

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

**Easter III**

The Gospel reading for today (Sunday) is from the very end of John's Gospel. Instead of being huddled behind locked doors in Jerusalem, the disciples are back in Galilee, breathing fresh air on a night-fishing expedition. They catch nothing; was that a serious problem, or just a frustration for them? We don't know.

But then in that not-dark, not-light period at daybreak, things start to happen. It was daybreak when Peter denied Jesus three times; it was daybreak when Mary found the tomb empty. This time, the risen Jesus is on the shore, tending a charcoal fire, like the charcoal fire at which Peter warmed himself in the high priest's courtyard; and now Peter will be given the opportunity to express three times his love for Jesus. The writer seems to be using Peter, his failures and uncertainties and yet his potential, as an example for all the book's readers of what it can mean to be a disciple. The Lord does not give up on us - thank heavens for that.

And part of being a disciple is being fed. A cooked breakfast is served on the beach (I particularly like that bit). Jesus takes bread and fish and gives it to them, just as he did at the feeding of the five thousand (in John 6) which was near the same lake. The echoes of the Eucharist are loud and clear; indeed, I gather that pictures of Communion in early churches and the catacombs are as likely to show bread and fish as they are to show bread and wine. Either way, our risen Lord offers the means of life to the whole being. And like his first stumbling, imperfect followers, we are moved by God's unfailing love to give something of ourselves in service to others.

That sounds like the sort of optimistic platitude trotted out by preachers – and yes, of course I mean me! But I am often humbled by the selflessness of others – and they're not necessarily Christians, or even believers. The risen Christ is alive and active in minds and hearts that are barred to thoughts like 'faith' or 'God'. I've seen him, and I'm sure you have too.

*Rachel Stuchbury*

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## Methodist Circuit

**Bible Study** by Zoom™ or phone on Thursdays starting at 10.00am, please join by 09:45. Contact Graham Wells for details on 01784 258785 or [g.wells988@gmail.com](mailto:g.wells988@gmail.com).

## Church notices: Southville Methodist

Sunday services at 10.30am:

1<sup>st</sup> May: **Morning Worship** led by Mr. Graham Wells

8<sup>th</sup> May: **Morning Worship** led by the Revd. Sam Funnell

Southville Church is **open for private prayer** on the first Saturday of the month, 09:30-10:30am.

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

### Sunday services:

9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church, also **Junior Church** in the Church Centre

12.15pm **Baptism** of Ronnie and Tommy Brown

### Wednesdays:

10.00am: **Holy Communion** in Church

## Regular events

**Junior church** is normally held on the first Sunday of the month at 9.45am in the Church Centre.

Every Monday 10.00am to 12 noon (except Bank Holidays): the **Monday drop-in** in the Church Centre.

**\*\*NB\*\*:** although Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday, we will be open, offering coffee, biscuits and chat. Anyone is more than welcome to drop by.

The fortnightly **Bible study on Zoom™** will next meet on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm

Second Thursday of the month, 2.00-4.00pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meet in the Church Centre. Next meeting (12<sup>th</sup> May) will include playing bingo and holding a raffle, raising funds for Christian Aid. (See Christian Aid Week section below.)

*Please continue to look after and protect each other when attending our services and events: do not attend with COVID-19 or symptoms.*

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## People

**Welcome** to Ronnie and Tommy Brown, their parents Ashley and Chloe and all their family on Ronnie and Tommy's baptism at 12.15 at St Dunstan's today. Congratulations and please remember them in your prayers.

**Thank you to Kenneth Deane and John Mockett**, standing down after three years' service on St Dunstan's PCC. **We have at least four places on the PCC** to fill this year. If you are on the electoral roll and would be able to serve please speak to Duncan Forsyth, the parish office or Anne Dollery. And get a nomination form from the back of the church. St Dunstan's needs you! The commitment is a meeting approx. every 6 weeks, and involvement in particular parts of the life of the parish (for example nurture and education, mission, buildings and the churchyard, worship). Many hands (and minds) make light work.

