

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership

31st December 2023

**First Sunday of
Christmas/Epiphany**



Prayer for the New Year

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this New Year we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for all who have cared for us during this last year; for our experiences of work, leisure, friendship and fellowship in 2023. Be with us as we start this New Year, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. Lead us in your path and help us see your mighty works.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

May you be blessed and guided by Christ as you step out into this New Year. May the light of Christ illuminate your path.

Happy New Year

Anne Dollery

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
31st December: Morning Worship with Mrs. Pauline Shilston
7th January: Covenant Service led by Mr. Jonathan Perkins

Methodist Circuit

Sunday 31st December at 10.30pm: **Circuit New Year's Eve service** on Zoom™ led by the Revd. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

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 31st December:

- 9.45am: **Holy Communion** (preacher: Rachel Stuchbury)
- followed by **Informal Prayer** for 10 minutes (last Sunday of the month, see below)

Sunday 7th January:

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

Plus -

Every Wednesday:

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

Regular events:

Monday coffee drop-in will meet again on Monday 8th January when the flurry of bank holidays will have ended. (You wait for months and then three come along at once.)

Parish Office will reopen 9:00am Wednesday 3rd January 2024. Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 12.30pm.

WOT group (Women on Thursdays) meets in the Church Centre 2pm-4pm on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on 11th January.

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

Lego Mornings in church. The next session is Saturday 6th January 10am-1pm; children must be accompanied by an adult carer.

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

New recurring events at St. Dunstan's:

Monthly informal prayer times: starting on Sunday 31st December. 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 21st January and 25th February at 11.15am. Date in March to be announced.

Many thanks

The Children's Society: St Dunstan's Christingle in December was very enjoyable and raised £149. Many thanks to those who planned it, made the Christingles and/or attended it.

Crisis: donations raised at the Ecumenical Carol Service added up to £294 to support the work of CRISIS with the homeless.

..... and very many thanks to everyone who helped make our Christmas services at St Dunstan's and Southville so special and joyful; to Rachel who played for our Ecumenical carol and midnight service at St Dunstan's, to Kath and Jenny who served refreshments after the carol service; to all who helped with our family services; to those who prepared Christingles and to Duncan, Helen and Shelagh for their dramatic telling of the nativity (with many hats) at the Crib service, to Shelagh, Marian and everybody who helped to make St Dunstan's look gorgeous this Christmas and all who welcomed, read, served and led prayers for us.

Other notices

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18- 25th January

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.)

Are you a 'lark' or an 'owl'? A night shelter for rough sleepers has opened at Holy Trinity Hounslow, to be open every night until 31st March. Voluntary help at unsocial hours from people aged 18+ would be very much welcomed; shifts are either 8pm-10pm, 6am-8am, or 9.30pm-6.00am. Duties could be serving food, cleaning, assisting caseworkers with admin duties ... If you might be able to offer some time, please contact sarah.whale@hounslow.gov.uk. A good thing to have on one's CV!

New hymnbooks for St. Dunstan's: these have now arrived and 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.

Feltham Food Bank Thank you to all who support the Food bank with donations of food or money. Please do continue to support them as much as you can.

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Prayer sheet for 31st December 2023

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

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

31st December (Sunday before Epiphany)

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings, Sunday by Sunday

31 st December (1 st after Christmas - Southville)	31 st December (Epiphany - St Dunstan)	7 th January (Covenant - Southville)	7 th January (Baptism of Christ)
Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12	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	Genesis 1: 1-5 Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11

Invitation to remember in our prayers:

In the news

As another year begins, we remember all the people who now endure war and conflict; and we pray for wise men and women the world over who will lead us to the rebirth of this world as the kingdom of the Prince of Peace.

From Churches Together

We remember those who worship at St. Lawrence, Feltham, praying for all the pastoral team as they work to show the love of God to the many people around them who are in need of the Good News.

In the parish

We pray for the staff, young men, chaplains and visitors to the Feltham Young Offenders Institute, asking that Jesus may be recognised in every encounter, every mundane action, every decision taken in that place.

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

Those who have recently died

Those whom we remember this week:

Thora Reeves, George Armitage