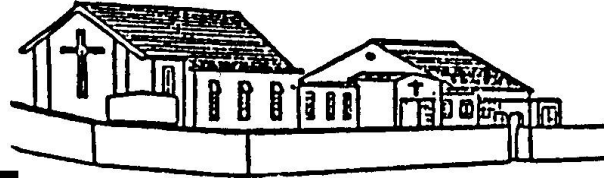




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Well, isn't 2024 flying. I've had to pinch myself multiple times as I can quite believe we are now less than a month away from Christmas Day! Where has 2024 gone?

I don't know how you feel, but often I feel like time is flying by and I feel like I'm forever chasing after it, trying to keep up... and often failing! What's more, our Christmas Services (and probably Christmas shopping!) haven't happened yet!

However, despite the busyness and the pressure of the season, I just LOVE Christmas! I love the time spent with family and friends, the giving of presents, the food (oh the food!), and I really love singing carols and being part of the various Christmas services and activities and seeing the joy that brings to everyone.

Now I recognise that for some Christmas isn't a time you love. Sometimes Christmas can be a painful reminder of all you don't have.

And this why, at Christmas, we have such an important message to proclaim to the world and to ourselves – and it's got very little to do with presents and Christmas dinners and has everything do with the moment, in human history where our heavenly Father, through the birth of Jesus Christ, interrupted all time and space and gave us the greatest present we could have ever asked for; his presence.

As John writes in John 1:14

⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

I love this. God has come. He is with us. Emmanuel. We aren't alone. We don't face the pain, sorrow, joys, pace or anything else this world throws at us alone. Again, he is with us. He is with you.

This Christmas can I encourage you to make space for God's presence. If you can, slow down, take a step back and spend time in God's presence. Drink in deep. Breathe in his love.

As we look beyond Christmas, give thanks that God's interruption and intervention into our time and space has led to our redemption and salvation as Jesus died and rose again at Easter! This means, this day and everyday – God is with us.

So, this Christmas, let us focus together not on presents, but his presence.

I will be praying for you and our circuit as we Celebrate Christmas in 2024. May every service, every prayer, every word and deed be marked with God's presence!

Amen.

Rev Andy Watkins
ChristChurch Feltham

From the Circuit Office – and Beyond

Dear Friends,

I welcome this opportunity to update you on things that are happening in the Staines and Feltham Circuit. September and October are always busy for people in the Methodist Church and this year has been no exception, although for us, there has been the added task for of preparing for the visit of a prospective Minister to replace me from September 2025. I am really grateful for all the work that has been done by the Circuit Leadership Team and the Circuit Invitation Committee who have met on a number of occasions and have put together the documents that are needed as part of the process of stationing a new person in the Circuit. You are also probably aware that the Circuit has requested that a Deacon be allocated to the Circuit. We await the result of this request which we will receive in the new year. You may have been in Church in November when I was able to share the news that the Rev. Canon Judith Allford will continue to work at St. Jude's for one more year on a part time basis up until the summer of 2026. This is good news and it will provide support for the fellowship at the Church and the Village Centre during a time of significant change.

Various projects are under way at a number of the Churches around the Circuit and again, I am indebted to folk from the Churches who have drawn together the information that is needed to enable other groups and organisations to consider the proposals. We have a Property Sub-Group who are looking at these matters in some detail for us. Once this has been done the findings will then be presented to the Trustees at a Circuit Meeting. The Trustees will be able to determine which of these matters, if any, should be approved. Those which do receive permission will then move to the next stage of the

process. Sometimes it can seem that too much time is spent on the administration of the Circuit and I am only too well aware of this, but the fact is that without this work being done, we will not be in the best place to share the Good News of the Gospel with our community.

As well as these tasks Sue, the Circuit Administrator, keeps on top of safeguarding training and DBS checks and over the past month she has contacted Circuit Trustees to make sure that the paperwork relating to eligibility to hold the role of a Trustee is in place. I thank all who have returned their forms. Once these are all back we will be able to update the Charity Commission website to reflect the current situation. This is also the time of year when we prepare the annual returns regarding membership and other details. In the past we have endeavoured to support local congregations by entering the data on to the website and this offer stands for this year as well. If your Church needs advice and support do contact Sue at the Office.

