

# Welcome to St Dunstan's and Southville Churches

Feltham Ecumenical Parish:  
Anglican and Methodist Churches in  
partnership

Sunday  
27 March  
2022

**Lent IV**

Today is Mothering Sunday, a day traditionally for honouring mothers and mother churches; It has been celebrated in the United Kingdom, Ireland and some Commonwealth countries on the fourth Sunday in Lent since the Middle Ages. On Mothering Sunday, Christians have historically visited their mother church in which they received the sacrament of baptism, which in my case is St Dunstan's. Its modern observance began in 1913 to honour Mother church, 'mothers of earthly homes', the Virgin Mary (mother of Jesus) and mother nature. It gained popularity in response to the originally American Mother's Day which continues to fall in May.



Mothering Sunday coincides with Laetare Sunday, also called Mid-Lent Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, a day of respite from fasting halfway through the penitential season of Lent. Its association with mothering originates in the texts read during church services in the Middle Ages, appearing in lectionaries dating from as far back as the 8<sup>th</sup> century. These include several references to mothers and metaphors for mothers.

One of today's Old Testament readings is appropriately about two mothers in ancient Egypt. It tells the story of the birth of Moses, who was then hidden in a basket to be found by Pharaoh's daughter. Thanks to Moses' sister, his natural mother becomes his nurse. Subsequently, once he has grown up, Pharaoh's daughter takes him as her son and names him Moses.

*Derek Perry*

**REMINDER: CLOCKS WENT FORWARD TODAY (SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>) AT 1am**

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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:

27<sup>th</sup> March: **Mothering Sunday service** led by TBC

3<sup>rd</sup> April: **Morning worship** led by Mrs. Mary Windo

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

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## Southville and St. Dunstan together

**Lent Bible Study** on Zoom™ –Tuesdays at 8pm. Please contact Marilyn Woodley [marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com](mailto:marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com) if you would like to join.

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

#### Services today:

8.00am: **Holy Communion** in church

9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™

9.45am: **All age service for Mothering Sunday** in church

#### Normal Sunday services:

9.30am: **Morning Prayer** on Zoom™

9.45am: **Holy Communion** in church

plus on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9.45am: **Junior Church** in the Church Centre

#### Wednesdays:

10.00am: **Holy Communion** in Church

#### Regular events

Every Monday 10.00am to 12 noon (except Bank Holidays): 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 7<sup>th</sup> April, i.e. a week earlier than usual, as 14<sup>th</sup> April will be Maundy Thursday.

*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.*

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### People

We are sorry to report the death on 22nd March of **Doddie Hackett**. Frank Hackett came to Feltham as a curate in the late sixties; he and Doddie were very popular and are still remembered with affection. Frank and Doddie recently moved into a Care Home near Welwyn (to be near their daughter Ruth) and Sue Matthews visited them recently. Doddie was very frail but her death was still unexpected; we extend our sympathy to her family. Please remember them in your prayers.

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### Dates for your diary

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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'

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 7.45pm: Feltham Local History Group** meeting at Christ Church. All are welcome.

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am: Walk of Witness** starting at Feltham Green, involving a number of Feltham churches. All welcome.

**Easter Coffee Morning Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Church Centre, details to follow

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## Other notices

**Donations of practical help for Ukraine refugees:** the latest list of items from Revd Sergiy Diduk is below. Only these items please if donating through All Saints Hanworth: socks, Power banks, torches, bandages/wound dressing, painkillers, sleeping bags, Yoga mats, snacks, canned food.

The collection for **Angel Tree** (Prison Fellowship) raised a total of £85.91 towards Mothering Sunday cards and £5 vouchers to mothers of FYOI inmates. Many thanks to those who contributed.

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

We are seeking 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, then email it to the Office for checking and distribution on Thursdays. If you can help please speak to Duncan Forsyth or Anne Dollery.

**Diocese of London's Lent Appeal 2022** theme is mental health and wellbeing for adults and young people, along with domestic abuse; the aim is to equip churches (with resources and training) to be 'safe spaces' for people in their parish and of course for church members too.

One of the initiatives being funded is an initiative by Youthscape (an established church-run charity reaching out to young people). The initiative is called '**Be Headstrong**' <https://www.beheadstrong.uk/>, and offers mental health resources for young people and for those who are concerned about them.

**All Saints** and **St Georges Hanworth** are planning to hold some sessions of sports for young people at Hanworth Park, in July when the schools break up. If you would be interested in helping or being involved please speak to or contact the parish office.

The **Church Electoral Roll** will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Saturday 2nd April and ending on Friday 22nd April 2022. After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published in the Church for at least 14 days or on request to the Parish Office.

**Canaan Bookshop Staines:** Network Rail will be replacing the old railway bridge by the shop leading up to Easter. Canaan will continue to be open and offer their **FREE** local delivery service for anyone who wants it. <https://www.canaanchristianministries.co.uk/>

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## Prayer sheet for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

### Collect from the Anglican tradition for Mothering Sunday:

God of love,  
passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 27 <sup>th</sup> March (Lent IV) - St. Dunstan's 8am service	Readings for 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (Passion Sunday):
Joshua 5: 9-12 II Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8
Readings for 27 <sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday)	
Exodus 2: 1-10 <i>or</i> I Samuel 1: 20-28 II Corinthians 1: 3-7 <i>or</i> Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 33-35 <i>or</i> John 19: 25-27	

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

#### In the news:

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.

*A prayer from Cafod*

#### From Churches Together:

We pray for the people of St. Mary, Bedford, for the Revd. Philip Smith, and for all that they do  
in the name of Jesus. Bless them, Lord, and bless those whom they serve.

**In the parish:** We bring before God the people who work in the health centres and surgeries of  
the parish, along with the doctors, dentists, nurses and all the other health workers among us.

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

Maurice Park (now in a hospice), Larry Walden (still in hospital), Juliet Ushewokunze, Amanda  
Elliott (daughter to Anne Mills-Roberts), 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:

Constance King, Michael Nunn.

#### Those whom we remember this week:

John Storr, George Hills, Emma and Stanley Beach, John Davison