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Seeking to know God and to make God known to others



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Jonathan Griffiths

Dear Friends,

As I get ready to retire from St Dunstan's on 17th August (or "sit down" as the Methodist church says) I wanted to give thanks to God for your ministry and fellowship in the gospel, and particularly to everyone at Southville Methodist church, our ecumenical partners. Thank you for all your hard work, your practical faith and your stewardship. I have very much appreciated our partnership and being part of the circuit).

Since I announced my retirement I have been asked where I am going to live (North-West Surrey) and "**What am I going to do?**" I was a bit surprised by the second question, but it has been helpful in guiding my prayers. Moreover, as I could not remember being asked this since I left full time education it was

rather exciting to be asked. I have no immediate or great plans. No feeling of calling to other work. I know a recently retired vicar who is writing not one but two books. I am full of admiration but that's not my calling. I would like to do some voluntary work; maybe I will volunteer with some kind of hospitality as I enjoy helping feed people. While it would be very satisfying to have great plans for travelling or study or caring I am beginning to realise it "how I do something" rather than "what new thing I do" that matters. When Jesus is asked what are the greatest commandments (Matthew 22:36) he replies: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' "

During our lives most of us do not have much of a choice about "What we going to do" today, this month or even this year. Our doing is governed by our personal circumstance, our health, families, our work and having a place to safely live. And many of us prefer the routine of knowing this is what we are going to do. Living our lives, our whole lives, loving God and loving our neighbour. This is what we are all called to do. It covers everything. It is not easy yet it is simple. It is enough for each one of us. It is more than enough for me.

I look forward to finding out how and where I will be doing this in the coming twelve months. And to hearing of all that you will be doing to share the good news of the gospel in your ministry in the coming year, led and served by Landsford and Jacqeline.

With love

Anne Dollery



Cream tea at vicarage



Prayer labyrinth- what am I going to do?
(There is only one path into and out of a prayer labyrinth. One way. You can't get lost. Its not a maze. Its a journey accompanied by Christ.)

From the Circuit Office – and Beyond

Dear Friends,

I received a letter the other day from the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference which met in Telford at the end of June. They have written to tell me that in one of the final acts of Conference this year they have approved my request to “sit down”. It is now official, from the 1st September 2025 I will have retired and joined those Ministers who are known as Supernumerary. Many of you know that although I have retired I will in fact take up a part time post in the West Sussex Coast and Downs Circuit at Christchurch in Chichester from November for a period of a year. I have already met the folk at the Church and have dates for Services in my diary. However, I do know that I have retired. The letter reinforced this and I read it with mixed feelings as you might imagine. Over the past ten years you have got to know me very well and this has become apparent as I have spoken to many of you and you have reminded me of aspects of my ministry that have slipped from my memory. It has been a privilege to have been part of the Staines and Feltham Circuit as we have worked to address many issues and matters together. I can look back with pleasure at the things we have achieved together around the Circuit. Some of these things have been hard such as dealing with the closure of premises for worship. I have shared in some of the sorrow and hurt of those times. I have also worked with you to encourage new endeavours and tackle tasks that seemed impossible at the outset, but you have prayerfully and willingly engaged in the process and God has truly blessed you and me. I express my special thanks to the Circuit Leadership Team of Pauline, Jonathan, Marilyn and Maggie, to the Local Church Stewards and Deacons and Committee members for all their support and understanding and to the Clergy: Kofi, Julie, Judith, Anne and Andy who have been there when I have needed their help and advice

This letter is a good opportunity for Pat and me to express our thanks for the wonderful weekend in July when so many people gathered to say “goodbye” to us. The Farewell Service was a time that will

remain in my memory for a long time. My thanks to everyone who put the Service together and those who took part in any way. It was a special occasion, not just for Pat and me but for Kofi and for Sue. Thank you too for the incredible gift which we will put towards the installation of a wood burner in our home in Bognor Regis. As we enjoy it there will be that constant reminder of our time in the Staines and Feltham Circuit.

