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Methodist Church,**



**Christ Church
Feltham**



**St Dunstan's
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Dear Friends,

Greetings and blessings of peace, joy and protection to you and all your loved ones in Jesus name. We bless God for Simeon Shutt and his ministry among us. I believe the “Sunday specials” in Ashford Common and Staines Methodist our intergenerational worship experiments are going well. Glory to Jesus, please let us continue to pray for its positive impact. A new season is upon us, the Autumn season. The season of letting things go. Sometimes holding on does more damage than letting things go. Let us release bitterness, anger, guilt, shame, fear, hate, unforgiveness etc., out of our lives, because it does more damage to our general well-being.

Autumn is a transitional period, as we say goodbye to summer and welcome the release and rest of the colder months. I shall sadly also be saying goodbye next August 2025 by the directive of the Methodist connection as a solution to certain ongoing challenges. This has my approval and that of our circuit invitation committee.



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Autumn Rains



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In scripture, Autumn is also characterised by rain.

In Jeremiah 5:24 we read :

“They do not say to themselves, ‘Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in **season**, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest”

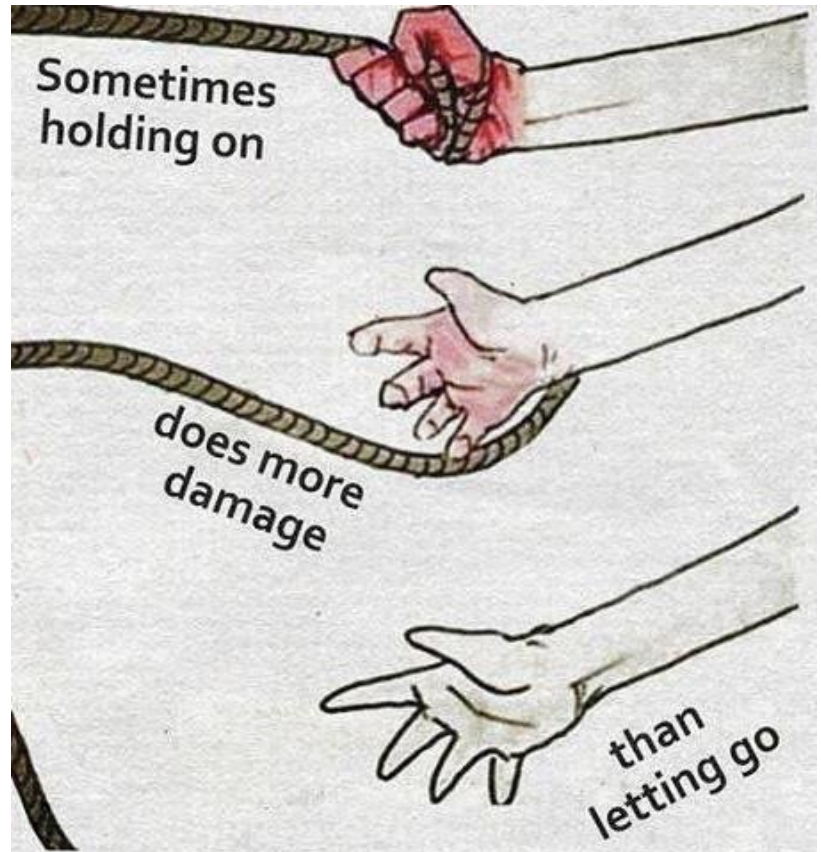
Jeremiah is dealing with the people of Judah and Isreal's lack of obedience, reverence and fear for the Lord. The people have become arrogant and apathetic towards God, failing to recognize

His sovereignty and power. The verse speaks to the people's disregard for the source of their blessings, specifically the rain that is essential for the success of the harvest. The verse uses the imagery of rain to symbolise God's provision and blessing.

The "former and latter rain" refers to the seasonal rains that are crucial for the **growth** of crops. These rains were essential for the success of the harvest, however, the people failed to acknowledge God as the provider of these rains, the people had become self-sufficient and attributed their blessings to their own efforts.” The above text serves as a correction to our pride and self-sufficiency, calling us and them to repentance and a return to a relationship of reverence and fear of the Lord, which is submissiveness and obedience to the Lord's command to love Him, our neighbours and even our enemies. What do you need to let go? What do I need to let go?

Spiritually speaking there four rains,

- 1) the rain of righteousness, (Hosea 10:12)7
 - 2) the rain of the word, (Isaiah 55:10-11)
 - 3) the rain of the holy spirit (Joel 2:23, 28, Acts 2)
 - 4) and the rain or showers of Blessings (Ezekiel 34:25-27).
- It is the season to call for rain on our lives, families, churches and nation for comprehensive growth.



<https://liveanddare.com/letting-go-quotes/>

Letting Go Quotes: Inspiration for Moving On (Top 60)

Prayer: Father, thank you for ushering us into a new glorious season of showers of blessings. I let go of everything that is harmful to my well-being. Grant your church the grace to let go of everything that is harmful to its growth and existence. Let the four rains begin to fall afresh upon us in Jesus' name. Amen. The Lord bless you and your loved ones with special favours, unusual and extraordinary gifts, impartations and endowments of greatness. O Lord, clothe us, our families, communities and nation with your glorious presence.

