

Ashford Common Methodist Church



Southville  
Methodist Church



Edinburgh Drive &  
Clarendon Road



Christ Church  
Feltham



Dunstan's Church,  
Feltham

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## Welcome to The Eastern End News

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Many thanks to all those who contribute; new contributors always welcome, remember to include photos if possible.

Front Cover: Andrew Griffiths and the late Alan Cuthbert

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## FROM OUR MINISTER



Dear Friends,

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ. I am writing to you whilst in South Africa with my family and granddaughter enjoying the sunshine.

I start off with a sad note to inform you that Mrs Jean Edwards passed away peacefully at her home on Boxing Day. She was a committed and prominent member of Southville Methodist Church and took on responsibilities and roles within the church for many years and I understand that she was an organist. Each time we visited her she would appreciate singing Methodist hymns with her. It is with profound sadness and sorrow to hear of her passing. My condolences and thoughts go to her family especially her son David who was her carer. My prayers are with them and the community at Southville.

When we came to the end of 2020, there was some hope and expectation that we had seen the worst of the global pandemic, however 2021 has not been much different and now the entire world is entering the third year of this unprecedented event. I have no doubt that many of us have been affected by the virus, but it is at times like this that we need to remind ourselves that God is still on the throne (Psalms 48.8).

We give thanks and praise to God Almighty that we were able to celebrate Christmas. The Pandemic COVID 19 could not stop us from doing those significant things we need to experience to mark this greatest event that ever happened in history. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Bethlehem in a manger is the Good News that God is with us our Immanuel. Our churches were opened during Advent season, we had great moments of waiting and were nourished by the word of God as we journeyed with Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. We sang carols, prayed in

expectation of our God who comes to us in human form. Despite the sorrow and ruins that surround us caused by Covid. We were also able to celebrate important events such as anniversaries and harvests in our churches in the Eastern End. We thank God for those things we are able to do to keep our communities looking forward.

The experiences of this current period is a reminder to us of the fragility of life and that we need to do the best to value our loved ones. It is also at this time of the New Year that we are anxious about what is to come. Many of us are thinking about how things will be different. I for one am thinking about my pending retirement and what God has for me and I also think of the Churches under my Pastoral charge how they are going to move and proceed forward. Sometimes our joy tends to revolve around our own ability to make the changes.

2 Corinthians 5 reminds us that if we are in Christ, then we are new creatures old things have passed away (v17). It is God who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ (v18). Therefore as we resolve ourselves, and reflect on what has been I encourage you all to look to Christ and reconcile within yourselves what is to come.

As the community of faith and individually it is in your power and consciousness to make 2022 a most significant year in the life of the church (the Eastern End) no matter what challenges we might face. On your New Year's resolution's, commit and trust Christ to aid you as you take his mission forward to impact the communities you are serving.

So as we commit to becoming new creatures in Christ this New Year we need to also reimagine ourselves by continually renewing our spiritual intent. This ensures that we embolden our own progress. Luke 5 is a great reference point for us-we must

not put on new garments upon old ones, we must not put new wine in old bottles (v36-39). We must renew ourselves and shake off the old. If we stay on the right path lit by God, then we should not fear any problems that come our way as we will be renewed people and being triumphant.

As we unveil the new year lets consider the renewal of our spiritual mind, body and soul. Let us forgive those who require forgiveness and lets carry our spiritual intent beyond the first week and affirm that we will be better disciples of Christ throughout 2022 and beyond. What we do must be sustainable to create a lasting effect and lasting change in our lives and our communities.

I pray that you and your families have a Happy New Year.

With Christ's Love

Juliet

## **From the Circuit Office – and Beyond**

Dear Friends

I hope that you have been able to enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas and that the New Year is getting off to a good start for you.

Work in the Circuit continues at a pace with the Circuit Invitation Committee and the Circuit Leadership carrying out their tasks in relation to the Stationing Process. We hope to be able to let you know the outcome of this work in the near future. In the meantime, please continue to pray for all the congregations around the Connexion as well as all the individuals involved in the Stationing process over the coming days.

Once again, as you flip through "The Eastern End News" there is much to encourage us all about the work that is going on in our Churches as each location reaches out to our neighbours.

Here at the Circuit Office, we continue to provide support to all the Churches as we compile the Plan. I am pleased to be able to add two names to the list of Local Preachers. Mr. Phil Salter has been able to conduct worship already in our Churches. Mr. Philip Leese is not currently able to lead services, but his name has been added to the list as he hopes at some point to be able visit Churches in order to share services with us. I am grateful to all our Local Preachers and our Worship Leaders as they continue to support the work of the Circuit through their ministry amongst us.

