

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Baptism of Christ**

Once again I have recently spent Christmas with my brother and sister-in-law in Challock, Kent. This time in a much better state of health in spite of several visits to the doctors at my surgery since early August and two stays (November, December) at West Middlesex Hospital where I was born. The Christmas Eve service (midnight eucharist but at 10.00pm) was well attended and led by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, a very likeable young man, known to my sister-in-law who was with me in church this time. He did a good job and the service went well. He was there because Challock church lost their vicar earlier in the year and are yet to appoint a new one. Of course, we could not expect to have the Archbishop for a second year running and no doubt he chose one of the other villages in the Canterbury area to visit this time.

Today we remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. I do not have any recollection of my own baptism as I was a baby at the time but I do have the baptism certificate; it says that I was baptized right here in St Dunstan's Church by the then vicar, the Rev. Godfrey. I have, in fact, lived in Feltham all my life, originally in Granville Avenue and now in Sunbury Road. I have seen a considerable number of changes - sadly not always for the better.

*Derek Perry*

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## 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  
7<sup>th</sup> January: Morning Worship led by Mr. Jonathan Perkins  
14<sup>th</sup> January: Covenant Service led by the Revd. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

## Methodist Circuit

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

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## Church notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January:

- 9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™ (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)
- 9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church  
- with **Junior Church** in the Church Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January:

- 9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

Plus -

Every Wednesday:

- 10:00am: **Holy Communion**

## Regular events:

**Monday coffee drop-in** will meet again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. It's a much-loved institution, offering free tea and coffee, crafts, jokes, chat and more chat! Do tell anyone who might be interested.

**WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meets in the Church Centre 2pm-4pm on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be an informal gathering on 11<sup>th</sup> January (weather permitting). A meal out is planned for February!

**Messy Church** monthly on Thursdays at 3.30pm in the church. The next sessions are 18<sup>th</sup> January & 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Lego Mornings** in church: session on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10am-1pm; watch this space for the next one.

**Junior Church** monthly in the Church Centre on the first Sunday at 9.45am – i.e. meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January, next one on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## New recurring events at St. Dunstan's:

**Monthly informal prayer times:** just 10 minutes, starting 5 minutes after the Sunday morning service. Last Sunday of the month.

**Additional Sunday service:** a simple service of hymns/songs, readings and prayers on Sundays 21<sup>st</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> February at 11.15am. Date in March to be announced.

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## Dates for your diary

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** 18- 25<sup>th</sup> January

**Ash Wednesday** 14<sup>th</sup> February – easy to remember, and only six weeks away!

**The Upper Room winter lectures:** The Upper Room supports homeless and vulnerable people in West London, including ex-offenders, with meals and toiletries, and assistance to access employment, which can include driving lessons. At St. Dunstan's we collect contributions for it at Harvest Festival. The Upper Room also raises money by arranging popular talks involving well-known people – politicians, TV presenters, all sorts. There is a charge of £15 per ticket. See <https://theupperroom.org.uk/news-and-events/> for booking links and details.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 7.30-8.45pm: **Simon Reeve** – adventurer, author and documentary filmmaker - will be in conversation with the broadcaster Julian Marshall. Simon's latest series, *Wilderness*, will be shown on the BBC in 2024.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 8-9.15pm: **Dame Felicity Palmer** – opera singer – with playwright Jonathan Maitland.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 8-9.15pm: **Robert Fox** – theatrical and film producer – with former BBC media correspondent Torin Douglas. Robert's recent productions include the Netflix series *The Crown*.

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## Other notices

**Temporary Road Closure:** St. Dunstan's Road, Feltham. Hounslow Council are closing the road from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (provisionally). The one-way restrictions are suspended and vehicles can not proceed the length of St. Dunstan's Road between number 5 and number 19. Traffic will be diverted via Vernon Road, Princes Road, Avenue Road, Bedfont Road, and the same in reverse.

**Meet people – join in community activities – find training or support** at Feltham Community Hub which runs every Tuesday from 2.00-5.00pm in Feltham Assembly Hall. You can just turn up, it's free. (If anyone knows more about it, this newsletter would be glad to hear – the online information is vague, though encouraging)

**New hymnbooks for St. Dunstan's:** these have now arrived and will be in use from this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January. We are looking forward to exploring them. 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 hymnbook to someone loved (for which a nameplate will be fixed inside the book), please contact the Parish Office or any PCC member.

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## Prayer sheet for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

#### Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognise him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

#### Readings, Sunday by Sunday

7 <sup>th</sup> January (Baptism of Christ)	14 <sup>th</sup> January (Covenant – Southville)	14 <sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany II)
Genesis 1: 1-5 Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11	Exodus 24: 3-11 <i>or</i> Deuteronomy 29: 10-15 Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Romans 12: 1-2 John 15: 1-10 <i>or</i> Mark 14: 22-25	I Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) I Corinthians 6: 12-20 John 1: 43-51

#### Invitation to remember in our prayers:

##### In the news

As we hear of winter gales and storms, we pray for the safety of seafarers everywhere, and thank God for those who put to sea in lifeboats and rescue boats to save others from drowning.

##### From Churches Together

We thank God for all those connected with St. Mary, Bedford, and for Philip Smith their vicar, asking God to bless that church as another year unfolds.

##### In the parish

We remember those who live or work in Norbury Road, Elvedon Road, Redford Close or Woodmans House.

##### Those who are ill or in particular need:

Jim Devine, Julie Dutton, Amanda Elliott, Hilary Elliott, Jonathan Griffiths, Rev. Frank Hackett (formerly a curate at St. Dunstan's), Fiona Holloway, John Howliston, Jacob Hunter, Pam Kemp, Ian Lecky, Ray Newell, Antonio Sorenti, Barbara Tonkins, Mary Walden, Gill Welland, Barry Went, Susanna Woollam

##### Those who have recently died

##### Those whom we remember this week:

Brian Elliott, Billie Clayden, Win Gamble