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Methodist Church**



**St. Dunstan's
Church, Feltham**



**Christ Church
Feltham**



**Edinburgh Drive &
Clarendon Road**



**Southville
Methodist Church**

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THE NEXT EDITION

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What Churches have done during Lent, Easter & Pentecost

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne

An article from another of our premises users

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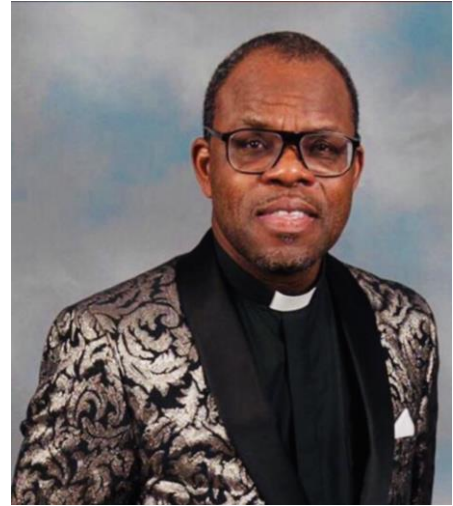
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Dear Church Family,
Greetings and Easter blessings.

The Resurrection of Jesus Changed Everything

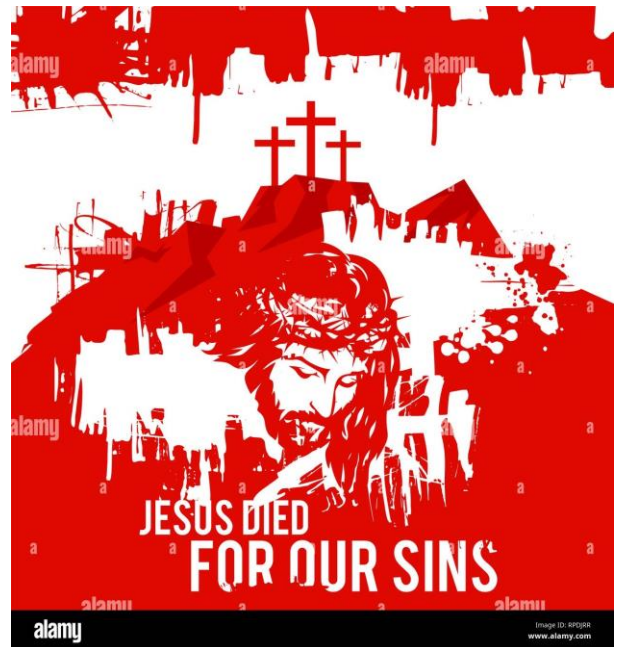
“ I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish” (John 11:25-26 TLB).



The Resurrection of Jesus changed everything. And it proves three things.

First, it proves that Jesus is exactly who he claimed to be. He repeatedly said he was the Son of God who came to die for our sins. And he did just that.

The apostle Paul said, “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also” (1 Corinthians 15:3-8 NIV).



Second, the Resurrection proves that Jesus keeps his promises.

Jesus told his disciples that he would “be killed and on the third day be raised to life” (Matthew 16:21 NIV). Because Jesus kept that promise, you can trust the other promises in the Word of God. The Bible says, “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. . . . [He] set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come” (2 Corinthians 1:20, 22 NIV).



Third, the Resurrection proves that there is life after death.

Because of Jesus Christ’s Resurrection, we have HOPE for the future. And it is a hope that will not disappoint (see Romans 5:5). Jesus said, “I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish” (John 11:25-26 TLB).



Where else are you going to get a promise like that? Nowhere! Who else can give that to you? No one! If you don’t get it from Jesus, you won’t have it. That is an amazing benefit, and it’s available to you today. What’s the qualification? You must believe.

The Bible says, “This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, ‘It is through faith that a righteous person has life’” (Romans 1:17 NLT).

God’s Word also says, “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV).