As I said at the Service I would almost certainly leave out something that I intended to mention. This was the case and I take this opportunity to record a few other things such as the times I enjoyed with the Uniformed Groups both in Egham and in Ashford Common. I am so glad that it has been possible to maintain links with young people in both locations. Then there is the work at Rivermede where, with others, we have been able to provide not only weekly services, but also pastoral support when appropriate. I am just so very grateful for the opportunities you have given me to work alongside you and they are all special,

I have also been touched by your support and care for both Pat and me and the children we have brought to Church with us. Once again, the farewell weekend shows me just how well you know both of us. You have recognised that we have different gifts and talents and I am so pleased that in your comments you have benefitted from all that Pat has been able to offer in the gentle way that she has supported me in my ministry and also taken the lead when this has been the right thing to do. We will miss you all and, as you remember us in your prayers, we commit to remembering you in ours.

We enter a time of change for all of us and this can be unsettling, but it can also be exciting. Paul writes to the church in Corinth about laying a good foundation which is Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3: 10ff). Over the past ten years I firmly believe that the Churches have continued to build on that foundation. You can see signs of progress in the Churches and my prayer is that as you work with Rev. Lansford Penn-Timothy, Deacon Jacqueline and the Clergy and Circuit Leadership Team, you will see greater evidence of the work that is being done. In my previous letter I mentioned what was going on

around the Circuit and once again I am pleased to report that the pace has not slowed at all. As I mentioned earlier I have mixed feelings about the changes that lie ahead of me. In some ways I would like to remain involved with the exciting initiatives that lie before you, but I know that these things are for you and the new Team to pick up and move forward. Although we will be on the West Sussex coast we will follow your progress from there and we want to wish you well for the future as you follow the path set before you.

I would like to leave my final thankyou to Pat who has been at my side all the way. I have been truly blessed by her love, her care and her support as we have watched the story of the Circuit unfold over the past ten years. Pat knows that there are some matters that cannot be shared, but when they can, she has provided me with lots of valuable insights and I am truly grateful.

Some years ago I was reading through the Psalms and had reached Psalm 25. Verse 3 jumped out at me and I leave it with you and hope that you are excited and inspired by it as I was at that time and continue to be to this day.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your path.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long. (NRSV)

God bless.

Andrew and Pat

From the editor:

I am looking for someone to take on the task of creating the prayer pages. If you are interested in taking this on please contact me.

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08:45 - 10:30

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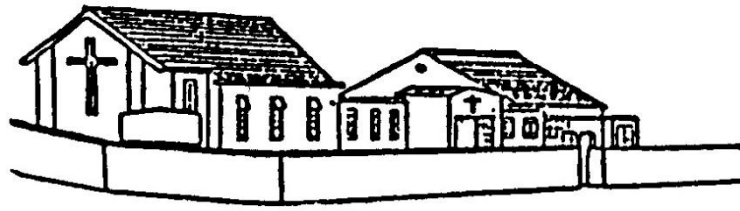
Brick Church



at Southville Methodist Church

1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 – 11:30

(Saturday 6th September, 4th October, 1st November)



Ashford Common Methodist Church

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

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We were sorry to hear of the passing of Fred Darvill, whose funeral took place on 16 July.



In August our friends David Chambers, Mary Tsatsa, Kait Sanger, Giles Sanger, Lesley

Tocock and Rev Juliet Ushewokunze celebrate birthdays and in September Adrian Chambers, Andrew Janes and Paul Vermeulen – we send them all our warmest wishes.



We enjoyed brilliant celebrations at both services for our Sunday School Anniversary on 8 June. Rev Dr Ruth Midcalf followed a theme of Living and Moving with God. In the morning, we reflected on the fruits of the spirit along with the attitudes and behaviours that can weigh us down – we enjoyed

cutting these from balloons which our young people were very keen to take home!

During the evening service, heart shaped candles were offered to the congregation. Some were lit, and others taken home to share love with those we meet.



It was great to welcome Ruth and Graham to Ashford Common, we're delighted they were happy to accept our invitation.

