



**Ashford Common
Methodist Church**



**Christ Church
Feltham**



**St Dunstan's
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Advent & Christmas Greetings

from Revd. Lansford & Deacon Jacqueline

Dear friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. As we enter this season of wonder, expectation, and joy, Deacon Jacqueline and I send warm greetings to you and your loved ones. It is our prayer that your Advent and Christmas season will be filled with blessings, deep joy, and gentle moments of peace in the presence of Christ. May God's light surround your home, uplift your spirit, and give you renewed hope as we journey through these sacred days together.

From time to time, people ask me what my favourite verse in the Bible is. It is, of course, a very difficult question: how can one choose among so many beloved passages that speak to the heart in different seasons of life? Yet, time and again, I find myself returning to John 3:16. In just one sentence, John introduces us to the very heartbeat of God: *“For God so loved*

the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” These words hold the essence of the gospel. They remind us that God is a giving God, a loving God, and a God who steps into human history with a purpose: to bring hope, healing, salvation, and light into the world.

Perhaps it is my favourite because it captures both Advent and Christmas so beautifully. It tells the story of a love so generous and so deep that God Himself came down to us in the vulnerability of a child. It tells the story of light entering a world that had grown far too accustomed to darkness. And it tells the story of grace offered freely, grace that continues to transform lives today.

I wonder what your favourite Bible verse or story is, and why it speaks to you. Is it a verse that comforts you? One that encourages you? Or perhaps a story that reminds you of God’s faithfulness during a difficult season? If you ever feel able or inspired to share it, I would be delighted to hear from you. These shared stories often encourage and build up the whole community.

But long before John ever wrote those words in John 3:16, long before the shepherds saw the angels or Mary heard Gabriel's greeting, the prophets had already begun telling the story. They spoke of Jesus centuries before His birth. The prophet Isaiah, especially, gives us some of the clearest and most powerful prophecies about the coming Messiah. He writes in Isaiah 7:14, *“The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he shall be called Immanuel: God with us.”* Then, in Isaiah 9:6–7, he continues: *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* These titles remind us that the child born in

Bethlehem is no ordinary child. He is God's own Son, born to bring peace, justice, wisdom, and everlasting life.

I am especially moved by the prophecy found in Isaiah 9:2: *"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."* It paints a picture of hope breaking through despair, of courage rising up in the face of fear, of God's presence shining into places where people thought they had been forgotten. The image of light is one we return to again and again at Christmas. It helps us understand the power of Christ's arrival.

Let me ask a simple question: What do we do when we walk into a dark room?

We reach instinctively for the switch. We turn on the light. Something within us longs for brightness, clarity, guidance, warmth, and the light provides what the darkness cannot.

Isaiah tells us that a great light was coming, a light that would illuminate even the deepest darkness across the land. And how true that still is today. For many in our world, the darkness of war, poverty, fear, and hopelessness is blanketing their everyday lives. We see this darkness in the news. We feel it in conversations with neighbours. We recognise it in the struggles of families who are finding it difficult to afford the essentials of food and warmth. There are moments when the world feels heavy, uncertain, and overwhelming. And yet, in the midst of that reality, the message of Advent rings out clearly and tenderly.

So, what does the season of Advent really mean? Is it just calendars with little doors hiding bits of chocolate? Wreaths with candles? Gifts, sweets, and Christmas trees? Those things can be fun, but Advent is about something much deeper. Advent is a season of waiting, a *purposeful, hopeful* kind of waiting that prepares us for the coming of Christ. In fact, the

word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming” or “arrival.” In Advent, we look back and celebrate Jesus’ first coming as a baby in Bethlehem, and we also look ahead with hope to His second coming as Lord and King. This season is a gentle invitation to slow down in the rush and noise of a very materialistic time of year, so that we can share in the deep spiritual longing for the coming of the Messiah.

The promise we hold onto in Advent and the truth we celebrate at Christmas are beautifully expressed in John 1:9: *“The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.”* Jesus is that true light. The One who came to guide us, comfort us, challenge us, and save us. And no matter what our circumstances may be, when we turn our hearts toward Him, we find a light that darkness cannot overcome.

This season reminds us that the light of Christ is not only something we receive, but it is also something we share. As followers of Jesus, we are called to let His light shine through us into the lives of others, both in spiritual and practical ways.