The Good News is that the death and Resurrection of Jesus give us access to God. In other words, we can only get to Heaven by trusting in God through his Son, Jesus Christ. “God says he will accept and acquit us — declare us ‘not guilty’ — if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like” (Romans 3:22 TLB).

Prayer of Commitment to Christ

If you are ready to commit your life to Jesus Christ, then pray this prayer:

“ Dear Jesus, you have promised that if I believe in you, everything I’ve ever done wrong will be forgiven, I will learn the purpose of my life, and you will accept me into your eternal home in Heaven one day.

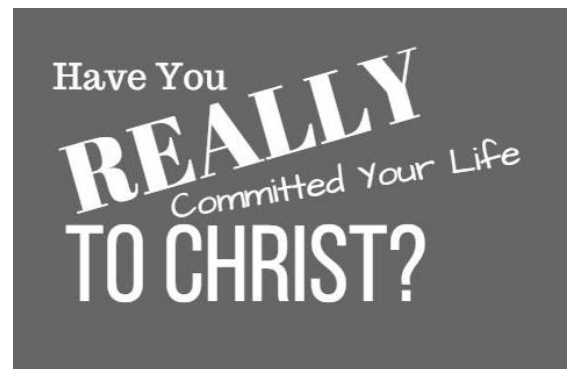
“ I confess my sin, and I believe that you are God, my Savior. I receive you into my life as my Lord. Today I’m turning over every part of my life to your management. You have the right to call the shots in my life.

“ Jesus, I want to relax in your love. Thank you that I don’t have to earn it or deserve it or work for it. I want to use the rest of my life to serve you instead of serving myself. I humbly commit my life to you and ask you to save me and accept me into your family. In Jesus ’name I pray. Amen.”

May the Lord bless us with the spirit of resurrection life and power for a supernatural turn around in our circumstances in Jesus mighty name amen

God bless you and your family richly

Kofi



From the Circuit Office and Beyond

Dear Friends

Being involved in the life of a Church can be time consuming whether that involvement is as a member of the clergy or as a member of the congregation. I am truly grateful for the input so many people put into the life and witness of their local Churches and for the benefit that flows out to the communities around each site.



Sometimes when I head for the Office in Ashford I have a list of things that need to be sorted out that is as long as my arm and the reality is that a great deal of time is simply taken up dealing with the day to day routine tasks of running an organisation. This can spill over into meetings that take place throughout the year. The most recent Circuit Meeting was incredibly long and yet we still did not complete all the items on the Agenda. We did not waste any time and from my perspective the matters that we discussed and the decisions that were taken show us to be a Circuit with a vision and a purpose.

I know that it can be very frustrating when another email from the Superintendent requires people to complete just one more questionnaire or supply a new set of information, but the fact is that the requests I send round do need a response to enable us to continue to function as the body of Christ here in Staines and Feltham. Much of the information that you submit ensures that we comply with

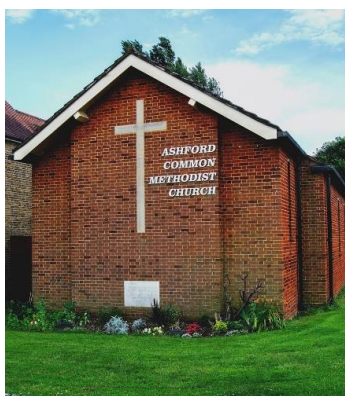
the rules that govern the Church whether these come from Central Government, Local Authorities or the Methodist Church itself. But if I put all this to one side I can look at some of the exciting things that are happening because all the others bits and pieces are in place.

