

Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:
Anglican and Methodist Churches in
partnership

Sunday
13 March
2022

Lent II

Randomly searching on line for inspiration for this week's newsletter, I looked at what is associated with March 13th each year. In the UK, it is the last day of British Pie Week (I wonder do you have a favourite? Would it be savoury or sweet? Top and bottom pastry or just one layer? Puff, rough or short pastry? Pastry or potato top?) We had International Women's Day last Tuesday on the theme of Break the Bias, spotlighting the individual and collective biases against women that fuel gender inequality. At the end of March, we look forward to celebrating Mothering Sunday and we reach the start of British Summer Time.

USA celebrates these today: National Coconut Torte Day, National Earmuff Day (interesting!), National Good Samaritan Day (I really like the sound of this one), National Jewel Day, National K9 Veterans Day (yes, military dogs) and National Open an Umbrella Indoors Day (I was brought up in the belief that opening an umbrella indoors is bad luck!), plus the first day of Sleep Awareness Week. Other celebrations in the world: National Elephant Day in Thailand and Africa Scout Day.

Charles Grey, Prime Minister, was born on this day in 1764 – he gave his name to Earl Grey tea. It is the anniversary of the 1996 Dunblane massacre and in 2013 Pope Francis was elected as the 266th Pope. Today is also the last day of the 2022 Paralympics in Beijing.

Reflecting on dreadful recent world events which continue to be a huge worry, I found this prayer for 13th March:

We are yours. You are working in us to bring about what You have in mind for each one of us and for the many, many who hunger and thirst for justice and truth. Amen

Dee Howley

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.

Church notices: Southville Methodist

Sunday services at 10.30am:

13th March: **Holy Communion** led by the Revd. Andrew Reed

20th March: **Morning Worship** led by Mr. Jonathan Perkins

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

Southville and St. Dunstan together

Lent Bible Study on Zoom™ – Tuesdays at 8pm. Please contact Marilyn Woodley marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com if you would like to join.

Church Notices: St. Dunstan, Church of England

Sunday services:

9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

Wednesdays:

10.00am: **Holy Communion** in Church

Regular events

Every Monday 10.00am to 12 noon: the **Monday drop-in** in the Church Centre. Come along and share refreshments, try your hand at crafts, or just have a chat. All welcome, bring your friends!

The fortnightly **Bible study on Zoom™** will begin again after Easter.

Second Thursday of the month, 2.00-4.00pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meet in the Church Centre. **Please note:** next meeting will be on 7th April, i.e. a week earlier than usual, as 14th April will be Maundy Thursday.

By arrangement, 10am one Sunday in the month: **Young people's fellowship** group meet in the Church Centre. **YPF will relaunch on Sunday 20th March.** For children aged 11 upwards; speak to Melanie O'Neill or the Vicar.

Messy Church on 24th March 3.30pm, St. Dunstan's church, for children in Reception to Year 6 with their parent/carer.

Following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions in England, please continue to look after and protect each other when attending our services and events. Please do not attend with Covid-19 or symptoms.

Dates for your diary

TODAY St Dunstan's is **collecting donations to support Angel Tree** for Mothering Sunday, so that inmates of Feltham Young Offenders Institution can send their mothers or partners a Mothering Sunday card with a gift voucher for £5. Please donate today if possible. There is a plate in church, or you can use the 'donate' button on the church website but please specify that it is for Angel Tree or your donation will end up in church funds (the Treasurer assures me).

Tuesday 22nd March 7.00pm: '**Everyday rituals and the beauty of holiness: Evelyn Underhill for the 21st century**' – a talk by Ayla Lepine of The National Gallery, in a series at St. Paul's Knightsbridge called 'New Voices in Theology'. Attendance in person or online, free of charge: register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-voices-in-theology-lecture-ayla-lepine-tickets-207194543457>



Wednesday 23rd March, **National Day of Reflection:** St Dunstan's church will be open for individual prayer from 11am until 12:30 with minutes silence at 12noon and an opportunity to light a candle.

Thursday 24th March 3.30pm: **Messy Church** at St.Dunstan's.

Mothering Sunday on 27th March: there will be an all age service at 9.45am at St Dunstan's, preceded by Holy Communion at 8am.

Saturday 2nd April 7.30pm: **Spring Concert** by Feltham Choral Society at St. Dunstan, to include Britten's 'Rejoice in the Lamb' and Alan Wilson's 'Mass of Regeneration'

Other notices

Message from Revd Sergiy Diduk about continuing donations of practical items for Ukraine crisis appeal at All Saints Church, Hanworth/Prosperity café: **No douvets, pillows or clothes please.** At present items asked for are unchanged from last week:

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power packs for changing phones
large and medium size back packs
male socks
sleeping bags
protein bars/ energy bars
painkillers eg Ibuprofen
anti flu medicine - lemsip etc
first Aid Kit
Warm blankets
Thermal base layers
Hot water bottles
Insulated flasks
Baby food
Nappies
Feminine sanitary product

(At least one) school van load of donations has arrived in Poland this week.

Disasters Emergency Committee - DEC Ukraine Appeal:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) have produced resources for parents & adults responding and praying about the Ukrainian crisis. "Enabling all ages to grow in faith". The link is <https://mailchi.mp/brf/brf-e-news-2022-10-mar?e=07d7392f57>

St. Dunstan's: **Lent Books** are available at the back of the Church.

We are looking for a new person to **produce this news and prayer sheet**, to release Rachel Stuchbury to help with fundraising for St. Dunstan's improved access. The task is to draft it at home on Microsoft Word; it is then emailed to the Office for checking and distribution on Thursdays. If you can help please speak to Duncan Forsyth or Anne Dollery.

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Prayer sheet for Sunday 13th March 2022

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

Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 13 th March:	Readings for 20 th March:
Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 Luke 13: 31-35 <i>or at Southville:</i> Luke 13: 31-35 <i>or</i> Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)	Isaiah 55: 1-9 I Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9

Invitation to remember in our prayers this week:

In the news: a prayer for Ukraine (from Cafod)

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

From Churches Together:

We ask for God's blessing on St. George's Church, Hanworth in their new season of church life, and on the Revd. Michael Dobson.

In the parish:

We pray for people who live or work in The Centre at Feltham, or any of the shops or offices in the parish.

Those who are ill or in particular need:

Maurice Park (Helen Forsyth's father), Amanda, Josie Coates, Diana Gamble, Graham, Fiona Holloway, Barbara Meakin (The Cloisters Nursing Home), Barbara Tonkins, Rosemary White (Beryl Gamble's sister), Susanna Woollam

Those who have died recently and those who mourn them:

Grace Powers, Constance King

Those whom we remember this week:

William Archer, Donald Jackson, Mark Savage, David Kedge, Joan Plant, John Wade