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Seeking to know God and to make God known to others

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Dear Friends,

Certain times of year allow us the opportunity to step back and reflect. In the church we tend to do this during Advent and during Lent. Churches set up Bible Study Groups and prayer meetings and this is a good way to reflect on the significance of these times. Perhaps you also create your own space. I know that I try to do this and invariably I find myself looking for a book to help guide me. Over the years I have used various ones and I have found them very helpful.

I also like to take the opportunity to look at the Service for Ash Wednesday at the start of Lent in the Methodist Worship Book because this sets out very clearly the thinking behind this particular season. Originally people who were getting ready to be baptised at Easter would use this time as part of that preparation. However, as time went by it became the custom for Christians generally to use the time to seriously consider the call to repentance; to know that they are truly forgiven and to grow in their faith and to build up their relationship with our Lord Jesus. The Service goes on to suggest how we might do this and the suggestions that are offered are that we should pray, consciously look to the needs of others rather than our own needs (self denial) and this should include charitable giving. We are also invited to do a survey of ourselves in such a way that we are honest about who we are and what we do (the book calls this “self examination”). We also need to repent and put things right where possible. Finally, there is the recommendation that we read and meditate on God’s word. All of this is quite demanding and if we take it seriously, it is going to take genuine commitment on our part to engage with the process.

The book that I am reading this year is “The Word in the Wilderness” which features poems chosen by Malcom Guite

who adds his own comments. I appreciate that it is too late for people to pick up the book for this year, but for me it has been a real source of inspiration. I love to read, but poetry is not something I find easy to absorb. The fact is that for me poetry requires my time and my attention and invariably I find that I need someone to help me engage with it. As soon as I read the commentary it all seems to slot into place and I can seek to apply the concepts to my own situation. I have discovered that over a period of time, and certainly as I have been reading this particular book I am beginning to learn what to look for in order to use the poem and I am not quite so reliant on the comments, although in the case of the explanations given in this book, a whole new world has opened up to me. Lent this year has encouraged me to find the time and the space to be still and know that God is God. I imagine that most people find that the pace of life and the list of things that we need to do encroaches on our time with God. So far this year I have found that I just about have time to read the poem and the comment and need to rush off to the next thing, but as I do, somehow there has been something that has lingered in my mind and I find that at some point in the day the idea comes back to me and I can reflect on it again.

Whatever you have chosen to do for Lent I encourage you to listen out for God to speak to you whether you find yourself rush off your feet or with time on your hands. The book suggests that God can and does speak to us in both situations.

My prayer is that Lent fulfils its role in your life this year and that as you look forward to Easter, what you have learnt will enable you to celebrate the joy of the Day.

God bless.

Andrew



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Wednesday Morning

at Edinburgh Drive run by Kingdom Living Church

9.30 am – 12 noon,

EVERY Wednesday

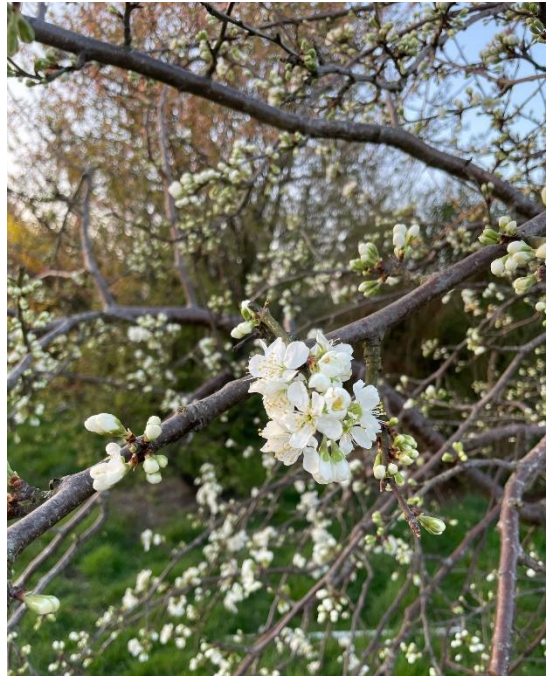


Daffodils...thanks to Vern



All are most welcome to join us
at Edinburgh Drive
on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

As I came out of Thursday Fellowship Woodthorpe, I felt
Spring has truly sprung!