Church Newsletters and magazines, including this one show how focused we are on sharing the good news of Christ with our neighbours. Invariably what we do has generally to go through quite a large number of hoops before it really gets under way, but over these past few months significant things have been happening. I hope that you enjoy reading about them in this edition. Things that I have been watching include the fact that Messy Church has begun again at Woodthorpe with events taking place both at Laleham and Ashford. Numbers have not been high, but the Team have been encouraged as families have come through the door to meet with us. Links with Uniformed organisations are being built up in a number of Churches and this provides us with opportunities to meet with families. We are also receiving invitations to provide Church Services in locations beyond the walls of our Churches and these can be very special times for those who attend whether these take place in schools, nursing homes or elsewhere. It is also good to be able to report that we are working with other Churches as part of Churches Together. Just recently Churches Together in Staines and Laleham and Churches Together in Ashford and Stanwell have agreed to link up in order to share resources and fellowship with each other. All of these initiatives are under pinned by your prayers not only for your own particular Church, but also for the other Churches in the

Circuit. Maybe you could pray for each Church in the Circuit regularly as you look at their entries in Eastern End News. Kofi, Andy, Judith, Anne and I would also welcome your prayers as we work on your behalf to enable you to reach out to our neighbours day by day.

God bless.

Andrew



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Our morning Service on Mother's Day was a joyful occasion. The Family & Parade Service was led by Carol McKenner and looked at the roles played by Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene – the message was shared with a congregation of more than forty



We send warm wishes for a happy birthday in April to Joshua Camis, Cheryl Hughes, Ryan Fuller, David Priddy and

Davina Hatton & in May to Justin Camis and Tony McKenner.

HALF TERM MAINTENANCE



There was a busy week of maintenance in the Church during February half term, lighting in the entrance hall and corridor was upgraded, the heating in the church & hall serviced, the strange noise from the organ was finally diagnosed and repaired and an independent building surveyor looked over the building to prepare a Quinquennial Report as required by the Methodist Church.

As the weather improves we'll look to our volunteer gardeners to bring our new mower out of the shed to cut the grass in our extensive grounds and work to keep our flower beds and shrubs neat and tidy. We thank you ahead of the season for your diligent efforts to keep the outside of our premises looking loved.



Public Access Defibrillators are simple to use lifesaving devices that are placed in effort to help improve the statistic that currently in the UK is less than one in ten people survive a cardiac arrest. Our Circuit Meeting has recently agreed to support churches who feel a public access defibrillator should be installed on their premises – our own Church Council has agreed this is something we should progress with. Following the lead of the United Church of Egham, we are exploring a grant opportunity with a local charity and very much hope to have a defibrillator installed on our premises before the end of the year.



At the beginning of February we hosted a formal dinner and fellowship evening for the leaders of the West London Battalion. 29



Leaders and friends sat down in the hall for a three course meal followed by tea and coffee, then retiring into the Church for a short act of worship led by our Chaplin Carol McKenner.



As we look back over the last couple of months we're reminded of how wide and varied our programme has been and none of this is possible without the preparation that our leaders do in order to offer an interesting programme to our young people.

The season of Lent has been introduced through the use of pancakes, heart shaped sandwiches have provided a focus to the phrase, “give us this day our daily bread.”



Other programme themes have included creation, the circus, St David’s Day, flags of the UK



Some of the most important life skills we hope our young people will carry with them is from the first aid we have been working on for a number

of weeks. This has included activities on burns and scalds, bandaging, the recovery position, techniques for



evacuating a casualty and, with the help of British Heart Foundation training equipment loaned to us by The London District, CPR.

As a more normal calendar of events has been restored since the disruption of Covid, 56 members from across West London gathered at Airport Bowl recently for a morning of ten pin bowling.

"A MINISTRY JOURNEY" by The Revd Canon Judith Allford



St Peter's Day, 29th June 1980 was the day I began (very nervously!) my first appointment in full-time ministry. I had just completed three years in Theological College, and I was returning to the Church in Swindon where I had done a residential placement in my second

year. No ordination of women in the Church of England at that time but I was privileged to have been offered a whole-time appointment as a Lay Worker. I spent nearly five years in a busy church and Parish, learning for the first time how to conduct funeral services, lead public worship on a Sunday and so many other things. I look back with real gratitude on the opportunities I was given.