Sometimes sharing His light is simply offering a prayer for someone in the news or in your heart; sometimes it is helping a neighbour, giving to a foodbank, checking on someone who is lonely, or offering a listening ear. And sometimes sharing His light is as simple as a warm smile, a kind word, or a moment of encouragement, small things that can brighten a dark day for someone.

As we light our Advent candles week by week, let us remember that at any time of day or night, we can turn to the light of Christ. And as we go about our everyday lives, preparing to celebrate His birth, we can “switch on” the Christ-light for others around us. In our churches, our workplaces, our homes,

our communities, everywhere we go, the light of Christ can shine through us.

Our prayer for you this Advent and Christmas is simple but heartfelt:

May Christ, the Light of the World, shine brightly in your life.

May His peace rest on your home.

May His joy fill your heart.

May His hope strengthen you each day.

And may your Christmas be truly happy, not simply because of the festivities, but because you have captured the awesomeness and wonder of God coming among us.

With every blessing,

Revd. Lansford & Deacon Jacqueline

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Seeking to know God and to make God known to others

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Brick Church

We marked our 2nd Anniversary of Brick Church in October and now in our third year we continue to be blessed by this wonderfully creative way of engaging with God's word. Having listened to a story from the Bible, and maybe watched a video or sung a song, the challenge is always the same: to go and create something from the story which has captured their imagination and then to show their creation to the group and tell us why they chose to build what they built.

It is great to see mums, dads and children all working together and talking about aspects of the story as they decide what to make and how to make it. There is a real sense of fellowship and support within the group and new families joining are warmly welcomed and soon feel right at home.

We continue to thank God for this opportunity to share the Good News of the Gospel.

NEXT BRICK CHURCH

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

(6th December, 3rd January, 7th February)

Family Friendly Worship is the name under which the whole Southville Church Family (Brick Church, Community Coffee Stop, 10:30 Worshippers) can come together to meet with God. These services provide a less formal worship experience and might include activities, prayer, music, storytelling and time to think and chat.

In October we gathered to think about appreciating God's goodness and our need of Him in our lives. As we worshipped, "Wow!" provoking rainbow coloured bubbles drifted over our heads. We met the Pharisee and the Tax Collector and experienced different creative ways of praying as we moved around a variety of prayer stations.

We are blessed to be part of a such a loving Church Family who are open to experiencing new and different ways of connecting with one another and with God.

If you feel that God is prompting you to become part of the team involved in these services please speak with Maggie Netto, our Worship Leader, who would be very happy to explore this with you.

The General Church Meeting was held at the beginning of November as part of our morning worship led by Deacon Jacqueline. We thought about how we inhabit our Vision - "Seeking to know God and to make God known to others" and we looked at this in relation to the four areas of Our Calling. It was a very interactive service with lots of feedback to the questions posed from everyone present, young and not so young!

The Post-It Notes have been collated and over the coming months the Church Stewards will be working through the feedback and reporting back.

School Visits - December is an exciting time as we prepare to host the Year 1 students, teachers and parents from Southville and Cardinal Road primary schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas and to be able to send every child home with a gift from the Church of activity filled magazine with the story of Jesus' birth. That's nearly 200 homes we will have reached with the Good News – Praise the Lord!

Jingle & Mingle – we are looking forward to hosting an afternoon of Christmas fun and fellowship on Saturday 13 December for people from all of our Church user groups. Please pray for those involved in the planning and delivery of this event and that those who have been invited will come. If you can offer to help in anyway please speak to Marilyn or Maggie.



Sou+hville
Methodist Church

Seeking to know God and to make God known to others



Stop for a coffee Stay for a chat
COMMUNITY
Free!
COFFEE
STOP
Stop for a coffee Stay for a chat



Thursdays
08:45 - 10:30

- ☉ Post school run caffeine boost - we've got you covered!
- ☉ New to the area? Pop in for a coffee and meet your neighbours!
- ☉ Just want some company? You'll find a warm welcome!



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and Tachbrook Road
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**ALL
ARE
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Christ Church Feltham

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Service Changes at Christ Church this Christmas

14 December 10:30

All-Age Christmas Service

Nativity Petting Zoo and so much more!!

14 December 18:00

Carols by Candlelight

(complete with mince pies and mulled wine!)