We are also looking at a number of projects which have been progressing. We are hopeful that the purchase of the Feltham Manse will be completed very soon. We also have a long list of work that needs to be done at the manse and this is now out for quotes to be finalised.

The sale of Wendover Road Methodist Church is moving forward rather slowly, but by the time you read this, we are hopeful that the sale will have been finalised. I am grateful to so many people who have worked so hard bring this sale to a conclusion.

One other piece of work relates to the Partnership at Christ Church in Feltham. A new draft of the agreement is now with the Solicitors seeking their guidance. Once this has been done, the intention is to place the matter back before the Circuit at our next Circuit Meeting.

Thank you for your support and prayers over the past year which are very much appreciated.

May you know the peace and comfort of Jesus Christ as we continue to serve him in 2022.

God bless.

Andrew

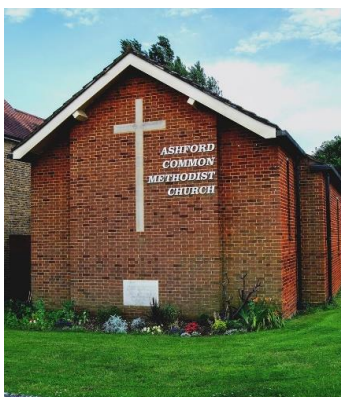
### **STOP PRESS**

The following was announced in the Churches of the Circuit on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

*“The Rev Juliet Ushewokunze, currently a presbyter in the Staines and Feltham Circuit, will be sitting down at the end of this Connexional year (August 2022).*

*Accordingly, the Staines and Feltham Circuit entered the Stationing process in 2021 and having followed the procedures detailed by the Methodist Church, the Rev Dr Kofi Tekyi-Ansah will be stationed in the Staines and Feltham Circuit from September 2022.*

*We welcome Kofi and his family to our Circuit and look forward to getting to know them all.”*



## **ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH**

Saxon Road (Off Feltham Hill Road),  
Ashford, Middlesex. TW17 1LW

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ashford-common@sfmtc.org.uk

We have enjoyed taking steps to get some way back to normal during the Christmas season. Although a little subdued, and without the opportunity to share refreshments, our Carol Service was a great occasion along with the Christmas morning celebration. Both of these were led by our Minister. We are



grateful that we have been able to open the door and put the lights on to show the community around us that our Church continues to be active.

As we look to the plan for January, we are particularly looking forward to 16 January when our AGM will be embroidered into the morning service. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the work of our fellowship of the past year.



At the end of September, we said goodbye to Shirley Minns who has been a regular member of our congregation for many years.

Shirley has recently written to us and we share the content of her letter below.

We have Shirley's address and telephone number, if you would like these, please ask.

*Dear Friends*

*Although I'm missing my mornings with you, I have been welcomed in a true Methodist way in Alton. One problem, the service starts at 10:00am so when I'm joining everyone in the hall for coffee & biscuits you are just starting your first hymn!*

*It is a very lively Church with lots going on and a big congregation, (40 +). The Boys' and Girls' Brigade seem very active, and the Sunday School is every couple of weeks.*

*Everyone is spoken to by Christian name, and only after a few weeks the Minister came to have a chat and asked my surname to make it official. I think there are at least four Shirley's but we get by!*

*Every few weeks the local Anglican Church join us for the morning service, the Vicar and Minister play a joint role. As you can guess every seat is taken with others brought in from the hall.*



*There are various activities during the week so far I haven't had time to take advantage but hope once I find my way around the district – even things like finding a post box take time, I will be able to join some of them.*

*I will be thinking of you all at Christmas and I promise to keep in touch, 60 years is a long time I only managed 25 years at my first "Chapel" as everyone called it then.*

*I wish each and every one of you a happy Christmas and hopefully a better year next year.*

*Love to you all  
Shirley.*

*Yes, only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour to get here, anybody is welcome anytime.*



While Rev Juliet is not able to continue with Tuesday lunchtime prayers at the Church, our Minister remains available to offer any support and can be contacted directly on 0208 890 2783.



We send birthday greetings to Doreen Mellish, Hannah Camis and Christine Fisher who have birthdays in January. We also say Happy Birthday to Maureen Jeffrey who celebrates in February

## **SERVICES @ ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH**

Please watch our Church and the Circuit Website and Social Media for details of what is happening

## 7<sup>th</sup> North Surrey Company



The Remembrance Parade in Ashford takes a rightful place in our annual programme. This year the organisers were taking precautions to limit the numbers but we were given special dispensation to attend as normal, including the parading of our

Colour at the head of the parade with that of the Royal British Legion.