Next move was to another busy Parish, but this time in Deptford, South-East London. The diverse ethnicity of the Parish was gloriously reflected in the life of the Church. I came to love Caribbean food and to treasure the generous hospitality of many of our Church families. But, I discovered, as I already sensed in Swindon, that there was an aspect of ministry that I especially enjoyed. In both

parishes I had been able to devote part of each week to Hospital visiting. I found myself increasingly at ease in those healthcare environments, and I would seek out the Hospital Chaplains in order to learn more about their roles. I sensed that God might be leading me into something a bit different from Parish Ministry.

And, sure enough, in 1991 I was thrilled to be appointed as Assistant Chaplain at Kings College Hospital, with special responsibility for pastoral care at Dulwich Hospital. It was at least as steep a learning curve for me as my first venture into ministry over 10 years before. But, as with all my journey in ministry, I was blessed with a profound sense of God's call, and that helped to steady me through challenging times. I was immensely proud of working in the NHS, and that sense of pride would never leave me over the next 25 years. During my time at Kings the General Synod of the Church of England passed a vote permitting the ordination of women to the priesthood and on May 21st 1994 I was one of the first women to be ordained priest in Southwark Cathedral.

Entering the priesthood opened new doors. I was now able to consecrate and administer the sacrament of Holy Communion. Some of my deepest joy in ministry has come from being able to share communion with those who may be very sick, but who are still trusting the promises of God in all their need of Him. I was also able to apply for positions of Lead Chaplain, which is how I arrived at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey in 1995. But for the first time I found myself without a home! My previous jobs had all included accommodation. God wonderfully provided me a home in Englefield Green with a dear and long-standing

friend whose name is known to many of you. Margaret Willis and I were to share her home until her death in 2018. I shall always be so very grateful for that.

St Peter's Hospital became part of Ashford and St Peter's NHS Trust. The Chaplaincy grew from very small beginnings to a large Team of volunteers, drawn from many different churches, and of other Chaplains. For several years one of my colleagues was Rev John Izzard, and I was also thrilled, when in 2015, Rev Andrew Reed took on the baton as Free Church Chaplain.

And that was the year I retired! I revelled in becoming a "normal" member of a local church congregation.

Following the immeasurable sadness of Margaret's death on Good Friday 2018 I was making plans to move up to the Wirral when I was asked if I would "help out" at St Jude's, Englefield Green. No one could possibly have been more astounded than I was when, the following year, I was offered the position of Vicar! I was deeply, deeply humbled to realise that God still had plans for me, plans still to give me "a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

So that's the story of the journey which led me to the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit! Thank you for making me so welcome amongst you.

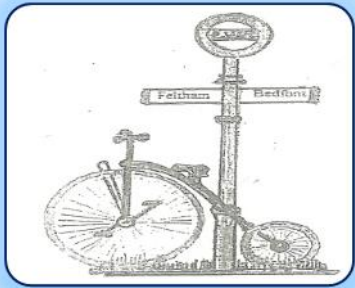
God Bless you all in everything that lies ahead.



One of my loves - leading Assembly at St Judes Junior School

EXTERNAL USERS OF OUR PREMISES

FELTHAM HISTORY GROUP



Feltham History group was formed by a local man 'Peter Watson' who placed an advert in the Middlesex Chronicle asking for those with an interest in local history to attend a meeting at Longford School Feltham, incidentally it was advertised as 'Feltham Workshop'

The date was 7th July 1997.

The aims and purpose of the group was set out with decisions agreed to document all matters pertaining to the local and family history of Feltham and surrounding areas with a view to display and publish our findings.

Since that time, we have been instrumental in producing various exhibitions and talks at Libraries and other locations together with participation in local fairs and the immensely successful Country Fair that took place at Bedfont Lakes for many years.

The group meet first Tuesday in every month save January, July, August at Christ Church Feltham, where in addition to items of interest and forthcoming events a short talk pertaining to history of the area is given by a member of the group.