Sandra Davis

AT WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

Clarendon Road



BOOKWORMS

for toddlers to teens
on the second Thursday of month
15:30 – 16:30.
NO CHARGE

Children can choose 2 books each month to keep.

We now have several families coming to choose their books.

BOOKWORMS is open to anyone.

If you know of families who may benefit from coming,
please let them know.

Time for Tea

Every TUESDAY afternoon

Do come for

a social time with

Tea and cake and chat

you may bring

a board game, craft to do

knitting etc

Or anything you wish to do or share

NO CHARGE



From the Circuit Office – and Beyond

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to let you know that since I last wrote, we now know that Deacon Jacqueline Esama-John will be joining Lansford here in the Staines and Feltham Circuit in September 2025. This is exciting news and I know that Deacon Jacqueline will bring her experience and expertise to bear on her role in the Circuit. We will let you know in good time when the date for the Welcome Service has been finalised. This completes what is known as the “Stationing Process” whereby Ministers and Deacons are allocated to local Circuits. It is worth bearing in mind those areas in the District who, to this point still have vacancies in their Circuits and your prayers for those involved in dealing with this would be most welcome.

Whilst Stationing is complete for us, we still needed to arrange for Churches to be able to hold services of Holy Communion in line with the pattern that has been established. We have applied for Mr Paul Murphy to be authorised to conduct such services where necessary. This application has been considered by District Council and now awaits further approval in due course. I extend my thanks to Paul for offering to help us in this regard.

I mentioned in the previous edition that a lot is going on in the Circuit and I stated that I would give you an update on some of the matters in this edition. One of the big tasks that needs to be addressed relates to ensuring that everything is in place for the significant changes that are ahead. In the office we are ensuring that computer records are up to date and easily accessible for people who need to access them. This involves checking all the files relating to GDPR, Safeguarding and DBS checks. We also need to ensure that Circuit Plans for June – August and September – November are in place in good time.

The recent Circuit Meeting considered the situation with the Manse in Feltham. It also approved the sale of the Manse in Egham and the upgrading of the Manse in Feltham. I grateful to the Circuit Leadership Team for the assistance that they have provided in making sure that this is progressing well.



I delighted to let you know that the District Advance Fund Group has allocated £20,000.00 per annum to support the Village Centre for the next three years. The sum is added to the amount the Circuit has agreed to pay over the same time period. This will ensure that the Centre is able to function well and will be able to expand the work that it is able to do in Englefield Green.



The United Church at Egham continues to explore the way forward for them as a Fellowship and there are some exciting ideas to be explored by the Church membership. The bookstall continues to attract plenty of visitors and from the income it generates it is able to support a wide range of local Charity Groups as well as making funds available to the Church itself.



The Church at Staines is working on the next stage of their project for the enhancement of the building. Along with other Churches in the Circuit they are able to engage with people in the community with coffee mornings and lunch clubs. Work with families is going well and they are engaged in a series of intergenerational Worship Services led by Simon Shutt of FACT.



Ashford Common have also initiated similar work with Simon. This supports their on-going work to maintain weekly age-appropriate activities for children at the Sunday morning service and further reaches out with the work of their Boys' Brigade Company.



Southville Methodist Church continues to work with a small number of parents, carers and the children have started to attend the Church on a regular basis. This includes "Brick Church" which is proving to be very popular. It will be interesting to see how this contact will develop and grow.



Woodthorpe Methodist Church have decided that the current arrangements with Kingdom Living Church work well and does not need to be altered at this time. The Planning Application with Spelthorne Council is moving to the next stage as approved by the Circuit Meeting and we are in the process of asking the Architects to submit papers on our behalf.




