



Woodthorpe Methodist Church,
Clarendon Road



Woodthorpe Methodist Church,
Edinburgh Drive



Southville Methodist Church



Ashford Common Methodist Church



ChristChurch Feltham

July / August 2021



St Dunstan's Church, Feltham

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As restrictions change activities that are being held will also change so please contact the named contact for up to date details.

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 have been away to that green country of Australia Tasmania for the funeral of my beloved young sister Mrs Elizabeth Dorcas Saunders who passed away end of April 2021. This has been a difficult time for me and my family to grieve when we are all scattered in different parts of the world. The covid 19 pandemic and travel restrictions created great challenges and to get things right was a struggle. Laws and regulations were changing due to new information on Covid 19. I had to change my ticket twice and quarantine in Melbourne for 14 days under exceedingly difficult conditions, for me it was more than a prison, you do not come out of the room, you eat what they provide, after that you have to pay a large sum of money. I had to create my own daily routine to keep normal and keep hope. I was fortunate that my window faced the airport, and I could sit, watch and count the planes as they landed and take off. My sister who was quarantining in Sydney was frustrated because her window faced a wall, she had no view of life at all. However, the restrictions were extremely hard for Travellers but for Australia it is good. They do not have Covid 19, people do not wear masks, their economy is intact, and they did not lose lives. They managed to protect their population and limited the number of people who enter only those with an important business are allowed to enter the country.

So, my sister Elizabeth had lived the greater part of her life in Hobart. The funeral service took place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, New Town and internment took place in Hobart, Tasmania according to her wishes on the 20th of May 2021. I wish to thank you for your thoughts and prayers. We were

overwhelmed by your love and compassion given. The spiritual support was a source of great comfort, at our time of grieving.

I was looking forward to the end of Lockdown so we can start opening our churches for more church activities to take place. However, this has been postponed for another four weeks. Currently, all our churches on the Eastern End have opened their doors for worship, which is a great step in the right direction. The numbers of those attending, are encouraging, some are being cautious. This Sunday was significant for me to led worship for the first time at Woodthorpe Methodist Church. I saw a God who has the best plans for his sacred Church for a future with hope. We have started to look into the future to see how we can impact the communities we serve. And what projects and events are likely to attract people and meet their needs of daily living, as they engage with our Church community.

On the 13th of June,2021 the Assistant Chair of the Southeast District Reverend Sam Funnel came to lead worship at Woodthorpe Methodist Church. We were highly honoured and encourage by her finding time to come and share and fellowship with us. At Southville Methodist Church worship is now taking place on weekly basis, again not everyone is attending but the door is opened. The Church is opened the first Saturday of the month for Private prayers from 09:30-10:30 am. Ashford Common Methodist Church is opening for morning worship and evening worship. The way we are going with Lockdown restrictions extended we do not know where we are going. COVID 19 virus is extraordinarily complex because it changes from one variant to another. We hope that the vaccines will be able to conquer the virus so we can have a great summer, with people travelling to meet family, relatives and friends.

Blessings,

Juliet

From the Circuit Office – and Beyond

Dear Friends

I am writing this just after we have heard the news that Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are to continue until at least the 19th July 2021. I know that a lot of people will find this rather frustrating and it certainly makes managing the Circuit rather a challenge. However, the good news is that Churches will continue to operate and support their fellowships with Services both in person and on-line as well as with groups meetings taking place in compliance with the guidance and advice that has been issued.

By the time you read this the June Circuit Meeting will have taken place. Circuit Meetings are an important part of the management of groups of local Churches within the Methodist Church. Our meeting covers all the Churches in the Staines and Feltham Circuit and the main focus is to share in a conversation about the work of God and the development of local policy. At our meeting we will have looked at a number of building work applications, a set of new local policy documents, and the new rules relating to weddings, (but not same sex weddings as this is being considered by Conference at the end of June). We will also have considered the preparation of a Circuit Profile as part of the work to be done relating to the Stationing process. In addition, I recently circulated a booklet, “Take you next steps in Evangelism and Growth” to all churches and we will have had the opportunity to comment on this and how it fits with our local requirements.

The Circuit Meeting is also responsible for ensuring that policies and procedures are in place. All local Churches are required to update their data protection records on an annual basis and I

need confirmation from all churches by the middle of August that this has been done.

I also want to record my thanks to Verna Doe who has carried out the important task of Circuit Safeguarding Officer for many years. I have valued her support as she has provided a point of contact for all of the Churches in regard to safeguarding matters. Verna has now stepped down and the Circuit is now looking for someone to take on the role. If you believe that this is something that might interest you, do please get in touch with me so that I can give you the necessary details.

A number of tasks that I mentioned in my previous letter remain unresolved including the sale of Wendover Road and the sale/purchase of the Manse in Feltham. Negotiations continue with interested parties and I will keep you informed of progress.

I am looking forward to meeting with many of you over the summer as I visit the Churches in the Eastern End.

God bless.