The group also produce history walks (free) in the local area; the schedule for this Summer is set out below (more info on website)

16th July: Hanworth Air Park walk

6th August: Bedfont Lakes Walk

3rd September: Hanworth Brook



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Happy Birthday to those with birthdays
in April and May: Roger, Marilyn, Orville,
Janet and Denise

Easter Outreach and Services at Southville.

Monday 20th March, Maggie, Marilyn and Jonathan welcomed 90 year 4 pupils, together into the Church to hear the events of Palm Sunday.

Fortunately Maggie was on leave from work and was able to lead the entire session as Marilyn had laryngitis.



Once the events of Palm Sunday had been told we created our own 'triumphant entry' with palm waving and loud shouts of Hosanna following by some

energetic dancing and waving of arms as we sang Hosanna to the King of Kings which was expertly displayed on the screen by Jonathan.



In the second half we had been asked to tell the children what happened in the Christian Church in the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

So with the aid of props we showed them the Lenten Cross and Candles and talked about the significance of the candles before moving on Holy week services.

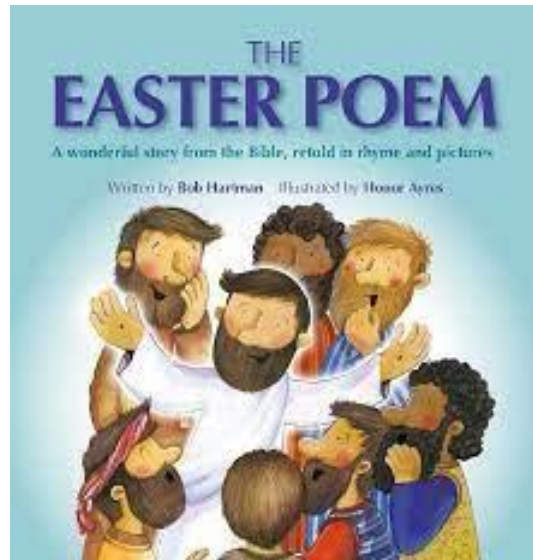


Then the knitted Last Supper made its annual appearance which added to the events of Maundy Thursday



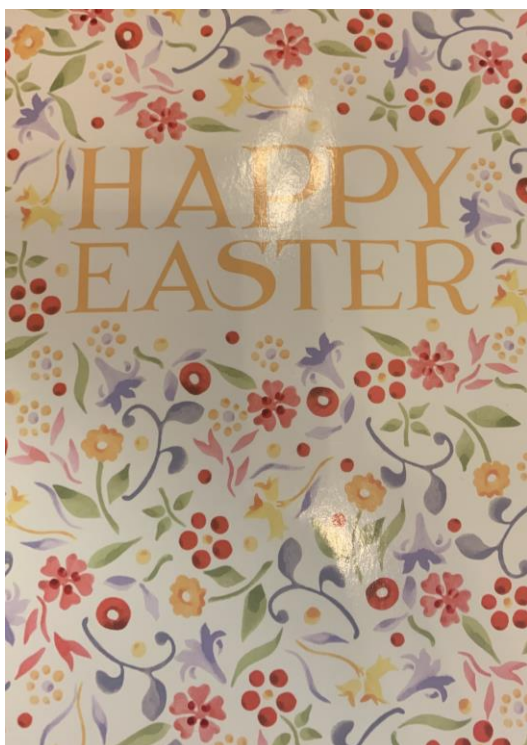
before moving on to talking about Good Friday during which decorated the cross with a purple cloth, nails and a Crown of Thorns.

Next to reinforce their learning we showed a short video entitled The Easter Poem by the Bible Society before moving on to Easter Sunday.



Next followed a very interesting question and answer session during which one bright young man wanted to know why we had five nails displayed at the foot of the cross among lots of relevant and not so relevant questions. One being 'what was behind the blue velvet curtain at the front of the Church.

The hour flew by and it was soon time for them to return to school and with enough palm crosses for each person present. Teachers and pupils offered their thanks for being 'allowed' in to the Church.