Regular meetings as required by the Partnership are now in place for Christchurch. During the most recent meeting I was pleased to be able to visit a midweek session with parents. Carers and children which was well attended. Alongside this the work with Asylum Seekers continues to meet a very real need in the area.

It is good that there is so much going on in the Circuit as we continue to use our premises to share the love of God with so many people. Once again, I thank you for all your help and support.

God bless. Andrew

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ENGLEFIELD GREEN VILLAGE CENTRE

The Village Centre is based in the Methodist Church located on Victoria Street in Englefield Green, TW20 0QX. In 2010 it was converted from an operational Church into a community building, offering a Child Contact Centre, Community Café, Baby Basics project, Lunch Club and Community Fridge & Kitchen.

Further information can be found at

www.villagecentre.org.uk

Working alongside the Village Centre Management Committee, we would like to recruit volunteers to help with the following:

- Publicity
- Treasurer
- Fundraising & Grant Applications
- Café Volunteers
- Volunteers to help with our other projects.

If you think that you could help please contact:

Alison Griffin – Village Centre Manager

by phone 01784 471110

by email: manager@villagecentre.org.uk

The Village Centre, Englefield Green. TW20 0QX

is seeking to recruit a

Centre Manager

Salary: £35,000 - £40,000 based on experience

Hours: 40 hours per week

28 days statutory annual leave entitlement per year (including
Public Holidays)

A probationary period of 3 months applies

The Centre Manager will be responsible for maintaining a place of acceptance and welcome for all the community, offering space available for hire and a drop-in café area.

Main Responsibilities

The Manager will work alongside other staff and volunteers, and the main tasks will be:

- To work with the Local Ecumenical Partnership at St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green
- To be part of a visible Christian presence in the village
- To oversee the day-to-day running of the Centre including the hire of the premises
- Oversight and development of our main Outreach programmes
 - Baby Basics
 - Child Contact Centre
 - Lunch Club
 - Community fridge & Kitchen
 - Community Foodbank
- To oversee and manage staff and volunteers
- To maintain adequate computer records associated with the running of the premises
- To maintain and update the Village Centre website and co-ordination of our social media channels
- To ensure financial responsibility of the Centre by having a strong understanding of the finances of the Centre and proceed with grant applications and fundraising opportunities as needed.

Applicants should be a current and active member of a Christian Church or community.

For an application pack please email: office@sfmtc.org.uk

or write to

Mrs Sue Burgoine, Woodthorpe Methodist Church,
Clarendon Road, Ashford TW15 2QR

Tel: 01784 249277 (Mon – Wed 9.00am – 1.00pm)

Closing date: 11th April 2025

Interviews at The Village Centre, Englefield Green TW20 0QY

Southville

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Seeking to know God and to make God known to others

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We send warm greetings to Roger Griffiths, Marilyn Woodley celebrating birthdays in April and Orville & Denise Callender in May.



We opened the doors of the Community Coffee Stop for the first time on Thursday 13th March. We aim to provide a welcoming space every Thursday between 08:45 and 10:30 for anyone in our community to drop in for a tea/coffee and stay for a chat. Our hope is to grow connections and friendships and to share God's love with those we meet. At the time of writing we have only held two sessions and already we have met new people, enjoyed good fellowship and engaged in lively conversations. Please pray that God will continue to bless this work.