Looking back across November and December, we have more than 100 photographs of the activities we have offered. We've talked about WWII, enjoyed crafts, played games, recreated I'm a celebrity and baked Christmas cakes



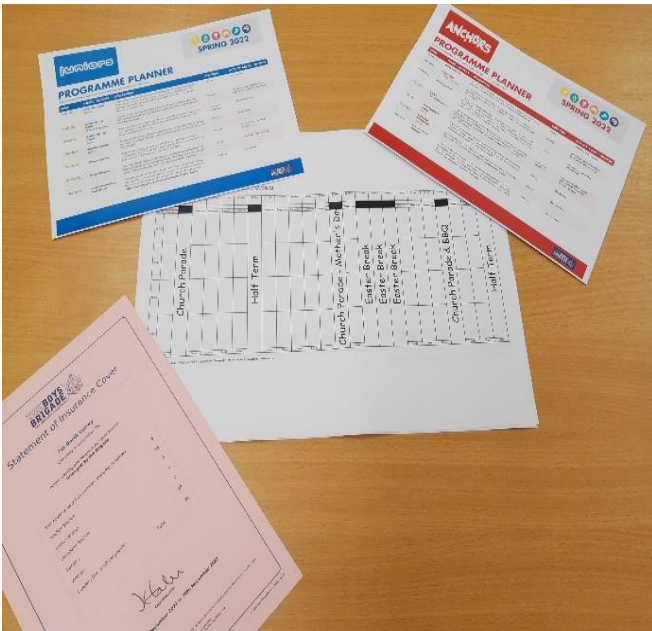
– we've also been in Church for Advent.

With careful control of Covid risks, it was a privilege to be able to offer a party for the Anchors and Juniors just before the Christmas break.





They arrived at the hall to music, party lights and smoke, we offered party food and enjoyed traditional games too.



This update is being written in the break between Christmas and new year. Although we are away from our weekly meetings, leaders are working through the programme material for the period from January to May – when holidays are taken into account, there are 16 weeks to fill.



## SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Tachbrook Road (off Bedfont Lane),  
Feltham, Middlesex TW14 9NX

Church Contact:

Mrs Maggie Netto 07956 553974



Happy Birthday to Rene Wootton and Emma Woodley in January and Rob Barton, Jonathan Griffiths, Robina Howliston in February

### Family News

Sadly, we need to report that **Mrs Jean Edwards** passed away peacefully on Boxing Day at home. The funeral has been set for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 11:00 at Southville followed by cremation at the at the crematorium for family only.



We are delighted to report that despite all the restrictions on nursing homes Rev. Juliet has been able to visit our mum, Barbara, in the Cloisters, on several occasions since September, Barbara looks forward to receiving communion and enjoys chatting to Juliet about members of Southville and always asks especially about

Rudado.

Barbara is well looked after physically and as several of the staff



are Christians there is often someone there willing to pray with her, sing hymns to her and make sure she has her television on for Songs of Praise when we are not there.

Despite her health deteriorating of late she still enjoys our visits, seeing photos and videos of the family, listening to music and having her bible read to her and singing hymns.

Barbara celebrated her 92nd birthday at the beginning of December but was too poorly that week to eat cake but as you can see from the photo, she made a remarkable recovery a week later and even managed to eat all of the cake on offer. Barbara wishes .to send Christmas greetings to all who know her.

Marilyn and Maggie would like to thank all those who continue to hold Barbara in their prayers.

**SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH HOPES EVERYONE HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED START TO THE NEW YEAR**

## **CRISIS At Christmas**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Taste of Christmas event but the congregation of Southville Methodist Church still managed to raise £120.00

### **Food Bank Collections**

Throughout the pandemic members have still been supporting the Storehouse either through dropping off donations individually when possible or donating cash through their online payment system.

We are pleased to say that we are now able to receive weekly food donations each Sunday morning.

### **Advent Study**

This year's Advent Bible Study was entitled Singing the Story, by John Birch. We held this via zoom and included our friends from St. Dunstan's Feltham.

13 people signed up and we journeyed through the words of four carols/songs taking a broad look at the season of Advent.