For very good reason, the June, July and August Plan offers numerous opportunities for Congregations to benefit Own Arrangement Services.



Trinity Sunday was one of these occasions at Ashford Common and Kait Sanger delivered a memorable and inspirational service – when did you last leave Church with a packet of pretzels in your pocket?

We learned the origin of pretzels is associated with Italian monks who are said to have created them as treats for children learning their prayers. The monks reportedly shaped the dough into the form of arms crossed in prayer and called them pretiola, meaning little rewards.

The three holes also represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Kait has further led a service for NCH Sunday, and is bringing together a songs of praise service for 17 August and taking the place of Simon Shutt on 24 August.



Ashford Common Methodist



Ashford Common Methodist

Feltham Hill Road TW15 1LW

INVITES YOU!

21st September 2025 @ 10.30am

45 minutes of tabletop activities,
songs and prayers.

Time to think, chat and be with God.

Followed by refreshment

How to make sense of poetic truths in the Bible

Because God never sleeps,
you can. Goodnight ❤️

Psalm 121:4-5

Faith Awareness in Children Trust - office@thefact.co.uk - www.thefact.co.uk

The alternative service style offered by intergenerational worship will continue for a second year from September. Going forward these will take place in the morning of the third Sunday of the month.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company

As we write, our summer programme has just come to a close, seven weeks with all age groups meeting together, outside at the same time.



Each week our volunteer leaders offer a wide range of games and activities, always ending with a period of devotions.



To extend the offer for our oldest age group, an evening was spent at a trampoline park near Heathrow.

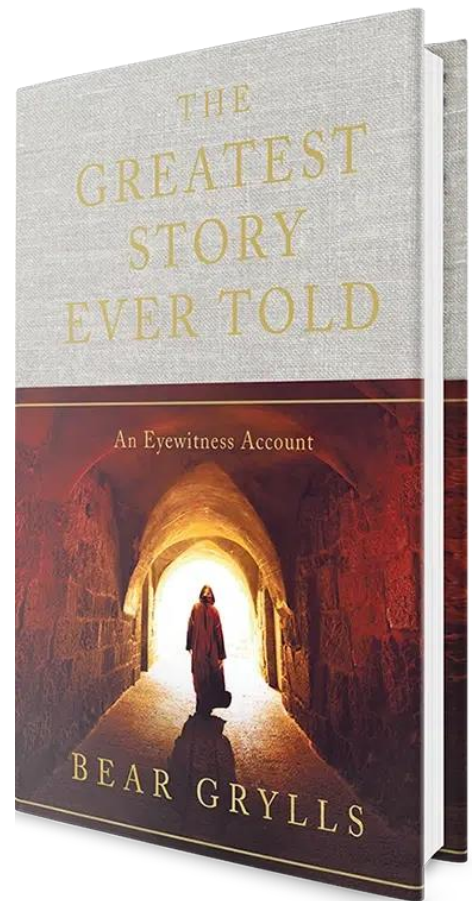


On the final meeting of the session, activities included rounders and tug of war, however all focus was lost with the arrival of an ice cream van!



On 18 June a couple of our leaders took up the opportunity to travel to Central Hall Westminster for an evening with the adventurer Bear Grylls – the event was to promote his new book *The Greatest Story Ever Told* – a retelling of the life of Jesus.

Inspired by the presentation, a copy of the book was purchased



for each of our Company section members, presented to them at the final meeting of the session with a suggestion that they might find time to read it during the upcoming long summer holiday.

We closed the 2024 / 25 Session with a very special presentation. In West London, the life, work and witness of our friend and colleague is celebrated each year with the Mark Myhan award.

Companies are invited to nominate young people that demonstrate the qualities of dedication, commitment and service.

The administrators this year generously selected Alexander from 7th North Surrey as the winner.



As our Ministers move on to their new churches in the coming days, we thank them for the encouragement and support they've shown us which we've very much valued during their time in Staines and Feltham.