The Rest is Worship - Lent study

We are four weeks into our Lenten study using EngageWorship's resource "The Rest is Worship". The sessions start at 11:30 in the church and we meet beforehand for refreshments. So far we have reflected on:

Session 1 - **What Does Rest Have To Do With My Life Of Worship?**

Session 2 - **Sabbath: God's Great Idea**

Session 3 - **Being Present To God's Rest**

Session 4 - **Sabbath As Resistance**

We have used music, video, prayer, different forms of Bible study and activities to help us unpack the topics. Each session is stand-alone so it is still possible to join the group. The final two sessions are:

Session 5 - **Rest In Our Bodies - Thursday 3rd April**

Session 6 - **Rest In Church Worship - Thursday 10th April**

Brick Church



The Brick Church post topper made a first appearance

NEXT BRICK CHURCH

at Southville Methodist Church

Saturday 5th April 10:00 – 11:30

(1st Saturday of each month)

Dear Friends,
Blessings of victory to you and your family this easter season and the new month of April in Jesus mighty name. Our prayers and blessing of health and wholeness are with Roz as she recovers from her recent hospital stay. The same blessing of healing goes to everyone of us experiencing health challenges.

Death Defeated. Victory Declared! 1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God! He gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Imagine a boxing ring. The crowd is silent. The final round is over. The enemy—sin, death, and the grave—is lying on the mat. The referee lifts your hand and declares, “Victory!” But here’s the truth: you didn’t throw a single punch. Jesus did. And He won—for you. This is not just a metaphor—it’s the reality of the Gospel. Through Christ’s death and resurrection,

the greatest enemy of humanity—death itself—was swallowed up in victory. You now you and I walk in freedom, not fear. Power, not defeat.

Paul the Apostle, writes in 1 Corinthians 15:54–55, 57 (NIV) “When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ ... But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Paul wrote these words to the Corinthian church to remind them—and us—of a powerful truth: the resurrection of Jesus changes everything. In a world where death seemed final, Jesus rose and rendered it powerless. Through Him, our mortal bodies are destined for immortality, and what once brought fear now brings hope. Victory is not something you fight for—it's something you receive.

Prayer: Father, thank You for the victory I have through Jesus Christ. By the blood of Jesus I receive forgiveness and release from sin and its wage (death). I partake of the gift of spirit of resurrection, life, and power in Jesus name. Thank You that sin has no hold on me, and death has no sting. Today, I walk in boldness, knowing that You have already overcome. Help me to live like a victor, not a victim. Let the power of the resurrection fuel my faith, my steps, and my words. I declare: I am more than a conqueror, because Christ has conquered for me. In Jesus 'name, Amen.



Thanks be to God—your Champion lives! The battle is over—Jesus won, and so have you!

Stay victorious,

Kofi



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We offer warm birthday greeting to Joshua Camis, Cheryl Hughes,

Ryan Fuller, David Priddy & Davina Hatton who celebrate during April & Justin Camis, Nicola Jeffrey and Tony McKenner for May.

Count your blessings is a campaign offered by Action for Children each Lent offering an opportunity to raise funds for their work – their schedule for this year can be found here [Action for Children Count Your Blessings 2025 Calendar School digital.pdf](#)

We thank the volunteers from our congregation who quietly and diligently tend our flower beds and grounds throughout the year. There was a flurry of activity at the spring equinox when the grass was cut and edged, and accumulated leaves and litter raked from the edges.

In the Staines and Feltham Circuit and in partnership with FACT, Simon Shutt leads special services at Staines on the third Sunday of each month and the fourth at Ashford Common – A tale of two gardens is the theme for April.

Ashford Common Methodist

27th April 2025 @ 10.30am

45 minutes of
Time to Worship Together

Join us for tabletop activities,
songs and prayers.
Time to think, chat and be with God.

A tale of two gardens.



Refreshments following.

Looking further forward, for the May special service we have co-ordinated a Parade service and barbecue.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company

Chinese New Year, St Davids & Red Nose Day are calendar events we have focussed on in the BB programme since the start of the year.



The Armour of God was a particular focus for Anchors & Juniors with a particular link made to The Gladiators TV show.



Our leaders work hard to offer new and unique activities to the

programme each year but there are always those that bear repeating year after year, especially when they help convey the Christian message.



The opportunity to cook, and eat pancakes around Shrove Tuesday is always very popular.