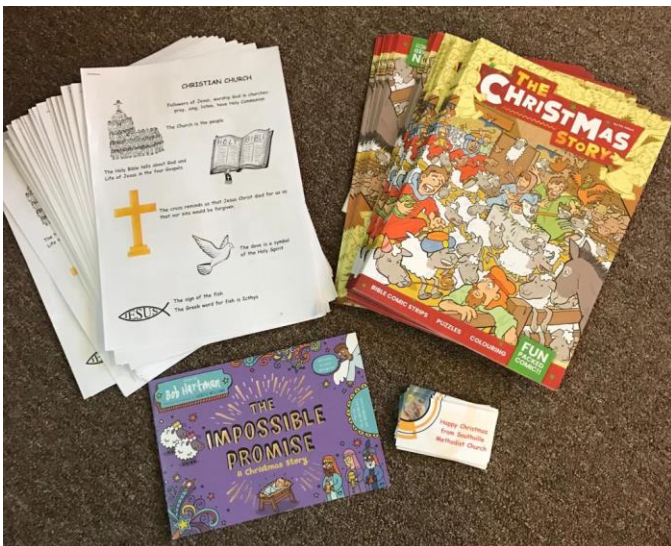


## School Visit to the Church

During the last week of term Cardinal Road School brought Year 1 on visits to the Church. This was done over a period of three days to keep numbers down in the Church at any one time. In the first half of the visit Rev. Juliet and Marilyn introduced the children to the signs and symbols of a Christian Church, in keeping with the National Curriculum. The second half of the visit gave us the opportunity to share the Christmas story with them.

It was all very exciting with lots of audience participation and thanks to Jonathan, the use of technology. Sandy and Marilyn took turns to tell the story, Open the Book style, supported by our Nativity Tree.

The children then sang to us before leaving to walk back to school.



We provided each child with a Scripture Union comic, a story book for each class and worksheets depicting the signs and symbols of a Christian Church.

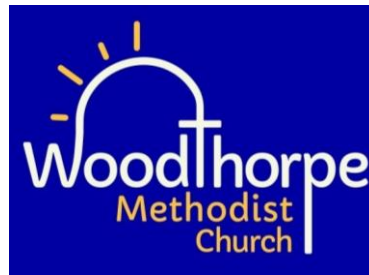


We are looking forward to a time when we can take Open the Book sessions back into our local schools.



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Laleham.

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Church Contact:

Mr Graham Wells 01784 258785



Clarendon Road,  
Ashford.

Middlesex. TW15 2QR

**Services :** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at Edinburgh Drive  
all other Sundays at Clarendon Road

**Service to celebrate the Launch and First Anniversary  
of Woodthorpe Methodist Church**

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm

Woodthorpe Methodist Church (Clarendon Road)

Worship Leader: Revd Juliet Ushewokunze

Preacher: Rev Conrad Hicks.

We would like to invite everyone but due to Covid space  
restrictions we are not doing.

However, if you have not received an invitation  
and would like to come,

then please contact Graham Wells and we will try to fit you in.

**Thursday Fellowship:** This continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursdays of each month and is well attended. Our next  
meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> January when Andy Gilmour will be  
coming to speak about his work in Ghana.





***SEE LOCAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS***

***Or contact Sandra***

please let Sandra know - Contact – 07950301467  
or email sandrapearce55

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Coffee Mornings, Singing Group, Thursday Fellowship  
are not being held in line with both Government  
and Methodist Church guidelines

Please watch our website for details of when activities will be  
able to restart

Please come and join us when we return and enjoy a laugh  
when things don't go quite to plan.

### **Clarendon Road Church Garden**

As you can see from the photographs the garden had become  
very overgrown.