Andrew

This was used as part of Bideford's G7 Vigil on 11th June and comes from Threads of Creation

If the earth were only a few feet in diameter.

If the earth were only a few feet in diameter

Floating above a field somewhere

People would come from everywhere to marvel at it

People would walk around it

Marvelling at its big pools of water

And the little pools of water flowing between the bigger pools

People would marvel at the bumps on it

And the holes in it

And they would marvel at

the thin layer of gas surrounding it

and the water suspended in the gas

The people would marvel at the creatures

walking around the surface of the ball

and the creatures in the water

The people would declare it precious because

it was the only one

And they would protect it so that it would not be hurt

The ball would be the greatest wonder known

And people would come to behold it

To be healed

To gain knowledge

To know beauty,

and wonder how it could be

People would love it

And defend it with their lives

Because they would somehow know

that their lives, their own roundness

could be nothing without it.

If the earth were only a few feet in diameter.

Love to ALL, from Julia Spencer

LOCAL PREACHING

A Methodist local preacher is a layperson who has been accredited by the Methodist Church to lead worship and preach on a regular basis. They have played an important role in Methodism since the earliest days of the movement, and have also been important in English social history. These preachers continue to serve an indispensable role in the Methodist Church of Great Britain, in which they lead the majority of church services.

Methodism formally broke with the Anglican church in 1784 because of the activities of John Wesley. Due of the limited number of ordained ministers he could call on, Wesley appointed local preachers who were not ordained but whom he examined, and whom he felt he could trust to lead worship and preach: though not to minister sacraments.

Local preachers would regularly spend a whole day with a local church, leading one or more services and undertaking pastoral visiting. Many travelled significant distances in the course of a day, often on foot.

In its essentials, this pattern has remained in British Methodism to the present day. Although by the end of the nineteenth century most circuits (clusters of churches) were staffed by several ministers, there were almost always more churches in the circuit than ministers, many of them offering two or three services every Sunday. The need for local preachers has never declined and in many circuits an active local preacher may well be involved in preparing and leading worship on seven or eight occasions in a thirteen-week quarter.

Methodism has always acknowledged and valued the ministry of women and from the earliest days women have served as local

preachers (the heroine of George Eliot's *Adam Bede* is represented as one).

Local preachers have always been required to undergo some form of training. Because Methodism had great strength among the lower middle classes and skilled working classes in 19th-century England, training as a local preacher was one of the ways in which intelligent people who had little chance of formal schooling acquired education and an ability at public speaking. Consequently, the discipline and eloquence of Methodist local preachers found a ready use in the developing labour movement. Many of the founders of the trade union movement in Britain were local preachers, perhaps most famously four of the Tolpuddle martyrs.

Compared to lay people in some other denominations, Methodist local preachers are accorded significant authority over the progress of a service, for which they are seen as having overall responsibility, rather than just delivering the sermon.

Nonconformist churches have long had similar arrangements, and the Church of England now makes considerable use of "lay readers". However Anglican lay readers, and indeed the lay preachers of other denominations, have never quite enjoyed the status within their own churches, or the recognition beyond them, that are associated with the Methodist local preacher.

Paul Murphy. With many thanks to Wikipedia

If you want to know more about Local Preaching please do speak to Paul.

Gaius Petronius's comment

"We trained hard....but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralization."



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Following the Borough Council's review of Polling Stations, and delayed from 2020, local elections took place this year on 6 May. Furniture was cleared in preparation and the opportunity extended for around 2000 people in two polling districts to come into our building.



SERVICES @ ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH

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



It's good to have Rev Juliet back in the Circuit following her period away to support her family overseas. Although the Tuesday lunchtime prayers at the Church will not continue our Minister remains available to offer any support and can be contacted directly on 0208 890 2783.



From Easter Sunday, our congregation has been grateful of the opportunity to worship in the building, beginning with the Zoom Services from Staines and resuming with Preachers in person from the beginning of May.

Local Preacher Paul Murphy occupies the Virtual Pulpit at Ashford Common



Sunday School Anniversary is a strong tradition in the Methodist Church and one that is particularly upheld at Ashford Common. Kait Sanger had agreed to lead the 2020 Anniversary but in the circumstances this didn't take place and so we were pleased that she was able to take up the appointment for both Services on Sunday 13 June.

Passages, poems, stories, sketches and favourite Sunday School hymns were enjoyed with the Old Testament being the focus of the morning and the New in the evening.

Special flower arrangements are provided for the Anniversary with one always placed over the centre doors into the Church.



Flowers for the celebration of the 2021 Sunday School Anniversary at Ashford Common



We send birthday greetings to friends celebrating in the next couple of months; in July Denise Regent & Doris Owen with David Chambers, Mary Tsata, Lilly Darvill, Kait Sanger, Lesley Tocock and Rev Juliet Ushewokunze in August.