**SERVE the communities of Ashford and Laleham
by responding to the needs of society.
It is a church where **EVERYONE** is welcomed.**

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Wednesday Morning

at Edinburgh Drive run by Kingdom Living Church

9.30 am – 12 noon



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

JUST ONE MORE YEAR.

What can I do to lessen the blow,
To stop the grey hairs that persistently grow,
When I go to my doctor with aches and pains,
He hasn't the heart to say, It's your age,
I could go back, while time marches on,
I could then suck my thumb when I'm eighty one,
But they say life begins at forty,
I shall make sure that happens to me,
I shall keep myself slim, dance to keep trim,
While cosseting my face with nourishing cream,
I'll repeat I'm sixteen, sixteen, sixteen,
But perhaps it won't be so bad,
I shall probably be quite glad,
With just a year to go, world beware!,
I'm yet to be discovered, my talents need an air,
A little nut in a great big shell,
When I've cracked it, I'll yell and yell,
I won't expect flags or a big brass band,
I won't stagger in with pension book in hand,
Young woman, go forth I say,
NO-I wont come fifth or sixth, I'll come first OK.

Jennifer Greenway

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PASTORS

1. They love God and you a lot. **(Be mindful)**
2. They are painfully limited human beings. **(Be realistic)**
3. They probably have a pretty low view of their "performance". **(Be kind)**
4. They wish they were a better preacher. **(Be awake)**
5. They really do want God's best for you and your family. **(Be open-hearted)**
6. Their work knows no time or locational boundaries. **(Be patient)**
7. They hear much more negative information than positive. **(Be encouraging)**
8. They have chosen a vocation in which few remain. **(Be praying)**
9. They have chosen a highly leadership-intensive call. **(Be lead-able)**
10. They need help. **(Be available)**
11. Their God-given vision is bigger than themselves and the church. **(Be faith-filled)**
12. They want to personally meet all the needs, but know they can't. **(Be understanding)**
13. They are going to say some dumb things every now and then. **(Be forgiving)**
14. They are greatly encouraged by your faithfulness. **(Be there)**

15. They are passionate for God's Word to be made practical to you. **(Be hungry)**
16. They long for church to be your spiritual oasis. **(Be loving)**
17. They dream for your and your family's spiritual health. **(Be receptive)**
18. They need to hear that you pray for them. **(Be interceding)**
19. They are just regular people. **(Be real)**

Pray for our pastors

From John Wasley

PRINTING SERVICES

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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





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:

Helen Hallett – Village Centre Manager

by phone 01784 471110

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CHURCH CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES

ASHFORD COMMON METHODIST CHURCH

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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	PAUSED OVER SUMMER – RESTARTS September	10:00
	Term Time Only	Stay and Play	
SUNDAY	Weekly	Informal Service with Kids and Youth Groups	10:30 Door Open 10:00
	Weekly	PAUSED OVER SUMMER – RESTART 7th September Informal Service	18:00 doors open 17:30 for refreshments

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TUESDAY	2 nd	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:30 – 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	

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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 (up to 2/8/25):

Stephen Gisli Randolph Best, Ann Fenwick, Edna Sore, Alan Edward Warbrick.

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:

All those running special programmes of the Summer Holidays
Youth Organisations and Church Groups
(Lego Church, Messy Church, Brick Church, Prayer Groups)
Intergenerational Worship

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 whole Methodist Connexion as one year ends and another begins

The South East Methodist District Team:

Rev Conrad Hicks – District Chair

Rev Sam Funnell – Western Area Assistant District Chair

Wendy Cory – District Administrator

Rev Nick Oborski – Synod Secretary

Sarah Howell – Aligned Regional Officer for Safeguarding Officer (SED)

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 August & September 2025 (any changes will be posted on the Circuit website www.sfmc.org.uk):

Rev Anne Dollery, Pastor Desmond Egharevba, Deacon

Jacqueline Esama-John, Sheila Hassan, Nick Hughes,

Andrew McLuskey, Paul Murphy, Rev Lansford Penn-Timothy,

Rev David Priddy, Rev Andrew Reed, Pauline Shilston, Simon Shutt, 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 and 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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