



Ashford Methodist Church



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Southville Methodist Church



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Christ Church Feltham

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2020



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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.

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FROM OUR MINISTER



Dear Friends,

It seems COVID 19 is a merciless invisible enemy of humanity. It has dominated and taken over the whole of the year 2020. At the end of August, we thought the virus has been subdued, things were promising we are moving into some new norm of living our lives. At the beginning of September, we opened our church building to give thanks and praise to God after the hard experiences created by COVID19, which claimed over a million lives the world over. The world economy was destroyed, companies closed resulting in painful high levels of unemployment. The virus brought a climate of despair and misery among nations. We were beginning to feel safe that the danger period has gone, and we can start worshipping God in our buildings. The Churches were very committed to start again and made the necessary preparations needed.

Unfortunately, in the last weeks new Govt guidelines were put in place. The new rules of Tier 1: defined as medium- follow the rule of six if meeting indoors or outdoors- pubs and restaurants to be shut by 10pm. Tier 2: defined as high – no households mixing indoors- rule of six will apply outdoors pubs and restaurants to shut at 10:00pm. Tier 3: defined as very high risk- further measures to be agreed locally. No household mixing indoors or outdoors in hospitality venues or private gardens. These measures have brought division and confusion between Central Govt and Local Govts and the nation is in uproar doing their own thing. Meanwhile the crisis is escalating COVID-19 is on the increase, the figures of people testing positive are moving at an alarming rate across the nation. The hospital admissions are on the increase. The situation is tense, people have started dying in large numbers, even if it was just one person a day, every

individual is precious and needs to be preserved. The NHS soon will be struggling once again to cope.

There are harrowing stories of people hurting, livelihoods eroded, Nursing homes and businesses closing. There are serious casualties. There seem to be no straight and right answer. The situation is hard and we pray for Government to have clarity of vision to restrain this invisible enemy. The Govt cannot do it alone, without the help, cooperation and understanding of the citizens. We pray for the citizens that all during Covid 19 restrictions may have a sense of civic responsibility and actively participate towards the common good of everyone's welfare. The church has not been asked to close our buildings for worship. It is imperative that we take great care and be watchful sticking to our Risk Assessment guidelines to protect our communities and those who use our buildings. We still need to wear masks, washing our hands and social distancing. COVID-19 is a ruthless enemy of humanity. We cannot afford to be complacent in following the guidelines.

On the Eastern Side, all our churches have opened their doors for Sunday morning worship. The churches came up with excellent Risk Assessment documents to make the buildings COVID 19 secure, for worship and for those who use our church buildings. This is a new way of being church, wearing masks, no singing. The most important thing is that we are coming every Sunday together for worship. We give thanks and praise to God, for this great opportunity to hear his word preached, pray, celebrate the Lord's Supper together. There is something special about coming together to worship as he promised- His presence is apparent " where two or three are gathered in my name I am in the midst among you (Matt 18:20)" It is life giving to be in church

worshipping the Living God. It is the best entertainment compared to none.

Ashford Common Methodist Church – started Sunday worship on the 13th of September 2020 and the Boys Brigades have started coming for their meeting.

Southville Methodist Church- worship is fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.

Ashford and Laleham have opened both buildings for worship. Worshipping at Laleham first week of the month with Holy Communion and the rest of the month at Ashford Methodist Church. The merger of Ashford and Laleham is moving forward positively.

In all the churches attendance is still limited as most people are still shielding. The average number of those attending for the four churches is less than ten people.

Christchurch opened for worship on the 6th September. The church is thriving- they are having an average of thirty people attending morning service and the services are streamed online as well and many subscribe to them. On the Sunday the 18th of October 2020 Andy Watkins was licensed as the Vicar at Christchurch by the Bishop of Kensington. We congratulate Andy on his licencing which affirms his Calling into ministry here in the Staines and Feltham Circuit. We give thanks and praise that God brought him here for a great purpose and to fulfil God's Will, for the greater good of His church. May God bless his ministry that so many in Feltham will come to know Christ Crucified and the power of his Resurrection. As God was with Joshua the Lord is with Andy to claim Feltham for the Kingdom of God.