To Marilyn and Maggie,
(and everyone who was
involved with our visit!)

Thank you so much for
having us again and
for teaching the children
more about Easter. We
really appreciate your
time and support.

Hope you have a lovely
Easter!

Hannah + the Year 4 team
xxx

Friday 24th March we have a visit planned in to Cardinal Road School Year 1 assembly to talk about Lent and Easter, Open the Book style.



Week commencing 27th March we will be distributing 518 Hot Cross Buns to staff in 10 local schools as a sign of appreciation of their hard work with the children in our community.

Tuesday 4th April children's activity morning 9.30-11.30 at St. Dunstons Feltham

Wednesday 8.00pm Meditation Service at Southville (own arrangement) all are welcome.

Friday 7th April, Walk of Witness 11.00 am. Gathering outside St. Lawrences.

Followed by service at 12.30 at Southville.

We would also like to thank Rev. Anne for leading our joint Zoom Lent study group studying . This year we had 14 members and despite some technical issues most of us have been able to meet regularly. This year we used the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and the Mission Theology Advisory Group study from 2019 material

The Mystery of God:

The Mystery of Good and Evil

The Mystery of God's Glory

The Mystery of Sin, Suffering and Hope

The Mystery of Parenthood and Adoption

The Mystery of love and sacrifice



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EDINBURGH DRIVE



1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. We are not sufficiently organised yet to give you a programme of events, but each meeting has a different speaker or activity, everyone is welcome, and there is tea and cake afterwards.



Wednesday Morning
at Edinburgh Drive run by Kingdom Living Church
9.30 am – 12 noon, **EVERY** Wednesday

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.org.uk

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

<https://www.christchurchfeltham.org/>

SOUTHVILLE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

Bible Study



Tuesday at 20:00 alternate weeks

Please contact Jill Britton to join
and

Thursdays at 10:00 weekly.

Please contact Graham Wells to join

All are welcome!!!

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
Crackers

Tinned:

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

From all the volunteers at Manna

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MONDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Anchor Section / Junior Section	17:30 / 18:30
THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10:30
		Evening Worship	18:30

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TUESDAY	1 st Tuesday	Feltham History Group	19:45
WEDNESDAY	Weekly Term Time	Stay and Play	10:00
	Weekly	The Furnace - worship together and pray for Feltham	19:45
SUNDAY	Weekly	Informal Service with Kids Groups	Door Open 10:00
	3 rd Sunday	Community Lunch everyone is welcome, bring some food to share!	After Church

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TUESDAY	2 nd	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00
SATURDAY	1 st	Private Prayer	09:30 – 10:30
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship	10:30

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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	
	Monthly	Morning prayer on Zoom	09:30	

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MONDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly Term Time	Rainbows (Aged 5 – 7)	16:30 – 17:30
			Brownies (Aged 7 – 10)	17:50 - 19:30
			Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	19:00 - 21:00
TUESDAY	Zoom	Alternate weeks	Bible Study	20:00
WEDNESDAY	Clarendon Rd	2 nd Wednesday (Not at Church)	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Coffee Morning (KLC)	09:30 -12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Wednesday of month	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
THURSDAY	Zoom	Weekly	Bible Study	10:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Fellowship	14:30
	Clarendon Rd	Last Thursday of month	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
SUNDAY	Clarendon Rd	All except last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Sunday		10:00



For the families and friends of those that have passed away since the last publication:

St Dunstan's: Leonard Roaf, Jennifer Dombrick,
Sandra Carter, Helen Stone

The wider Circuit:

Staines Methodist Church: Jeanette Greatorex-Knight
Ted Wragg, Reg Marsh

United Church of Egham: Gordon McCallum
Derek Weston

All the school staff as they work with the children in our communities.

All the Children and Young People in our communities

All those who work in our Emergency Services, Hospitals, Community Health Care and Social Care and those training for these fields

Those who are running services for those from the Ukraine

Chaplaincy Teams: Airport, Hospital, Education

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders and those in Training



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