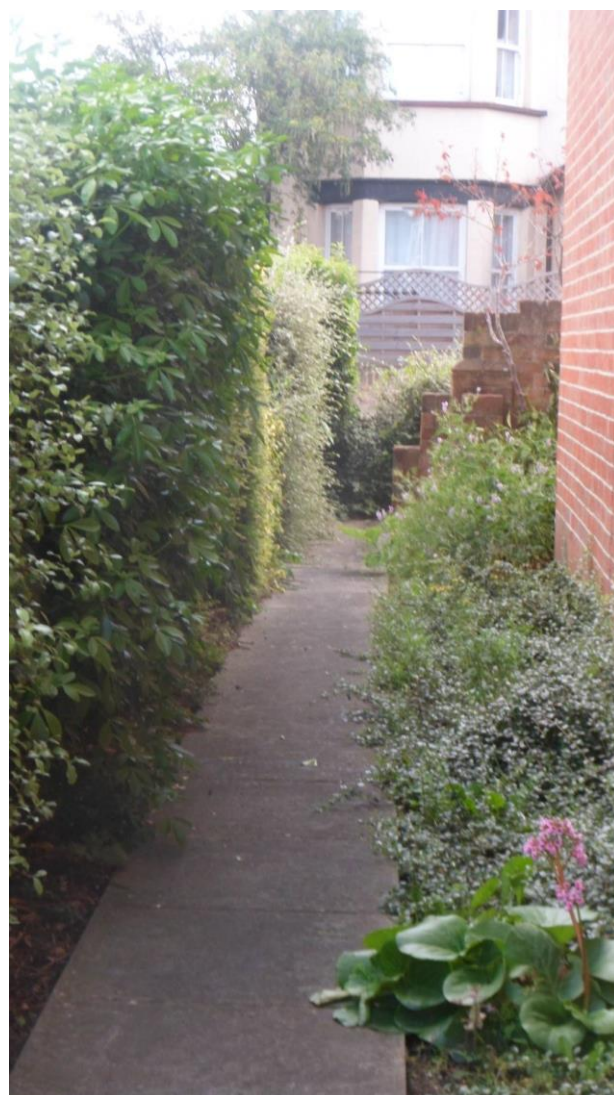
In fact things started to get dumped in there, eg. a mattress, a  
chest of drawers and all sorts of items.

So we decided to clear all the overgrown bushes and weeds to  
make it into a more useable space.

We are reinstating the far end as a memorial garden. We have a  
memorial to the fallen of the church in both World Wars and  
some Ashes were scattered there.

This will be a peaceful area where people can come and reflect  
if they so wish.

Wooden troughs for plants have been made from recycled bed slats(see photo) and people from the church have started to paint and plant them.



## **CRAFT CLUB**

Sadly, Craft Club is currently still not being held in line with both Government and Methodist Church guidelines

**See local information for details or contact Sandra**

Every Tuesday at 13:30 – 15:30 at the church.

Contact Sandra Pearce for further details on  
07950301467 or email [sandrapearce55@hotmail.com](mailto:sandrapearce55@hotmail.com)



Resuming on 6<sup>th</sup> January and carry on with St. Matthew's gospel

For details please contact:

Graham Wells 01784258785 [g.wells988@gmail.com](mailto:g.wells988@gmail.com)



### **Wednesday Morning**

at Edinburgh Drive run by Kingdom Living Church

9.30 am – 12 noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Wednesday of each month

Wednesday Coffee morning is being held by KLC in collaboration with a lady from A2 housing and Surplus charity that supplies food.

They give food parcels to anyone in need and for the week of Christmas delivered some parcels from Surplus to some families in the community.

The new name of coffee morning is 'Kingdom Caffe' and from January, it will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Wednesdays of each month with a plan to hold it weekly in the future



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## SERVICES @ WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

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for details of what is happening



Peter Holden MBE one time resident of Feltham Joined the RSPB as a junior member in 1959. He worked at The Lodge from 1969 to 2009 developing the junior membership volunteering and people engagement activities. He has written several books including RSPB British Birds and Garden Wildlife. He continues to give talks to local groups and received an MBE for services to Nature Conservation in 2009.

*RSPB's Nature's Home Based on  
Article in winter / spring 2022*

*Family attended United Free Church of Feltham-Christchurch*

[See attached PDF File](#)  
*CMA Service*  
*at All Saints Hanworth*

# PRAYER IN THE CHURCHES



If you know of anyone or of any circumstance requiring our prayers, phone Bobby (from Woodthorpe) 01784 251944 Or  
*Email: [prayer@easternendnews.info](mailto:prayer@easternendnews.info)*

*If you would like to be added to the prayer chain please phone or email*

## The Furnace

Worship together and pray for Feltham  
Every Wednesday at 19:45

Everyone is welcome at Christchurch Feltham

Please see our website for what we are doing instead  
<https://www.christchurchfeltham.org/>

## SOUTHVILLE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

First Saturday of the Month at 09:30 – 10:30

## BIBLE STUDY & HOUSE GROUPS & FELLOWSHIPS

### *Bible Study*

At Woodthorpe Methodist Church  
meets on alternate Tuesdays  
at 18:30 - 19:30 at the church.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

at Southville Methodist Church  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10:00

**ALL WELCOME**

For further details contact *Rev Juliet Ushewokunze*

We are currently holding a Zoom Bible Study meeting.

On Thursdays at 10:00 weekly.

