

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

29 October 2023

**Twenty-first Sunday
after Trinity**

**(Clocks went back
2am this morning!)**



'Unless the Lord builds the house the builders labour in vain' (Psalm 127.1). These words are inlaid in the floor of the Central Lobby in the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. They are a reminder that Scripture has informed, shaped and provided the foundations for our country.

God's word is a strong foundation not just for a nation, but particularly for God's people as we know it and learn to live by it. Today is Bible Sunday and is a time to reflect on the history of the bible and the numerous English translations we now have. The earliest translation of the bible into English that we are all familiar with is the Authorised Version (King James – KJV). When I was a lad, this was all there was. I first started reading the a bible portion each day in earnest as a result of receiving a New Testament and Psalms from Gideon's

International at the end of March 1958; this was given me at Longford Boys' School, now known as Rivers Academy. I still have it at home on my bookshelf. I have, of course, also read the Old Testament which was a much tougher task.

There are now numerous English translations available to us including the NRSV, the one favoured by the Anglican tradition. Others include NIV, NLT, NJKV, ESV, GNB, NEB and the Message, to name but a few. All enable us to learn more about God's word and the important message of the great salvation plan involving the Lord Jesus given to us between Genesis and Revelation – a plan that was there before the beginning of time itself.

Talking of time - this weekend also denotes the end of British Summer Time. I hope you have remembered to put your clocks back an hour last night (Saturday).

Derek Perry

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 services:

- 9.30am (first Sunday of the month): **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™
- 9.45am **Holy Communion** in church

Wednesdays:

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

Holy Communion at St Dunstan's

The PCC reviewed the arrangements for serving of Holy Communion at their last meeting at the end of September. They decided to continue serving wafers, with the clergy and chalice assistant, and only they, offering to intinct (dip) wafers. The PCC decided not to offer the common cup due to the increased number of Covid cases and the vulnerability of members of the congregation.

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.

The fortnightly **Bible study on Zoom™** has paused – contact the vicar if interested.

Second Thursday of the month 2pm-4pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meets in the Church Centre. The next meeting will be on 9th November.

People

We send our sympathy and love to the family and friends of **Jean Wicks** who died this week. Jean was a very active and faithful member of Southville Methodist Church. Please pray for her family at this time.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd November 8.00pm: **Service for All Souls' Day** at St. Dunstan's

Saturday 4th November 10-11:30am: **Brick Church** at Southville Methodist. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Friday 10th November 7-8.30pm: **Kensington Area Youth Event** for young people in Years 7-13 at St Saviour Sunbury. Email admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk for a booking form.

Saturday 11th November 10am-1pm: **Lego™ morning** in St. Dunstan's. Children must be accompanied by an adult carer.

Sunday 12th November 3.00pm: **Service and ceremony for Remembrance**, Feltham War Memorial, High Street, Feltham. Parade starts 2:45pm.

Monday 13th November 6.15-8pm: **Interfaith week event** with our bishop, Emma Ineson, at the Sikh Gurdwara in Hounslow. The bishop will plant a tree, there will be a Gurdwara tour, then refreshments, and from 7pm the bishop will give an address: **Women leaders in faith and inter-faith**.

Saturday 2nd December 10.30-12 noon: **Coffee Morning** in St. Dunstan's Church.

Saturday 2nd December 5.30 pm: **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; contact the office at St. Dunstan's by Friday 10th November, saying how many tickets you need and if any young people want to be in the procession.

Advance notice: the main Christmas services

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm Joint carol service at St. Dunstan's

Sunday 24th December 10.30am Family Christmas worship at Southville
4.00pm Crib service at St. Dunstan's

	11.30pm	Midnight Communion, both at Southville and at St. Dunstan's
Christmas Day	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Dunstan's

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Prayer sheet for 29th October 2023

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

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings, Sunday by Sunday

29 th October	5 th November	5 th November (All Saints Sunday)
Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 or Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 I Thessalonians 2: 1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46	Joshua 3: 3-17 or Micah 3: 5-12 I Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 23: 1-12	Revelation 7: 9-17 I John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12

Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

In the news

We remember all those who are hungry, asking God to bless those who are trying to help them – from international aid agencies to local food banks, and everything in between. May the hearts of human beings always be moved to indignation and pity at the sight of another human's hunger.

From Churches Together

All who worship at Hanworth Methodist Church, and their mission to bring Christ to the disadvantaged people around them.

In the parish

Those working in Feltham's care homes, and those who give care and support to our frail neighbours in their own homes.

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

Jean Wicks

Those whom we remember this week:

Alexander Forsyth, George Melotte, Pam Jones, Janet Morgan, Florrie Cromwell, Pascal Bremaud