St Dunstan's Churchwarden(s) are elected at the meeting immediately before the Annual Meeting of the PCC – same day and same time. **Thank you to Duncan Forsyth who has served very faithfully, when the work and responsibility are meant to be shared between two people.** Duncan is willing to stand again this year. This will be the last year he can be our Church Warden. It would be great if someone could offer to join him as our other Churchwarden; please speak to Duncan if interested.

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## Dates for your diary

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May in church, after the morning service at 11:00am: The meeting for **the Election of Church Wardens** and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** of St. Dunstan's. Please do stay and attend if you can, especially if you are on the electoral roll. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts have been sent out by email and hard copies will be available at the back of the church today.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 8am **Holy Communion service at St Dunstan's**. (The 9.45 am service will be an all age service for Christian Aid Week.)

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2.30pm for 3pm: Local History Group talk by Alan Rice, entitled **An Enumerator Calls**. In St. Dunstan's Church, accompanied by displays and refreshments. All welcome; permission to use the car park of the Three Horseshoes pub has been kindly granted for this

**Ascension Day service** 8pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at St Dunstan's.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June **Platinum Jubilee 'Big lunch'** in the church centre garden (or inside if wet). ( We have had to postpone the BBQ, but would like to offer a social event for the Queen's Jubilee. To give an idea of how many people, please sign up at the back of church, or with the parish office if you would like to join us – all welcome.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3pm at Woodthorpe Methodist Church, Edinburgh Drive, Laleham, **farewell service for Revd Juliet Ushewokunze**.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Farewell service for **Bishop Graham** at St Paul's Hammersmith at 7:30pm, followed by drinks and cake.

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## Christian Aid Week 2022 (15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May)



Currently planned:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2.00-4.00pm: **Bingo and raffle for Christian Aid** in the Church Centre; hosted by Women on Thursday but everyone is welcome today, including men!

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 9.45am: **Christian Aid service** at St. Dunstan's. A family service, not including Holy Communion.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am-12 noon: the Monday drop-in will include a **raffle and extra refreshments**, with a small charge in aid of Christian Aid.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May a.m.: **Big breakfast** at Southville. Deservedly popular!!

Would anyone like a quiz night? Any other fundraising suggestions? Please tell Anne Dollery if so.

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### Other notices

**Last chance to contribute** to the Diocese of London's Lent Appeal 2022. The topic is mental health and wellbeing for adults and young people, along with domestic abuse. The best way to contribute is via <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lentappeal2022>. If this is not possible for you, there is a plate at the back of the church today, or contact Ian Stuchbury or Duncan Forsyth.

**We rejoice** with Yvonne Robertson and Natalie Nicolaides who were confirmed by Bishop Graham last Sunday!



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## Prayer sheet for 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

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

#### Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for 1 <sup>st</sup> May, Easter III:	Readings for 8 <sup>th</sup> May, Easter IV:
Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20) Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19	Acts 9: 36-43 Revelation 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30

#### Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

##### In the news:

We pray for all those who suffer hunger or thirst, and for all those who, in their diverse ways, are working without prejudice or self-interest to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty.

##### From Churches Together:

We pray for all who worship at Oasis Church in Feltham and for their leaders, that their life in the Spirit may be inspired afresh by the risen Christ.

##### In the parish:

We remember those who live or work in Sherringham Avenue, Craigwell Avenue, Hayling Avenue, Spring Road, Spring Corner, Sunbury Road, Grange Mews, Sunbury Crescent, Ryland Close

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

Maurice Park (in a hospice), Amanda Elliott (daughter to Anne Mills-Roberts, back in hospital following further surgery), Josie Coates, Diana Gamble, Graham, Barbara Meakin (The Cloisters Nursing Home), Paul (Anne Mill Roberts' nephew, in hospital with paralysis due to inflammation of the spinal cord), Lesley Stewart (Yvonne Robertson's sister), Barbara Tonkins, Jeanette Vale, Rosemary White (Beryl Gamble's sister)

##### Those who have died recently and those who mourn them:

David Turvey, Ada Kefford, Kathleen McWalter

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

Muriel Dolby, Margaret Penrice, Maurice Collett, Phyllis Massey