

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Sixth Sunday after  
Trinity**

How are you reacting to the hot weather? Down at Château Stuchbury, the first warm day seems to put the word 'barbecue' into people's minds, to judge by the smells – some good, some bad – that drift across our garden. From the front, we can watch traffic on the B377; at the moment it includes a scattering of open-top convertible cars. How horrible to sit there with no protection from the roasting sun! But perhaps their owners relish the illusion of living a golden life in Hollywood, maybe in a film from the 1950s. And there's no denying sunshine (in moderation) lifts the spirits; last year our summer was cool and grey and I remember looking longingly at postcards of French and Italian hill towns, brick-built and sun-baked, from my German brother and his wife.

Personally, I dread long periods without rain, especially if combined with heat, when the natural world appears to be dying around us. And I'm not the only person to whom it makes climate change and other mounting damage to our planet more obvious and more alarming. Last summer we were still under Covid restrictions, and media coverage of COP26 was forcing us to confront the desperate urgency of reducing our use of fossil fuels and the level of carbon emissions. Promises of action were made on our behalf by governments large and small. But this summer? We talk about being 'back to normal' after the Covid pandemic, but unfortunately, this also seems to mean back to our normal lack of concern for the planet. We don't worry (much), we don't change our ways, and not surprisingly therefore our politicians don't make it a priority either.

What should the Christian response be? Well, there are many possibilities – putting pressure on national or local politicians, supporting campaigning or research organisations, teaching children (or adults) about the science. But one thing we can all do is make changes, small or large, to our own lifestyle and – importantly – talk to other people about them. Keep the conversation going; put things out on social media, if that's your way; don't collude with the comfortable forgetfulness. How can we praise and thank our Creator and the source of our life with honesty if we refuse to acknowledge that we are engaged in the destruction of that creation?

*Rachel Stuchbury*

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## Methodist Circuit

**Bible Study** by Zoom™ or phone on Thursdays starting at 10.00am, please join by 9:45am. 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:

24<sup>th</sup> July: **Morning Worship** led by Mr. Graham Wells

31<sup>st</sup> July: **Morning Worship** led by the worship group

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

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

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 3pm**, Service for renewal of wedding vows for 20 years for Darren & Joanne

## Sunday services:

9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™

NB This service will be **fortnightly** in July and August:  
24<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 4<sup>th</sup> September

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church (*preacher on 24<sup>th</sup> July is Rachel Stuchbury*)

### **Wednesdays:**

10.00am: **Holy Communion** in church

### **Regular events**

**Monday coffee drop-in** – every Monday 10.00am to 12 noon, except Bank Holidays, in the Church Centre. Free tea and coffee, crafts, lots of chat! Do invite anyone who might enjoy it.

**Junior church** is taking a break until 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Sunday's for children during church services in summer holiday** – make animals for our Ark and find out about them.

The fortnightly **Bible study on Zoom™** will be taking a break and meeting again in September.

Second Thursday of the month 2pm-4pm: **WOT group** (Women on Thursdays) meet, normally in the Church Centre – but – the next meeting will be **11<sup>th</sup> August in the vicarage garden**; we shall be enjoying a cream tea (with a small charge towards costs).

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### **Thanks**

**E-mail received from The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, The Bishop of Kensington**

*Dear friends,*

*Thank you so much for all your support in so many ways over the last seven years, and for a wonderful farewell service on Tuesday evening. I am so grateful to all those who attended, and who have sent messages and gifts. Janet and I are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity.*

*It has been a privilege to work with you and to serve you as your Bishop and while I am excited about the opportunities the future holds, I will miss the people and churches of the Kensington Area a great deal.*

*With very best wishes,*

+Graham

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### **People wanted**

**Flowers at St. Dunstan's:** there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for people who would like to fund flowers for a particular Sunday, perhaps in celebration of a loved one. See Shelagh Lagden or Marian Foley.

**PCC sub-committees:** the PCC would like to reinstate sub-committees under the headings of Buildings, Nurture & Education and Worship. You do not have to be a PCC member to join. Please reflect prayerfully on whether you could contribute to one of these groups. Speak to Anne or Duncan if you'd like to know more.