**The Boys' Brigade
7th North Surrey Company**

Following the Easter holiday, and up until May Half Term, BB meetings resumed at the Church. It's been great to welcome the young people back into the building, but Covid Risk Assessments mean their parents have to stay outside.

A good proportion of our members have returned and we have made approaches to those we've not seen yet.

Since the beginning of June another step towards normality was taken with the return of our Summer programme at Meadhurst Primary School. This is particularly special as we can have all age groups together at the same time, in the relative safety of being outdoors. However, as a precaution everyone receives a free

shot of hand sanitiser at the beginning and end of each evening. There has been around 30 members present each week.

At the end of last year, we were sad to hear of the closure of the 1st Richmond BB Company based at Whitton Baptist Church. With the Captain moving away, the Church there were not able to identify someone to take over the running of the Company. Leaders there worked very proactively with neighbouring Companies and we were delighted to be able to work positively with them.



The result has been that Andrew Clarkson, a resident of Ashford Common and a former registered leader from 1st Richmond, has transferred to our Company with his son Joshua. Already, having Andrew with us has resulted in some new members being attracted to our Company.

BB Leader Andrew Clarkson has transferred from 1st Richmond Company

Introducing leaders from elsewhere across the BB family is of huge benefit to Companies since they bring with them the values of The Boys' Brigade while injecting new ideas born out of alternative experience in our organisation, which brings a new richness to the programme offered. These are exciting times.

DESIGN A NEW FRONT COVER



We have been using this cover for a number of years, kindly produced from the idea of Andrew Griffiths and the artistry of the late Alan Cuthbert, now the editors feel that it is time for a new design

IDEAS NEED TO INCLUDE:

The Title 'The Eastern End News'

The Churches

The Edition Date and Number

STOP PRESS OPTION

It is also nice to know the reason for the design

If you have any ideas please forward these to The Editors by 31st July 2021.

It is planned to introduce the new cover from September 2021, Edition 25, the new Methodist Connexional Year and the 4th Birthday of 'The Eastern End News'

WE EAGERLY AWAIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS



SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
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Mrs Maggie Netto 07956 553974



Happy Birthday to Jean Wicks in July

Methodist Homes for the Aged

Methodist Homes Sunday is held on the second Sunday in June and is an opportunity for:

- Celebration of the work of MHA and the value of older people.
- Awareness of future needs and ways to respond.
- Fundraising to make a difference to the quality of life for older people.
- Volunteers to work together.
- Recognition of the Church in action for older people.

Methodist Homes Sunday offers an annual opportunity for church members to donate in support of the work.

This year we received £75 which has been forwarded to MHA. Also some of our members were able to donate online.

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. It is hoped that as soon as we are able, we will once again start collecting food donations each Sunday morning.

Private Prayer time in Church

The church will be open for Private Prayer on the 1st Saturday of the month from 09:30 – 10:30

Saturday 7th August

Saturday 4th September

All Welcome

SERVICES @ SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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



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WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

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Thinking behind the Logo

Inspired by the connecting of two church communities, this typographic route evokes joy with a curved serif typeface. The arch connects the 'W' and the 'T' to create a

cross and a sun, representing hope and happiness through faith. This route is designed to convey a welcoming tone that reflects the community hub which the church represents.

**Kingdom Living / Woodthorpe Methodist Church
at the Edinburgh Drive site**

Saturday 7th August 2pm till 5pm.

Summer BBQ with music and open mic., teas and cakes etc.

KLC Coffee Morning 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month starting in July 9.30 am – 12 noon

Zoom

Thursday Morning Bible Study
9.45 am for 10 am until 11 am
St. Matthew's Gospel



***SEE LOCAL INFORMATION FOR DETAILS
Or contact Sandra***

please let Sandra know - Contact – 07950301467
or email sandrapearce55@hotmail.com

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.

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

SERVICES @ WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

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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

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 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



SOUTHVILLE HOUSE GROUP

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

House Group is currently not meeting

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

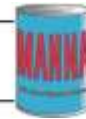
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month
at 14:30 at the Home of Rodney and Judith Nunn

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	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



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

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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 nd Wednesday	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
THURSDAY	Edinburgh Drive	Weekly	Fellowship	14:30
FRIDAY	Clarendon Rd	1 st Friday	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
SUNDAY	Edinburgh Drive	1 st Week	Morning Worship	
	Clarendon Rd	Other Weeks		

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TUESDAY	1 st & 3 rd	House Group / Bible Study	19:45
	2 nd	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Bible Study	10:00
SATURDAY	1 st	Private Prayer	09:30 – 10:30
SUNDAY	2 nd & 4 th	Morning Worship	10:30

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MONDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Anchor Section	17:30
		Boys' Brigade Junior Section	18:30
TUESDAY	Weekly	Oasis Prayer Time	12:00 – 13:00
		Music	18:15
THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SATURDAY	1 st 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

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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 rd Sunday	Community Lunch everyone is welcome, bring some food to share!	After Church

ST DUNSTAN'S FELTHAM

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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	09:30 & 10:30	