the need for it continues so it's still occupying the small hall that eventually must be reclaimed for Salvation Army worshippers and their other activities.

Yesterday I arrived there soon after 8am. Since the previous Wednesday, the almost-clear packing tables had been covered with new supplies. We were glad to notice a box of fresh, greenish bananas (bought); less glad to find two large, sticky bags of very squashed bananas (a gift!). During the morning, a pile of donations from supermarket shoppers was brought in, mostly very useful though we have to check every 'sell by' date individually as we don't issue out-of-date food. But I love sorting through donations, you never know what .... (so who gave the jar of Japanese tempeh?).

From 10am to noon clients are encouraged to collect their boxes or bags (we hand them over outside to avoid infection) and then in the afternoon a few get delivered to people who can't come out. By the way, we do need more drivers to do a few local deliveries – say, once a month. Unlike some food banks not every client gets the same – there's a standard list from which clients can choose (by email or in person) but they are welcome to tell us what they need, for health or cultural reasons, and we match it as far as we can from the limited range available. Yesterday the donations included several packets of nuts, which we will add next week to a few vegetarians; the tins of meat were nearly all corned beef so we'll reserve the one tin of pork for Mrs. A who is Hindu; but no muesli has come in lately, we'll ask Mr. B if he'd like some instant porridge?

It's all a bit hit-and-miss but personal – we get to know the clients. Any of us could be clients if things go wrong; they include people on low incomes (working or Universal Credit) and people with no income at all (waiting to be assessed, registered, unblocked ...). Everything is slower because of the pandemic; people whose records are lost or corrupted can be stuck with no resources. And I worry that we are not reaching the people in really desperate need, of whom we hear through the brave volunteers who are in the field, trying to help. Like all the asylum seekers currently stuck in Hounslow hotels, one family to a room with entirely un-nutritious meals, with only the clothes they arrive in. A few volunteers are trying to make applications for school places for children who are only allowed out of a hotel room for one hour per day. Please pray for the Food Banks, but even more for those who are outside even that network.

*Rachel Stuchbury*

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### **Together for Lent Bible study on zoom**

It is hoped to offer a Lent bible study group by zoom for Southville and St Dunstan's, since we are unable to gather together. Tuesday evenings are proposed. A daytime study group could also be offered if there were sufficient people to make it viable. Please email [admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk) if you would only be interested in attending a daytime study group.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@sfmtc.org.uk)

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## Church Notices: St. Dunstan

There will be no services in church until further notice.

The **Sunday Zoom service has moved** to 10.00am each Sunday. All are welcome; phone or email the parish office for details of how to connect from computer, smartphone or tablet.

**Bible Study by zoom:** next meets at 8pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please contact Anne Dollery for details of how to take part (remotely).

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## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 7pm-7.45pm: **Rooted in love.** Bishop Sarah and Paula Gooder in conversation about the love of Christ, what it means to be part of the body of Christ, and how we can draw closer to Christ this Lent. John Swinton, in conversation with Paula Gooder, Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral. Book to attend at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-jesus-in-the-storm-tickets-127980488085?aff=ebdssbnonlinesearch&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-jesus-in-the-storm-tickets-127980488085?aff=ebdssbnonlinesearch&keep_tld=1); also available on catch-up, see [www.stpaulsresources.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsresources.co.uk).

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10am-4pm: **Wondrous Doings: Praying the Psalms.** A study day arranged by the House of Prayer, Molesey (via Zoom). See <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/wondrous-doings-praying-the-psalms>

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## Have your say

We are all invited to let Hounslow Council know what we think of our neighbourhood and how it could be improved. Survey closes 5<sup>th</sup> February. See (deep breath):

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## A story and a joke:

My friend R has three little boys - let's call them Arnold, Gerald and Harold. During lockdown with home schooling, the phrase 'they are eating me out of house and home' was mentioned, so R decided to set up a tuck shop, including food like fruit, cheese, celery sticks etc. plus of course sweets and biscuits. Every morning R gave the boys a few pennies to spend in the shop.

One morning at breakfast, little Harold said to his Dad, how much do I have to pay for the

cereal? (I presume the cereal was in those little boxes you can buy.) M his dad answered, Son in this house you do not have to pay for breakfast!

R's family are in the fortunate position to have food etc., but listening to the news, many many more families are going hungry and it is so so SAD.

*Jackie Trebett*

One sunny day, Jesus, Moses and a small elderly man were playing golf.

Jesus was the first to tee off. He hit the ball a little to the left, and it ended up in the water hazard. Because it was Jesus his ball floated, and when he got down to the hazard, he walked upon the water and hit the ball onto the green. Moses was the next to tee off, and like Jesus, he too hit the ball into the water hazard. When he got down to the hazard, he parted the waters and hit the ball onto the green.

The old man was next. He also hit the ball into the water hazard. Just then, a big fish swallowed the ball and swam on. A hawk swooped down and grabbed the fish and started to fly away. As the hawk passed over the green, its grip tightened, causing the ball to pop out of the fish. The ball landed onto the green and rolled into the hole.

Jesus then turned to the old man and said, "Look, Dad, if you're going to play, at least play fair!".

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