As we continue with our planning, we're busy looking forward to our summer session and are preparing to catch up with our friends at Meadhurst Primary School to confirm our booking of their premises for our outdoor activities.



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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

CHRIST CHURCH FELTHAM

Christ Church, Hanworth Road, Feltham. TW13 5AE

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

TUESDAY	1 st Tuesday	Feltham History Group	19:45
WEDNESDAY	Weekly Term Time Only	Stay and Play	10:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Informal Service with Kids and Youth Groups	10:30 Door Open 10:00
	Weekly	Informal Service	18:00 doors open 17:30 for refreshments

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Tachbrook Road, Feltham, Middlesex. TW14 9NX

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www.southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk

TUESDAY	2 nd	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00
THURSDAY	Weekly	Community Coffee Stop	08:45 – 10:30
SATURDAY	1 st	Brick Church	10:00 – 11:30
SUNDAY	Weekly	Revival & Prophetic Prayer Service	09:00
		Prayer and Praise	10:00
		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	

WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

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MONDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly Term Time	Rainbows (Aged 5 – 7) Brownies (Aged 7 – 10) Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	16:30 – 17:30 17:50 - 19:30 19:00 - 21:00
TUESDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly	Time for Tea	14:00 – 16:00
	Zoom	Alternate weeks	Bible Study	20:00
WEDNESDAY	(Not at Church)	2 nd Wednesday	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Coffee Morning (KLC)	09:30 -12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Wednesday	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
THURSDAY	Contact Graham	*Weekly*	Bible Study	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	1 st & 3 rd Thursday	Fellowship	14:30
	Clarendon Rd	2 nd Thursday	Bookworms	15:30 – 16:30
	Clarendon Rd	Last Thursday	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
SUNDAY	Clarendon Rd	All except last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:00
	Clarendon Rd	As advertised	Fun Family Worship	16:00



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

Alan Leslie Knight, Matthew Fisher, Sheila Newman, Marion Mason, Pauline Dunham, Sylvia Bloomfield, Father John Lucas, John Kettle (brother-in-law of St Dunstan's Auditor), John Lucas, Raymond Newell

If there are people in communities that you would add to this list please give these to your church contact to pass on for the next edition!

All those involved in outreach work:

Youth Organisations and Church Groups
(Lego Church, Messy Church, Brick Church, Prayer Groups)
Intergenerational Worship
Easter programmes

Those valued people that work:

with the young and old in our communities.
our Emergency Services
Hospitals, Community Health Care team & Social Care,
Mental Health worker
All the Hospital Chaplains at Ashford and St Peters
and West Middlesex

The Circuit Leadership Team

Those joining us in September:

Rev Lansford Penn-Timothy
Deacon Jacqueline Esama-John

The South East Methodist District Team:

Rev David Hinchliffe – District Chair

Rev Sam Funnell – Western Area Assistant District Chair

Wendy Cory – District Administrator

Rev Nick Oborski – Synod Secretary

Claire Coles - District Safeguarding Officer

Pam Couchman - Lay Stationing Representative.

Those leading Worship in our churches in our part of the Circuit (Woodthorpe, Ashford Common, Southville, Christ Church Feltham, St Dunstan's Feltham) during the month of April & May 2025 (any changes will be posted on the Circuit website www.sfmc.org.uk):

Rev Anne Dollery, Pastor Desmond Egharevba, Sheila Hassan, Paul Murphy, Jonathan Perkins, Rev David Priddy, Rev Andrew Reed, Simon Shutt, Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah, Rev Julie Underwood, Rev Andy Watkins, Graham Wells, Mary Windo and all those leading Own Arrangements services.

(Details correct at time of going to press)

We also prayer for All Ministers, Chaplains, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders including those undergoing training around the Circuit and beyond.



If you know of anyone or of any circumstance requiring our prayers, phone Bobby (from Woodthorpe) 01784 251944 or

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

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