All that I have written here relates to how the Staines and Feltham Circuit seeks to introduce the people who live around our Churches to our Lord and Saviour. Without this work our Churches would not be able to provide a welcoming environment to those who come through our doors. At the time of Christmas and the New Year we have really good opportunities to invite family members and friends to join with us in celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus. This is why we have a whole page in the current Plan devoted to Services covering the period from the 15th December up to Christmas Day. With one exception these Services take place within the walls of our Churches, but if you happen to be in Egham on the 21st December you can join the annual Street Nativity in the High Street. Please do have a look at the list of Christmas Services and work out which you would like to attend and who

might like to join you. I am sure that you will receive a warm welcome wherever you go. All of these Services are the visible expression of the love of God coming from the hearts and minds of those who put the Services together, along with all the individuals who provide readings, music and activities to help us celebrate the love of God expressed by a tiny baby lying in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. My thanks to everyone who is going to contribute to our celebration of Christmas this year. I wish you a blessed and happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

God bless.

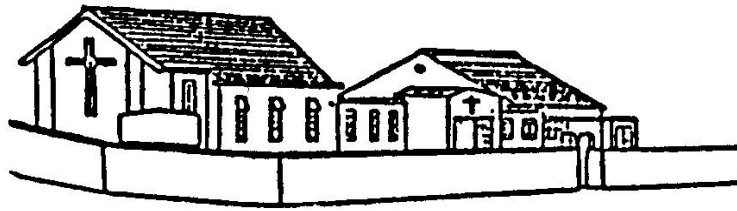
Andrew

Mince Pies at the Manse.

We would be pleased if you were able to join us at
the Manse at 50, Ashford Crescent, TW15 3ED
on Saturday 7th December 2024
at any time between 12:30 and 2:30pm
for a mince pie or two (plus other snacks), a cup of
tea or coffee and conversation in the lead up to
Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you.

Andrew and Pat



Ashford Common Methodist Church

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We send warm greetings to our friends who have birthdays in December Sheila Marsden and Ben Foley, in January Doreen Mellish and Hannah Camis, we send our warm wishes to them all.

Our New AV System

A project to bring our audio and visual equipment up to date was completed successfully in early October and already it's been commented on how much more clearly preachers can be heard.



A 75" screen at the front is fixed on an arm that means it can easily be moved into or out of view and



a 65" screen on the back wall gives a good view to the preacher of what's being shown.

Having both screens in use proved very useful during our October Intergenerational service. Where some seats have a restricted view of the front, material could be seen on the screen at the back. Images can also be relayed to an additional screen in the space at the back of the Church.

The equipment was well used during an Own Arrangements Service for Remembrance Sunday when images from Whitehall could be shared.

In addition, the Boys' Brigade made use of the installation during a Bible Class looking at the development of popular Christian music.

We offer thanks to our Borough and County Councillor Harry Boparai who facilitated a grant through the Your Fund Surrey

programme which met the bulk of the cost of the work. Grateful thanks are also extended to the Circuit who also made a material contribution that helped us finalise the work needed.

Intergenerational Worship with FACT

At the time of writing Intergenerational Worship has now taken place at Ashford Common on three occasions, in partnership with Simon Shutt from local Christian charity FACT, and we look forward to a fourth on 24 November.



Simon continues to visit Towntree PreSchool who meet on our premises to invited them to join us in these monthly experimental services.

In December, Intergenerational Worship will take place at 10:30 on 22 December.



22nd December 2024 @ 10.30am

45 minutes of

Time to Worship Together

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

Ashford Common Methodist

This month our theme is

The Nativity



*Don't lose
sight of
Jesus!*

Refreshments following

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

Also on 22 December we host our **Carol Service** – Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah will lead this special community event from 4:00.

Christmas Morning Worship takes place at 9:15 on Christmas day.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company



Members and their families gathered in the Church and were joined by a wider congregation on Monday 7 October for the annual service of re-enrolment. Our Chaplain Carol McKenner led a short service that included a celebration of the

years of service given by our young people and the presentation of their membership cards.

Pumpkin carving for Juniors at the end of October focussed on love and light rather than evil and darkness.



It's a privilege each year to take part in the Remembrance Parade in Ashford, taking our place towards the front of the parade as the senior uniformed youth movement, and also being a key part of the colour party. It was great this year to have Rev Andrew Reed involved with the clergy leading the service at the war memorial.



We offer hearty congratulations to Ben Foley and wife Laura on the safe arrival of Dylan Thomas Turner-Foley on 18 October.

Southville

Methodist Church

Seeking to know God and to make God known to others

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We send warm greetings to Emma for her birthday in January

Brick Church celebrated its' first anniversary on the 5th October in true party style. Everyone had a great time, including the adults! The morning was spent building birthday cakes, playing team games, facing challenges and learning to negotiate This was followed by lots of delicious treat and the sharing of party bags which were filled with many surprises courtesy of Emma.