Rev Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

STATEMENT FROM REV ANDREW REED

I have been asked by Rev. Andrew Reed, the Superintendent of the Staines and Feltham Circuit to let you know that the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah to this Circuit is curtailed. This means that Kofi will not be staying until August 2027 as originally planned, but will now leave no later than the 31st August 2025.

Kofi and his family will continue to live in the Manse in Feltham and Kofi will retain Pastoral Charge for the Churches at Ashford Common, Southville and Staines until that time. In addition, he will continue to support the Circuit taking Services as shown on the Preaching Plan and by chairing meetings and committees at those churches where he has pastoral charge. Kofi is available to provide pastoral support as usual when required.

The Circuit Invitation Committee in consultation with the Chair of the South East District, the Rev. Dr. David Hinchliffe, the Lay Stationing Representative, Pam Couchman and the Warden of the Diaconal Order, are in the process of preparing the documents that need to be submitted as part of the process to appoint a new Presbyter and a Deacon. The paperwork has been amended in order to take into account the changes that have arisen.

Please contact the Superintendent or a member of the Circuit Leadership Team if you have any questions.

Please remember Kofi and his family in your prayers over the coming months.

From the Circuit Office – and Beyond

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for providing me with a Sabbatical which allowed me to take three months away from my role as Superintendent in the Staines and Feltham Circuit. Although it is starting to feel like a distant memory, I look back to June 2024 when the Sabbatical started and realise what a gift it has been. This letter allows me to share details of some of the things that happened. You may recall that right at the start of the process I shared with people the plan that I had drawn up with Pat and the Sabbatical Support Group. We agreed three things and these were;

- To build on the work I had already done in relation to the Minor Prophets
- Work through family videos that needed to be catalogued and processed
- Work with a charity that refurbishes wheelchairs

The third option did not happen for a variety of reasons and an alternative that was suggested also did not work. This was disappointing and my intention is to make contact with other Groups where I might be able to do something similar in future.

I started the Sabbatical by concentrating on the Minor Prophets. Basically, I purchased some helpful guides from the Canaan Bookshop in Staines, then over the three months I read through the texts and used the guides to come to a clearer understanding of the context and content of each one. I also went through “Singing the Faith” which has a Biblical index linking hymns and Bible verses. You might be interested to learn that over one hundred hymns have been identified with links to these books. Hymns and Psalms has even more. The thing that I found most interesting is that so many of the

hymns link the themes of the Minor Prophets to Jesus and the New Testament. Sometimes this is obvious such as “O little Town of Bethlehem” linked to Micah 5: 2 or “It came upon a midnight clear” linked to Micah 4: 1 – 3 or “Angels from the realms of glory” Haggai 2: 7. This really was a good exercise and I know that I will be sharing some of my findings with you as I travel around the Circuit. I also enjoyed trying to place the books in chronological order which is not as straightforward as you might think.

It was in August that I began to look at the home videos. It started when I found original cine movie of the wedding of my parents which took place in 1955. My Uncle was keen on photography and with others he set up a Cine club. They made all sorts of films and family members were regularly roped in to take part. I found film of me as an infant which was great fun. The main aim however, was to look at film that I had taken of my family and really I have only scratched the surface, but I have been able to digitise some of the cine film and remaster some of the movies I created twenty years ago. It has been an interesting process and I have learnt a lot about digital media which will help me in church settings as well.

Over the summer we met up with family and friends and on the last day we travelled to Somerset to celebrate the Ruby wedding of my brother and his wife.

Our role as Foster Carers obviously continued over the summer and it has been a joy to watch those in our care develop and grow.

As I said, the events of the Sabbatical are starting to fade now, but some memories linger and again, I thank you all so much for the privilege of taking a Sabbatical, with my specific thanks to Pauline and the Sabbatical Support Group as they have

helped us during the three months that we have been away. I look forward to sharing some of the things that I have discovered over this Connexional Year which, as many of you know, will be my final year in the Staines and Feltham Circuit, but there is plenty to do and it is my joy, with Pat to share this time with you and to make the most of the opportunities that God offers us in the coming days.

God bless.

Andrew

The obituary notice of
James Windsor (Jim) GOULD
26/07/1938 - 06/09/2024

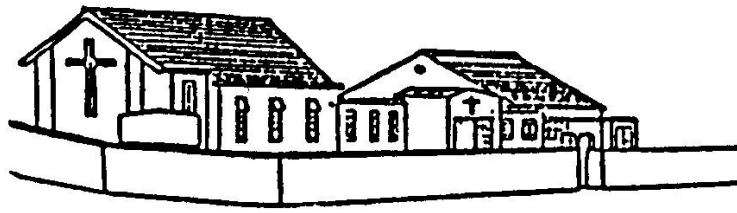
He passed away at Royal Derby Hospital
on 6th September 2024, aged 86 years.