**Children Society collection boxes:** If anybody would be interested in taking responsibility for organising the collection boxes for The Children's Society, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Duncan Forsyth. It involves counting and banking the money several times a year.

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### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July **deadline for choosing your favourite** for St. Dunstan's Songs of Praise service. If you are coming to the service, please email your favourite hymn to St Dunstan's Parish Office or put it in the box at the back of the church.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 6.00pm: **Songs of Praise** service at St. Dunstan's, preceded by tea and cake from 5pm. If you are coming to the service, please email your favourite hymn to St Dunstan's Parish Office or put it in the box at the back of the church.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August news & prayer sheet will cover all Sundays until 28<sup>th</sup> August. If you have any notices for August please sent to Rachel or Parish Office by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August: **Annual walk of peace and friendship** organised by Hounslow Friends of Faith.

## Carbon Literacy Project



If you're passionate about protecting God's Creation and are interested in receiving **Carbon Literacy Training**, we're pleased to announce that the Diocese of London will be running our first course in August. It will take the form of three 2-hour evening sessions online via Zoom, on the following dates:

- Thursday 11th August 2022, 19:30-21:30
- Thursday 18th August 2022, 19:30-21:30
- Thursday 25th August 2022, 19:30-21:30

There is no charge for the course. However, the [Carbon Literacy Trust](#) does require a minimum number of hours of training, so you will need to be able to attend each session.

The training will be led by The Revd Derek Winterburn (vicar at St James' Church Hampton Hill and Creation Care Area Lead for the Kensington Area) and Dr Sigrun Wagner (Senior Lecturer in International Business and Sustainability at Royal Holloway, University of London). Derek is also the Creation Care Area Lead for Kensington.

For more information, see this page on their [website](#) and if you are planning to attend please do follow the link on that page to book your place via Eventbrite.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: **Lunch in Vicarage Garden** (inside if wet)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 3pm: **Welcome service** for new Methodist minister, Revd. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah, at Southville Methodist Church



### Area Event for Older Youth (Years 11-13 and school leavers)

Comedy Evening at St Albans Turnham Green

**Saturday 17 September, 7pm**

An evening of great comedy with Paul Kerensa, who has written for Top Gear and Miranda as well as being a 'stand up'. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A as Paul talks about what it's like being a well known Jesus dude in the world of media. Oh, and there'll be delicious nachos..... A time to have fun and hang out with young people and leaders from across the area.

Tickets are £5. Under 18s will need to be accompanied by an adult leader from their church. You can book tickets [here](#).

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## Prayer sheet for 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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

#### Collect from the Anglican tradition:

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 24 <sup>th</sup> July:	Readings for 31 <sup>st</sup> July:
Genesis 18: 10-32 <i>or</i> Hosea 1: 2-10 Colossians 2: 6-15 Luke 11: 1-13	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 <i>or</i> Hosea 11: 1-11 Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21

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

##### In the news:

We pray for government ministers who are honest, trustworthy and willing to work for the good of the whole country; we ask also that they be seriously committed to limiting further damage to our planet.

##### From Churches Together

We ask for God's blessing on our brothers and sisters at Hanworth Methodist Church and on the community which they serve.

##### In the parish:

We pray for students, teachers, parents and other staff at our secondary schools: Reach Academy, Rivers Academy, Spring West Academy, The Green School and Bishop Wand.

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

Brenda Cook, Ricky Sorenti, Amanda Elliott, Josie Coates, Fatemeh Nezami, Diana Gamble, Graham, Barbara Meakin (The Cloisters Nursing Home), Paul (Anne Mills Roberts' nephew), Barbara Tonkins, Jeanette Vale, Rosemary White (Beryl Gamble's sister)

**NB** Please note that this list will be cleared and started afresh at the end of August, to prompt us all to think about where our prayers are most needed. As before, requests for prayer can be given to Anne Dollery or the Parish Office.

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

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

Joe Barnes and Brenda Gurney