On a sad note: it is with profound sadness to share the news that Mrs Jean Christine Oaten passed away peacefully at St Peters Hospital on Sunday 4th of October 2020 aged 89 years. She was a long-standing member of Ashford Methodist Church.

The funeral was on the 28th of October 2020 at South West Middlesex Crematorium at 12noon. We ask that you pray for Jean and her surviving family.

In Christ's Love,

Juliet

Thursday Bible Study by Zoom

By Graham Wells

Every Thursday morning since our Lent Group meetings were abandoned, a number of us with internet access (and one without) have been zooming into Rev Juliet's Bible Study, picking up some other people along the way, and studying St Paul's letter to the Romans followed by St Matthew's Gospel where we've got to chapter 5. Those who participate find this to be an invaluable activity especially in these difficult days. Why is this?

Vision: This is the Church __ a gathering of diverse branches (at least four denominations) belonging to One Body of Christians, each member unique, with a role in the church, a responsibility to carry out some work or other, be it high-profile or low, fresh-expression or familiar, technically challenging or straightforward. But, you might say, what about the people who just want to be themselves, avoid committees like the virus and keep their names off any lists but test-and-trace or pastoral ones? Well, whoever you are, and whatever you don't do, you're more than welcome at our Bible study. Not your scene? Maybe, but only because you don't come. Time unsuitable? That can be altered. There used to be a television series which always began (roughly)

with the words, "There is nothing wrong with your television set..... You are about to participate in a great adventure. You are about to experience the awe and mystery which reaches from the inner recesses of the mind to ___ the Outer Limits." Our Bible study is something along those lines.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GROUP



ASHFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Clarendon Road, Ashford. TW15 2QR

Church Contact: Mrs Verna Doe 01784 420183

SERVICES @ ASHFORD METHODIST CHURCH

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

Website: www.ashfordmethodistchurch.org.uk

Facebook: AshfordMethodistChurch

Please share and look out for updates and events taking place at the church on facebook. Managed by Jill Britton if you have anything that might be suitable please send it to jillmbritton@gmail.com



On Sunday 29th November
1pm-5pm
Ashford Methodist Church
will be taking part in the first
Ashford Christmas Craft Trail.
Come and visit us at the church
for Christmas treats and other
present ideas!

All profits will go to local children's charities

Ceremonial Key

During lockdown I was contacted by John Herbert following the death of his mother. Among her possessions was this key that had belonged to his grandmother Mrs Lilian Herbert pictured.



The stem of the key is square and

inscribed on the four sides with “Mrs HW Herbert” / “Used me to open” / “Ashford Methodist Church” / “On the 6th July 1940”.

Having had a chance to search the Church archives I did indeed find a newspaper article reporting the opening of the new Ashford Methodist Church building as “Almost a Miracle beyond Belief” Mrs Herbert in her speech said “she recalled she was present in 1900 when the small school church was opened in Clarendon Road adjoining the new building”. She was well known to Methodists in the district, she even recognised a few faces even though she was now living in Merrow.

As we approach the anniversary of the present building it was good to re-connect with the past and see now as then that we are striving to carry on the great work of the Church that went back through the centuries. The sermon message of the day “was that God has no favourites” (all are

Welcome) as the war had brought to the area evacuees and refugees.

We in 2020 have a different battle on our hands with Corona virus however the plight of the homeless and refugees are still with us today.

Thank you John for returning the key to its “spiritual” home.



SEE LOCAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS

Or contact Sandra

Messy Church is currently not able to meet because of the Guidelines from both Government and Methodist Church guidelines so we decided to keep in contact with our families by giving them a 'time2share at home' box.

These boxes are provided by FACT a children' trust in Faith and awareness.

They were enthusiastically received by the families.

We gave them out on our 8th birthday in October.

We pray as they share and do the things in the box together, it helps them feel close to God.

We hope to do something for them for Christmas

Please continue to pray during these times for all the friends you have at Messy Church and their families

When we return we will need more helpers, sometimes we are very short. If you feel you can help even if it is once in a while please let Sandra know - Contact – 07950301467 or email

sandrapearce55@hotmail.com

CRAFT CLUB

See local information for details or contact Sandra

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

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

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

We try all sorts of different crafts. As a group we enjoy crafting together.

It costs £7 a session which includes all materials, tools and refreshments. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun even if you haven't crafted before. It is surprising what you can do.

