

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

Sundays 21st & 28th
January 2024

**Third of Epiphany &
Candlemas**

Not so ordinary!

We find ourselves heading towards Ordinary Time in the Church calendar, the period between Epiphany and Lent that coincides with the cold winter months of January and February. It's fair to say it probably isn't most people's favourite time of year. Last Monday was termed "Blue Monday" in the media; apparently it is the most depressing day of the year. My wife, Helen, reliably informs me it is a bright idea of an advertising guru in the travel and tourism industry - it's supposed to nudge you towards booking a luxury cruise or a holiday in the sun. I have to say I was rather tempted. I spent longer than usual staring at the travel supplements in the weekend newspapers but I didn't weaken.

This Ordinary or In-between time does give Christians an opportunity to think about the teachings of Christ and to order our lives in preparation for Lent. Ordering our lives can sound like a bit of an intimidating concept. Some people make New Year resolutions to get fit or make transformations in their lives. I'm personally a bit cynical about this. There's a pressure there that I doubt is entirely helpful. Small changes and marginal gains can give a real sense of achievement and that's what I'm aiming at. I'm very mindful that despite the advertising puff of "Blue Monday" many people do find this time of year extremely challenging. Freezing temperatures and leaden skies may do little to lift the spirits. Time spent in prayer and fellowship are extremely important and there is a great deal we can do to look after each other. Listening to others is crucial and can make such a difference if somebody is struggling with their mental health. A bit of support can go a long way, so if you know somebody that's struggling a bit why not spend some time over a cup of coffee and a chat? It could literally turn out to be a lifesaver.

Duncan Forsyth

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
21st January: Morning Worship led by Mrs. Sheila Hassan
28th January: Morning Worship led by Mrs. Mary Windo
4th February: Morning Worship led by the Revd. Andy Watkins

Brick Church: Saturday 3rd February 10:00am-11:30am

Methodist Circuit

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

Church notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday 21st January:

- 9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church celebrated by the Rev. Rudy Tan
- 11.15am: **Service of hymns, readings and prayers** in church, led by Rachel Stuchbury.
As with all our services, the whole family is welcome to attend.

Sunday 28th January:

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

- followed by 10 minutes of informal prayer, see below

Sunday 4th February:

9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

- with **Junior Church** in the Church Centre

Plus -

Every Wednesday:

10:00am: **Holy Communion**

Regular events on Sundays:

Junior Church monthly in the Church Centre on the first Sunday at 9.45am – next meeting 4th February.

Monthly informal prayer times: just 10 minutes, starting 5 minutes after the Sunday morning service. Last Sunday of the month – next prayer time Sunday 28th January

Additional Sunday service: a simple service of hymns/songs, readings and prayers on 25th February at 11.15am. Date in March to be announced.

Morning Prayer on Zoom™ at 9.30am, first Sunday of the month – next one 4th February

Regular events on other days:

Monday coffee drop-in is open from 10am to 12 noon (on Mondays, obviously!). It's a much-loved institution, offering free tea and coffee, crafts, jokes, chat, more chat, more coffee. 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 a meal out on 8th February; if you wish to attend and haven't said so, contact Shirley Howell or Marian Foley very soon.

Messy Church monthly on Thursdays at 3.30pm in the church. The next session will be on 22nd February.

Lego Mornings in church: next is Saturday 3rd February 10.30am-1pm (see also Brick Church at Southville, same morning)

Dates for your diary

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18- 25th January. Daily prayers from Churches Together in Britain & Ireland can be found at <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WPCU-2024-English-accessible-text-only.docx> There are some hard copies at the back of St. Dunstan's.

Tuesday 6th February 7.00pm: **Jesus on the margins:** an online talk from St. Paul's Cathedral by Bishop Anderson Jeremiah and Paula Gooder. Free with a ticket from <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/jesus-on-the-margins>

Wednesday 14th February 8.00pm: **Ash Wednesday** Holy Communion with Ashing in St. Dunstan's.

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 22nd February 8-9.15pm: **Dame Felicity Palmer** – opera singer – in conversation with playwright Jonathan Maitland.

Thursday 11th 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*.

Other notices

New hymnbooks for St. Dunstan's: these are now in use. Part of the cost has been met from the legacy generously left to the church by Connie Rowse. If you would like to contribute to the remainder either by dedicating a hymnbook to someone loved (for which a nameplate will be fixed inside the book) or donating towards the cost of a hymnbook, please contact the Parish Office and/or write your name and the name of the loved one on the list at the back of church. The minimum donation suggested for a dedication is £5 as each book cost £11.70.

Old hymnbooks Do feel free to take any that you would like from the back of church. They will remain there until the 10th February, after then they will be disposed of, this includes ones with dedications in them.

The newsletter will be produced by a new team from 29th January. Please send materials (or corrections) to the Parish Office for Shelagh Lagden, who will be taking over from Rachel Stuchbury.

Lent Groups: Southville are considering running a Lent group on Zoom™ again this year. An in-person Lent group will be held at St. Dunstan's Church Centre on Tuesday lunchtimes, if there is a group wanting to attend. If interested contact the Parish Office.

The **Prayer Sheet's** list of 'Those who are ill or in particular need' will, from February start fresh at the beginning of each new month. Please give names for the prayer list to the Parish Office, Rev'd Anne or add to the monthly prayer list at the back of Church.

Thank you!

Thank you to **everyone** who helped clear the Church Centre garage, ready for the forth-coming work on the new garage roof.

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Prayer sheet for 21st and 28th January 2024

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

Collects from the Anglican tradition:

<i>21st January:</i>	<i>28th January:</i>
God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.	Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Readings, Sunday by Sunday

21 st January (Epiphany III – Southville)	21 st January (Epiphany III – St. Dunstan)	28 th January (Epiphany IV – Southville)	28 th January (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)
Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 I Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20	Genesis 14: 17-20 Revelation 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 I Corinthians 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28	Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40

4 th February (Southville)	4 th February (St. Dunstan)
Isaiah 40: 21-31 I Corinthians 9: 16-23 Mark 1: 29-39	Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 Colossians 1: 15-20 John 1: 1-14

Invitation to remember in our prayers:

In the news

“Lord, now let your servant depart in peace” As we remember Simeon’s words on seeing the infant Jesus presented in the temple, we lay before God all who are approaching death, and all their loved ones, friends and carers who accompany them and grieve; we ask God to bless them all with peace.

From Churches Together

We ask God to bless the people of All Saints Hanworth, now in an interregnum, asking God to guide the congregations there and draw them ever more together as one body to serve Christ.

In the parish We remember those who live or work in Westbourne Road, Princes Road, Percival Road, Vernon Road or Lancing Road.

Those who are ill or in particular need:

Lorna Baker, Jim Devine, Julie Dutton, Amanda Elliott, Hilary Elliott, Jonathan Griffiths, Rev. Frank Hackett, Fiona Holloway, John Howliston, Jacob Hunter, Pam Kemp, Ian Lecky, Ray Newell, Antonio Sorenti, Barbara Tonkins, Mary Walden, Gill Welland, Barry Went, Susanna Woollam, Kath Young

Those who have recently died

Those whom we remember this week:

21st January: Carlton Bruce, Elsie Rowse, Peter Apted, Millie Brister, Leonard Newland, Doreen Robertson, Thomas Robertson, Betty Cross, Richard Yates, Jim Press

28th January: May Gamble, Richard Langley