All are welcome!!!

Please contact Graham Wells to join

# What we are doing in our local community?

## THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

**MANNA**  
the Food Bank in Staines



### List of our current shortages:

Long-life Semi-Skimmed Milk (Green)  
Long-life Juice  
Small Tomato Ketchup  
Instant Mashed Potato (Smash-type)  
Crackers

Tinned: Rice Pudding, Custard  
Vegetables (we have plenty of  
sweetcorn thank you!) & Baked Beans  
Children's Toothbrushes/Toothpaste,  
Toilet Rolls & Liquid Soap

From all the volunteers at Manna

## THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

At Southville we continue with our weekly collection of food for the **Riverside Vineyard Storehouse** and **Hounslow Probation Service**.

The following items are in popular demand:

Long-life milk	Tinned Fish (tuna, salmon) meat (meatballs, corned beef etc) Soups,
Pasta Sauces, Rice	vegetables/fruit/beans/tomatoes
Small bags of sugar	Small boxes of Breakfast cereals
Small bottles of oil	Biscuits/sweet snack, Tea/Coffee/juice/squash
Puddings – Rice/Custard	Toiletries
Tea/Coffee/juice/squash	

**NO PERISHABLES OR ALCOHOL PLEASE AND NOT OUT OF DATE**

Consider: The size of items as guests travel by public transport



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**Faith & Health  
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## Hearing Champions

A Guildford Diocese initiative, in partnership with NHS and Woodthorpe Methodist Church, Clarendon Road Verna and Jill have been trained by the Royal Surrey Hospital Audiology Department and are now "Hearing Champions"!



Diocese of  
**Guildford**  
TRANSFORMING CHURCH  
TRANSFORMING LIVES

Hearing-Aid drop-in clinic at Woodthorpe Methodist Church, Clarendon Rd  
second Tuesday of the month from 11.30 – 12.30

This is a free service for anyone with an NHS hearing aid that includes  
Basic maintenance, battery supply, cleaning & re-tubing,  
trouble shooting and advice



# CHURCH CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES

## WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

Clarendon Road, Ashford. TW15 2QR and Edinburgh Drive, Laleham. TW18 1PH

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	Location	When		Times
MONDAY	Clarendon Road	Term Time	Brownies (Aged 7 – 10)	17:50 - 19:30
			Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	19:00 - 21:00
TUESDAY	Clarendon Road	Alternate Weekly	Bible Study	18:30 – 19:30
			Craft Club	13:30 – 15:30
WEDNESDAY	Clarendon Road	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
THURSDAY	Edinburgh Drive	Weekly	Fellowship	14:30
FRIDAY	Clarendon Rd	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
SUNDAY	Edinburgh Drive	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Morning Worship	10:00
	Clarendon Rd	Other Weeks		10:30

## SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Tachbrook Road, Feltham, Middlesex. TW14 9NX

Mrs. Maggie Netto – 07956 553974 contact-us@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk

www.southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk

TUESDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	House Group / Bible Study	19:45
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Bible Study	10:00
SATURDAY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Private Prayer	09:30 – 10:30
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship	10:30

**ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH** Saxon Road, Ashford Common, TW17 1LW

Mrs. Kait Sanger - 07941 540214 ashfordcommon@sfmc.org.uk

MONDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Anchor Section / Junior Section	17:30 / 18:30
TUESDAY	Weekly	Music	18:15
THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SATURDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> of Month	Coffee Morning	10:00 – 12:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10:30
		Evening Worship	18:30

**CHRIST CHURCH FELTHAM** Christ Church, Hanworth Road, Feltham. TW13 5AE

Rev Andy Watkins hello@christchurchfeltham.org www.christchurchfeltham.org

WEDNESDAY	Weekly	The Furnace - worship together and pray for Feltham	19:45
SUNDAY	Weekly	Informal Service with Kids Groups	Door Open 10:00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Community Lunch everyone is welcome, bring some food to share!	After Church

**ST DUNSTAN'S FELTHAM** St Dunstans Road, Feltham, Middlesex. TW13 4JY

Rev Anne Dollery - 020-8890 2011

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MONDAY	Weekly	Drop-in	10:00–12:00	See Weekly Notices for Details
	Fortnightly	Bible study on Zoom	20:00	
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Holy Communion	10:00	
THURSDAY	Monthly	WOT (Women on Thursdays)	14:00-16:00	
SUNDAY	Weekly	Parish Communion in church	09:45	
		Morning prayer on Zoom	09:30	