

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

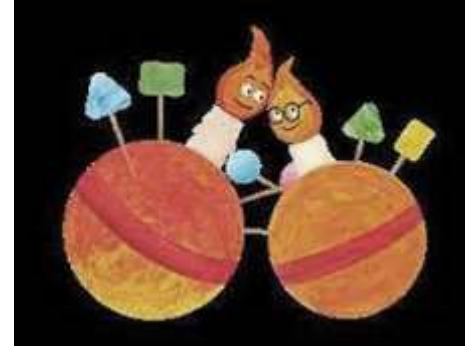
Sunday 10 December
2023

Advent II

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the ceremony. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, keeping hope alight in the face of trouble and anxiety.



Christingles are usually held from the end of November through to February (Advent to Candlemas), with Christmas Eve being a particularly popular time for services. They can be celebrated face to face (as ours is today) or online together, at any time of year.

During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Derek Perry with thanks to the Children's Society

The Ecumenical Parish: Southville and St. Dunstan's

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm: **Ecumenical Carol service** in St. Dunstan's. Come along to sing the familiar carols and listen again to the Christmas story, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. As usual, donations will be welcome (cash or card) for **Crisis**, supporting homeless people.

Church calendar: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday 10th December

8.30am: **Holy Communion** (said)

9.45am: **Christingle**, raising money for The Children's Society

Thursday 14th December 2.00pm: **WOT group** (see below for details) in the Church Centre

(Thursday 14th, Friday 15th, Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th 1.30-3pm:
Oakhill School carol concerts in church)

Sunday 17th December

9.45am: **Holy Communion**

6.30pm: **Ecumenical carol service**, with Southville, in St. Dunstan's

Sunday 24th December

9.45am: **Holy Communion**

4.00pm: **Crib Service**

11.30pm: **Midnight Holy Communion**

Christmas Day 10.00am: **Holy Communion**

Plus -

Every Wednesday (except 27th December):

10:00am: **Holy Communion**

Regular events:

Monday coffee drop-in 10.00am to 12 noon in the Church Centre, every Monday except bank holidays.

Free tea and coffee in a friendly gathering, which might include crafts or gentle activities and always a joke! Come and go as you please; bring anyone who might enjoy it.

Second Thursday of the month 2pm-4pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meets in the Church Centre. The next meeting will be on 14th December with a **bring-and-share meal, a secret Santa and a hamper raffle** for our chosen charities. For the bring-and-share, it would be helpful to let Shirley or Marian know what you plan to bring, just in case everyone has the same inspiration! For the secret Santa, if you are able, please bring a wrapped gift to the value of around £5.

Messy Church monthly on Thursdays at 3.30pm in the church. The next sessions are 18th January & 22nd February 2024

Lego Mornings in St. Dunstan's Church. The next session is 6th January 2024, 10am-1pm

Junior Church monthly in the Church Centre on the first Sunday at 9.45am. Next meeting will be 7th January 2024

Church notices: Southville Methodist

Sunday services:

9.00 am **Revival & Prophetic Prayer Service**

10.00 am **Prayer and Praise**

10.30 am **Morning Worship** - with Holy Communion once a month

10th December: Mr. Jonathan Perkins

17th December: Holy Communion celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

NB On Christmas Eve, the 10.30am service will be especially suitable for children (a crib service); in addition there will be Holy Communion at 11.30pm

Methodist Circuit

Sunday 31st December at 10.30pm: **Circuit New Year's Eve service** on Zoom™

Thursdays 10.30-11.30am: **Bible Study**, in person. Contact Graham Wells for details on 01784 258785 or g.wells988@gmail.com.

Advent



Follow The Star: Advent Calendar Daily activities, from 1st December, for children and their families. These daily activities are designed for children and their families using either the printed [Follow the Star Advent Calendar](#) or the Church of England online calendar available via www.cofe.io/AdventCalendar. A version of this daily Advent challenge for all ages – with a short daily reflection – is also available via the Follow the Star app. Find out more at www.cofe.io/JoinsTheSong.

Tuesdays 7:30pm-9.00pm **Advent Bible Study on Zoom™**. Sheila Hassan, who is one of the Local Preachers from Staines Methodist Church will be leading the Advent Bible Study course. Two sessions remain, on 12th & 19th December, and it's not essential to be at every session. To sign up, e-mail Sheila on sheila_peter2002@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you

To everyone who organised, helped with or supported St Dunstan's Christmas Coffee Morning. It raised £292.30 for church funds, always welcome!

Other notices

Calling all shoppers: please remember that you can raise cash for St. Dunstan's – at no cost to yourself – by signing up for Easyfundraising at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. There's a surprisingly long list of retailers who are part of it, and if you choose St. Dunstan's as the cause you want to support, the church gets a small percentage of any purchase you make. Thank you!

And then there's Christmas cards to write you are encouraged to send just one card to everyone at St. Dunstan's, by pinning it to the board in the church porch. If you'd like to donate the money saved on cards to Christian Aid, feel free to put cash in the red collecting pot at the back of church, or use the card reader.

New hymn books! St. Dunstan's PCC has decided that now is the time to replace our tattered green hymn books, and has chosen the current revision of Hymns Ancient & Modern for the new ones. These will come into use in January. Part of the cost will be met from the legacy generously left to the church by Connie Rowse. If anybody would like to contribute to the remainder, perhaps by dedicating a hymn-book to someone loved (for which a name-plate will be fixed inside the book), please contact the Parish Office or any PCC member.

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Prayer sheet for 10th December 2023

for the Ecumenical Parish of Feltham: St Dunstan's Anglican and Southville Methodist churches

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Readings, Sunday by Sunday

10 th December (Advent II)	17 th December (Advent III)
Isaiah 40: 1-11 II Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 I Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

In the news

We pray for everyone in south Gaza, whether fighters, civilians, aid workers, or reporters; we beg God for wise leadership, both locally and around the world, and ask that they may be inspired to hope that in God, peace and justice can replace endless killing.

From Churches Together

We ask God's blessing on everybody who is part of St. Dunstan's, and all who will walk through the doors over this Advent, Christmas and New Year; and particularly we pray for Anne Dollery, as she organises and leads all our Christmas services.

In the parish

Those living or working in Chertsey Road, Shelson Parade, Shelson Avenue, Walton Gardens, Phoenix Court, Larkham Close or Briarwood Close.

Those who are ill or in particular need:

Jim Devine, Julie Dutton (Brenda Cook's daughter), Amanda Elliott, Hilary Elliott, Jonathan Griffiths, Fiona Holloway, John Howliston, Jacob Hunter, Pam Kemp, Ian Lecky, Ray Newell, Antonio Sorenti, Mary Walden, Gill Welland, Barry Went, Susanna Woollam

Those who have recently died: Eileen Powell

Those whom we remember this week:

Lily Frere, Maria Barker, David Bassett