If there is a craft that you would like to try feel free to come and join us.

Contact Sandra Pearce for further details on 07950301467 or email sandrapearce55@hotmail.com

PRINTING SERVICES

As you can see also we can produce documents of many sizes so if we can help whether it be for a church event or family event please do get in touch and we will happily give you a quote.

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ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH

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

Church Contact Mrs. Kait Sanger 07941 540214
ashford-common@sfmc.org.uk

We offer greeting for November birthdays to Callum Crawley and in December to Alana Duguid, Sheila Marsden, Christian Hole and Ben Foley

Since 13th September, it's been great to be back at the Church for morning and evening services each week. We're grateful for all of the work that went into preparing and finessing the documentation that allowed us to reopen, and all that goes on week by week to make sure the building is as safe as it can be. We're encouraged to keep the church well ventilated and to achieve this we open the windows before people arrive on a Sunday morning, and leave them open until after the evening service, and this is why the church has been chilly. You'll understand why we're reluctant to put the heating on while the windows are open, but will keep this under review as we get deeper into the winter. Can we encourage you to dress warmly for your visits to the church.

We remain aware of those folk who, for the time being, cannot return to weekly services. Please know you are not forgotten, if we have an e mail address for you we have continued to share Rev Juliet's reflections electronically. If you've not seen any of these and would like to be included, please share your e mail address with us.

In spite of all that has been going on around us, collections for JMA have continued through books and boxes. The work of collectors was recognised during the morning service on 25

October with a total for the year, including Gift Aid, an annual church gift and coffee morning proceeds being £847.61; thank you.

We are so very fortunate to have strong support for church flowers. Every week two large vases at the front of the church are filled and after the evening service these are shared with love among the wider church community. Our flower rota has now been filled for the rest of this year, thank you but please watch out for the opportunity to support this ministry in 2021. Christmas celebrations are going to be a bit different this year, with changes necessary for our usual Advent and Carol Services. Plans are in the early stages but we will keep you up to date as they develop.

Current circumstances mean Rev Juliet can't be at the Church each Tuesday from midday to 1.00. If there is any support you need at this difficult time, please call the Circuit Office Monday to Wednesday 9.00am – 1.00pm on 01784 462546 or Rev Juliet Ushewokunze 0208 890 2783.



The main church building and the hall benefit from concrete rainwater gutters. These cause us a particular problem as over time they begin to leak and can allow water to track through to the inside of the building.

Keeping the gutters clear is one of the simplest ways of minimising the issue.

Thanks Joshua for taking care of this job at the beginning of October.



The Boys' Brigade 7th North Surrey Company



For the first time in our history we have had to pause our activities and so haven't been able to see our young people.

During the week on 5 October, 29 weeks since our last meeting, it was great to open the door again and catch up with the boys and their families.

As you might expect new precautions have been put in place, that include not allowing parents into the building, making sure young people sanitise their hands when they arrive and before they leave, and making parts of our building out of bounds.

Anchors and Juniors have returned to weekly meetings and, to maintain quality, Company boys have reduced their meetings for the time being to once every two weeks.

With a limit to the number of people allowed in the Church for Sunday worship, we have been unable to continue with our normal Church Parades.



Plastic hoops have been a great help in maintaining social distancing.

SERVICES @ ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH

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



LALEHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Edinburgh Drive, Laleham.

Middlesex. TW18 1PH

Church Contact:

Mr Graham Wells 01784 258785

SEE LOCAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS

Or contact Graham

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.

SERVICES @ LALEHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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



SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Tachbrook Road (off Bedfont Lane),

Feltham, Middlesex TW14 9NX

Church Contact:

Mrs Maggie Netto 07956 553974

SERVICES @ SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

PRAYER IN THE CHURCHES



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

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

Due to the current restrictions these activities may not be taking place at all or may be happening differently so please contact the named contact for up to date details:

Prayers and Reflections



Current circumstances mean Rev Juliet can't be at the Church each Tuesday from midday to 13.00. If there is any support you need at this difficult time, please call:

**Rev Juliet Ushewokunze 0208 890 2783 or
Rev Andrew Reed on 01784 252559.**

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/>

BIBLE STUDY & HOUSE GROUPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Due to the current restrictions these activities may not be taking place at all or may be happening differently so please contact the named contact for up to date details:

Bible Study

At Ashford 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 2nd and 4th 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 Jonathan Griffiths or Rev Juliet
to join this meeting

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SOUTHVILLE HOUSE GROUP

Normally meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 20:00

During Lent meeting every Tuesday at 20:00

Meeting at Southville Methodist Church

House Group is currently not meeting

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

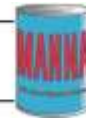
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month
at 14:30 at the Home of Rodney and Judith Nunn

Thursday Fellowship is currently not meeting

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

Pasta Sauces, Rice

Small bags of sugar

Small bottles of oil

Puddings – Rice/Custard

Tea/Coffee/juice/squash

Tinned Fish (tuna, salmon) meat (meatballs,

corned beef etc) Soups,

vegetables/fruit/beans/tomatoes

Small boxes of Breakfast cereals

Biscuits/sweet snack, Tea/Coffee/juice/squash

Toiletries

NO PERISHABLES OR ALCOHOL PLEASE AND NOT OUT OF DATE

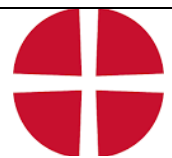
Consider: The size of items as guests travel by public transport



Hearing Champions

A Guildford Diocese initiative, in partnership with
NHS and Ashford Methodist Church

Verna and Jill have been trained by the Royal Surrey
Hospital Audiology Department and are now
“Hearing Champions”!



Hearing-Aid drop-in clinic at Ashford Methodist Church
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

Due to the current restrictions these activities may not be taking place at all or may be happening differently so please contact the named contact for up to date details:

ASHFORD METHODIST CHURCH Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middlesex. TW15 2QR

Mrs Verna Doe - 01784 420183 ashford@sfmcc.org.uk

MONDAY	Term Time	Brownies (Aged 7 – 10)	17:50 - 19:30	Mrs Julie Hanks – 01784 245019
		Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	19:00 - 21:00	Mrs Wendy Ransom – 01784 460380
TUESDAY	Alternate	Bible Study	18:30 – 19:30	Mrs Jill Britton – 01784 247650
	Weekly	Craft Club	13:30 – 15:30	Mrs Sandra Pearce - 07950301467
WEDNESDAY	2nd	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00	Mrs. Jill Gane: 01784 420670
FRIDAY	1 st	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30	Mrs Sandra Pearce - 07950301467
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship	10:30	

ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH

Saxon Road, (off Feltham Hill Road), Ashford Common, TW17 1LW

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

MONDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Anchor Section	17:30
		Boys' Brigade Junior Section	18:30
TUESDAY	Weekly	Oasis Prayer Time	12:00 – 13:00
	Weekly	Music	18:15
THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SATURDAY	1 st	Coffee Morning	10:00 – 12:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10:30
	Weekly	Evening Worship	18:30

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

WEDNESDAY	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

LALEHAM METHODIST CHURCH Edinburgh Drive, Laleham, Staines on Thames, Middlesex. TW18 1PH

Mr Graham Wells - 01784 258785 Laleham@sfmc.org.uk

THURSDAY	Weekly	Laleham Thursday Fellowship	14:30	
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship	10:30	

SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Tachbrook Road, (off Bedfont Lane), Feltham, Middlesex. TW14 9NX

Mrs. Maggie Netto – 07956 553974 southville@sfmc.org.uk

TUESDAY	1 st & 3 rd	House Group / Bible Study	19:45	Mrs. Maggie Netto
	2 nd	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00	Robina Howliston
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Bible Study	10:00	Via Zoom
SUNDAY	2 nd & 4 th	Morning Worship	10:30	

ST DUNSTAN'S 39 St Dunstans Road, Feltham, Middlesex. TW13 4JY - 020-8890 2011

MONDAY	Weekly	Drop-in	10:00 – 12:00	See Weekly Notice for Details
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Morning Prayer	09:30	
THURSDAY	Monthly	WOT (Women on Thursdays)		
FRIDAY	Weekly	Holy Communion	09:15	
	Weekly	Prayer Group	10:00	
SUNDAY	Weekly	Parish Communion	09:00 & 10:30	