

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

19 November 2023

**Second Sunday
before Advent**



A font of wisdom, the Bible provides all the insight you need to live a fulfilling, Christ-centred life. Some of the most frequently forgotten parables offer some of the most crucial advice. The perfect example? The Parable of the Talents. When did you last examine this valuable story and apply its lessons to your daily life? Many lessons can be gleaned from the Parable of the Talents. Just as applicable today as it was thousands of years ago, this parable explains the role of opportunity, hard work, and accountability in our everyday life. First and foremost, the Parable of the Talents teaches us that we are put on Earth to work.

This is evident not only in this parable, but in several other Bible stories. God rewards those who put considerable effort into bettering their lives and the lives of those in their community. He does not command us to bury our talents and sit back, awaiting salvation; rather, we are commanded to use what we have to make the world a better place.

Derek Perry - with thanks to Geneva College

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

Methodist Circuit

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

Church notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday service:

- 9.45am **Holy Communion** in church, led by Revd. Rudy Tan, preacher Revd. Anne Dollery

Wednesdays:

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

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.

Messy Church monthly on Thursdays at 3.30pm in the church. The next session is 7th December.

People

Duncan and Helen Forsyth hope to be able to say farewell at St. Dunstan's on Sunday 26th November, after the 9:45am service.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 19th & 26th November: **Advent Books** available for order/sale at St. Dunstan's.

Tuesday 21st November 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, The 5 sessions will be on Tuesdays; 21st & 28th November and 5th, 12th & 19th December, but it's not essential to be at every session. To sign up, e-mail Sheila on sheila_peter2002@yahoo.co.uk.

Wednesday 22nd November 2:30pm St Dunstan's Parish Office, meeting about **Christmas Services**. If you would like to attend this meeting but the day and time is not possible for you please contact Anne Dollery. We need to meet by the end of Friday 24th November please.

Tuesday 28th November 8.00pm: **PCC meeting** at St. Dunstan's Church Centre.

Saturday 2nd December 10.30-12 noon: **Coffee Morning** in St. Dunstan's Church. Tickets £4 (includes tea, coffee, squash and either a toasted sandwich or bacon butty). With Christmas craft table for children.

Have you read this Notice? Please let the parish office know if you have read this notice. And whether it was online, a paper copy, or an emailed copy. (The idea is to know who reads the newsletter and how.)

Saturday 2nd December 5.30pm: **St Paul's Cathedral Advent Carol Service**. Tickets are free. In addition, young people from across the diocese can be part of the procession of light which moves through the Cathedral; there is a rehearsal earlier in the afternoon for this, for the children and their supervising parents/guardians. The service will last approximately an hour and a quarter. *Tickets are still available from the Parish Office.*

Saturday 2nd December 10am-11:30am **Brick Church** at Southville Methodist church

Thursday 7th December 3:30pm: **Messy Church** at St. Dunstan's.

Saturday 9th December 7.30pm **Feltham Choral Society Christmas Concert** at St Dunstans church. Tickets £10 on the door (cash only)

Sunday 10th December 9.45am **Christingle** service at St Dunstan's. (Holy Communion 8.30am)

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm Joint **Carol Service** at St Dunstan's for Southville and St Dunstan's

Volunteer needed

We are looking for a **news & prayer sheet compiler**, from the beginning of February 2024, to update this news & prayer sheet weekly on a computer, at home. A copy of Microsoft Word is essential.

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Prayer sheet for 19th November 2023

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

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings, Sunday by Sunday

19 th November (Second Sunday before Advent)	26 th November (Sunday before Advent; Christ the King)
Judges 4: 1-7 or Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 I Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46

Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

In the news

With the onset of winter, we pray for people struggling with mental health problems, and especially all the many who must face housing or money problems while depressed and anxious; asking that they may find good counsel, help and courage.

From Churches Together

All who worship at Riverside Vineyard Church, Feltham, and its leaders.

In the parish

Those living or working in Parkfield Parade, Parkfield Road, Parkfield Crescent, Parkfield Avenue, Harvest Road, April Close, Ham Croft Close or Ludlow Road.

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, Mary Walden, Gill Welland, Barry Went, Susanna Woollam

Those who have recently died: Alice Webster

Those whom we remember this week: Beatrice and Willy Huxford, Bill Bullen, Hilda Perry