21 December 10:30

Christingle Service

21 December 18:00

No evening service

25 December 10:30

Christmas Day Service

28 December

No Services

4 January 2026

Services resume (10:30am & 6pm)



Christmas

at Christ Church Feltham
Hanworth Road, Feltham TW135AB

Sunday 14 December

All Age Carol Service 10.30am

Carols by Candlelight 6pm

Sunday 21 December

Christingle Service 10.30am

Thursday 25 December

Christmas Day Service 10.30am

www.christchurchfeltham.org/christmas





Ashford Common Methodist Church

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The church was full and lively on Saturday 27 September for our Macmillan Coffee Morning – thank you to everyone who was able to support - £575 was raised



A very interactive Family and Parade Service on 28 September lead by Rev Lansford coincided with our Harvest Festival. Extreme generosity was shown towards the Manna Foodbank when seven carrier bags and a large box of supplies were gathered, alongside some bulky toilet and kitchen rolls these were delivered to a very grateful food bank – thank you. As we look forward to the Christmas season we highlight on 21 December in the morning, Simon Shutt will lead and Intergenerational Worship Service. At 4:00 we look forward to welcoming the community to our Carol Service at 4:00. On Christmas Morning at 9:15 there will be a short celebration service lead by our Superintendent Minister.



Ashford Common Methodist



Ashford Common Methodist

Feltham Hill Road TW15 1LW

INVITES YOU!

21st December 2025 @ 10.30am

45 minutes of tabletop activities,
songs and prayers.

Time to think, chat and be with God.

Followed by refreshment

Joseph and
Mary.
Steps of
Faith.



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here

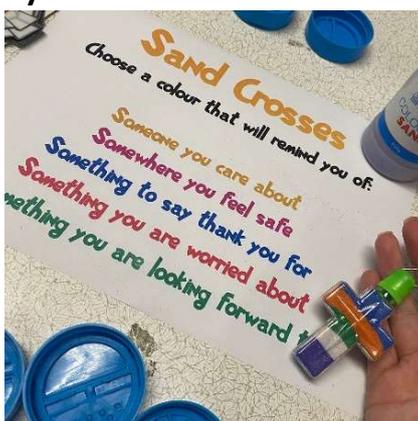


7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company

The Enrolment Service is an important feature of our BB Calendar, this year the closest Monday to the day the BB was founded was 6 October. We welcome Rev Lansford & Deacon Jacqueline who lead the service for us, that included the presentation of membership cards and service awards.



Later in October, Simon Shutt joined Anchors and Juniors with an activity to make sand filled crosses.



In the Juniors, Guy Gawkes night was marked with sparklers, a bonfire, hot dogs, marshmallows and hot chocolate.



We continue to exercise our privilege and responsibility to the Ashford Remembrance Sunday Parade.

As the senior youth organisation we take our place at the front and are valued for the help and support we provide in training colour parties ahead of the day.





**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

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.

Warm Space

This winter come and enjoy the warmth!
Have a hot drink, have a chat, read the paper

Free Monday 09:30 -12.30
Warm Welcoming Safe



Woodthorpe Methodist Church
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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:

Treasurer

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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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

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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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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	

WOODTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

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MONDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly Term Time	Rainbows (Aged 5 – 7)	16:30 – 17:30
			Brownies (Aged 7 – 10)	17:50 - 19:30
			Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	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 19/9/25):

Stephen Gamble, Andy Knight, Clifford Perry, Juliet Morgan.

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 Care team & Social Care,

Mental Health worker

All the Hospital Chaplains at Ashford and St Peters

and West Middlesex

The Circuit Leadership Team

The South East Methodist District Team:

Rev Conrad Hicks – District Chair

Rev Sam Funnell – Deputy District Chair

Wendy Cory – District Administrator

Rev Nick Oborski – Synod Secretary

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

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

Pastor Desmond Egharevba, Deacon Jacqueline Esama-John, Paul Murphy, Rev Lansford Penn-Timothy, Rev David Priddy, Pauline Shilston, Simon Shutt, Rev Julie Underwood, Rev Andy Watkins, Mary Windo and all those leading Own Arrangements services and those preaching in the other churches around the Circuit.

(Details correct at time of going to press)

We also pray 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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IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PREPARING THIS PAGE PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITORS

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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