As we enter our second year we pray that even more families will join us on the first Saturday of the month to explore the bible stories using Lego.

Happy Birthday Brick Church



We celebrated 1 year together

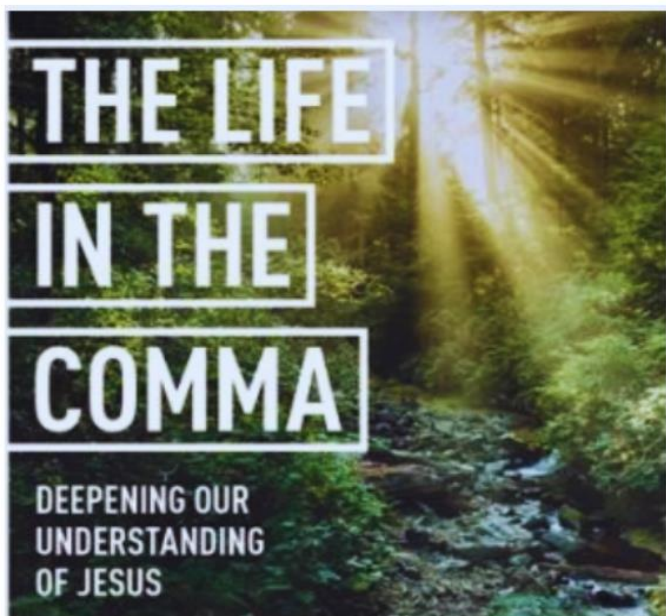


We continue to support two of our local schools and in December we have 3 year 1 classes visiting over a period of three days to learn about the signs and symbols of Christianity and to hear the Christmas message. We then have a whole year 1 group coming to share in the Christmas story and to share songs from their school nativity with us. In all we should have 180+ children, their teachers and helpers coming through

**FAMILY FRIENDLY
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**
SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER
10:30 - 11:30
A Nativity Service for all
ages. Join with us to
sing carols and
celebrate the joy and
wonder of Christ's birth
Followed by refreshments

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ECUMENICAL STUDY FOR ADVENT 2024

The Apostles' Creed proclaims that Jesus Christ was 'born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate'. But these statements, separated by only a comma, tell us very little about the One in whom 'the fulness of God' lived and breathed! In four compelling sessions John Bell writes vividly of the people Jesus met; the things he said; the controversy he caused; and the affection he had for the marginalised and for women in particular.

TUESDAY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH DECEMBER

ON ZOOM

FOURTH SESSION IN THE NEW YEAR

IN PERSON DATE & TIME TBA

To register, please email marilynwoodley971@btinternet.com

Participants' books are not essential but if you would like one, they can be ordered from Canaan Bookshop, Staines priced at £5.99



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,

EVERY Wednesday



We continue to meet each 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month

All are most welcome to join us at
Edinburgh Drive on the 2nd and 4th Thursday
of the month at 14.30.

Sandra Davis

Advent Course

Wednesdays 7.30 pm at Edinburgh Drive TW18 1PH
and on zoom

November 27th
December 4th
December 11th
December 18th

Thursdays 10.30 am at Clarendon Road TW15 2QR

November 28th
December 5th
December 12th
December 19th

Rediscovering
the **Magic of**
Christmas
John Hayward

For further details please contact Graham Wells 01784258785 g.wells988@gmail.com

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:

Alison Griffin – Village Centre Manager

by phone 01784 471110

by email: manager@villagecentre.org.uk

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

SOUTHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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Mrs. Maggie Netto – 07956 553974 contact-us@southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk

www.southvillemethodistchurch.org.uk

TUESDAY	2 nd	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00
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

ST DUNSTAN'S FELTHAM St Dunstans Road, Feltham, Middlesex. TW13 4JY

Rev Anne Dollery - admin@stdunstansfeltham.org.uk

www.stdunstansfeltham.org.uk

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:

Grace Price (Feltham), John Cook, (Feltham), David Bourne (Feltham)

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)

Those valued people that work:

with the young and old in our communities.

our Emergency Services

Hospitals, Community Health & Social Care and mental health services

All the Hospital Chaplains at Ashford and St Peters
and West Middlesex

The Circuit Leadership Team and all those involved in stationing in 2025:

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.

The Wardens of the Diaconal Order

Please remember 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 months of December 2024 and January 2025:

Rev Anne Dollery, Sheila Hassan, Paul Murphy, Jonathan Perkins,
Rev David Priddy, Rev Andrew Reed, Pauline Shilston, Simon Shutt,
Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah, Rev Julie Underwood, Rev John Wasley,
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 under going 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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