Leaving behind his wife Cathy,
his son Ian, daughter-in-law Sarah,
grandchildren Michael, Daniel and Olivia.
Son Mathew, step children Sarah and Andrew,
Step grandchildren Heather, James and Jessica

Private cremation,
a service of thanksgiving at
Central URC, Green Lane, Derby, DE1 1RS
7th October at 14:00.

Colourful attire preferred

Donations can be collected on the day
of the service for Cancer Research UK.
or Funeral Notices (funeral-notices.co.uk)
(search for Gould)



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CELEBRATIONS

We send warm greetings to our friends who have birthdays during October, Linda Duguid & Valerie Hodgson and in November Callum Crawley.



A bumper Harvest was gathered at our Family and Parade Service led by Rev Julie Underwood on 15th September.

Thank you for this array of kind and generous gifts that have been donated to the

Manna Food Bank to serve the needs of our local communities.

Intergenerational Worship with FACT

Following an initial discussion between the Church Trustees and Simon Shutt, the Director of local Christian charity Faith Awareness in Children Trust (FACT) Intergenerational Worship has now taken place at Ashford Common on two occasions. Some of the usual features of a Service are removed, rows are replaced with chairs grouped around tables for

THE BOYS BRIGADE
The Methodist Boys' Society

Ashford Common Methodist

27th October 2024 @ 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.

Ashford Common Methodist

This month's theme 'The Poor, Ruth.'

Refreshments Following.

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

example, and the elements of Worship are all delivered in around three quarters of an hour.

To widen the scope of invitations to these special services, Simon has been working directly with Towntree PreSchool who meet on our premises, as well as our Boys' Brigade Company. Simon will join us again on 27 October.

From the time our current building opened in 1960 to the year 2000, there were no microphones installed. A document prepared by the Circuit for the guidance of Preachers made note of this and offered the encouragement to "speak up."

Legislation in 1995 required "reasonable adjustments" to be made to accommodate the needs of all people. This encouraged the Church in 2000 to install the microphone system we still use today, which incorporates an induction loop in the floor allowing hearing aid users to pick up speech directly.

Our Audio Visual facilities have been added to over time with our "music box" which can provide accompaniment to every entry in our hymn books when our organist is not available, with a projector and screen also added.

Over a number of months, our Trustees have talked about the opportunities to upgrade the current installation and, following a successful project at Staines Methodist Church, DM Music were invited to meet representatives of the Church & Circuit during February half term.

DM Music prepared a thorough report and offered recommendations for improvements. The total estimated cost was around £24,000. Church Council reviewed the recommendations and considered opportunities for funding,

agreeing the Circuit should be approached with a request to help us with £6,000.

Local Borough and County Councillor Harry Boparai has recently been proactive to support our Boys' Brigade Company with generous grants for enhanced activities. During the early summer Harry approached us again and asked if we had a project he could help support with a "Your Fund Surrey" grant. A meeting in a coffee shop took place to give our Councillor an overview of the AV Upgrade project of which he was very supportive. A grant application was prepared and submitted to Surrey County Council who scrutinised it very closely, before passing it to Harry for final ratification. The result, the full cost of the work recommended by DM Music will be met by Harry's recommended Your Fund Surrey Grant.



Borough and County Councillor Harry Boparai at Ashford Common

Work on the installation is planned to begin on 8th October with much of the improvements being heard rather than seen, however two large television screens are to be included, one at the front for the congregation and one at the back for the preacher. There will also be a facility to add an additional screen to the area at the back of the Church.



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company

We've been pleased to have been able to catch up with boys and their families over the last few weeks as meetings at the Church have returned. Already the Minister has been able to visit to provide Bible Class for the Company Section, and Simon Shutt has joined the Anchors and Juniors for their devotions.



As we write, Company Section boys are looking forward to the opportunity of taking part in an Adventure Day at Kings Langley, organised by BBHQ. We expect to include crate stacking, high ropes, climbing, archery, rifle shooting – we'll provide an update for the next Eastern End News.

Looking forward, our annual Re-Enrolment Service will take place at the Church from 6:30 on Monday 7th October – this will be led by our Chaplain Mrs McKenner.



Songs of Praise from St Martins in the Field

For a couple of days at the end of July, recordings were taking place at the magnificent St Martins-in-the Fields Church, near Trafalgar Square, for the BBC's Songs of Praise – the world's longest continuous running TV religious music programme.

A mammoth three hour recording session captured nine hymns lead by Polina Sosnia on the magnificent Church organ, which we've now learned is quite new, being added to the 1726 building in 1990, and accompanied by a brass ensemble. Thy Hand O God Has Guided, How Shall I sing That Majesty, Eternal Father Strong To Save, For The Healing Of The Nations, Crown Him With Many Crowns, Come Let Us Join Our Joyful Songs, Lift High The Cross, Be Still And Know That I Am God and Jesus The Name High Over All required a number of takes, to make sure they were all absolutely spot on.

Broadcasts are expected to begin over the summer, however the distribution of poppies to the congregation as they arrived indicate at least some of the recording will be reserved for the Remembrance Period.



As you might view the programme on an upcoming Sunday afternoon, do keep a look out for people you might recognise – Michelle and Justin Camis were part of that congregation . . . upstairs, at the back.



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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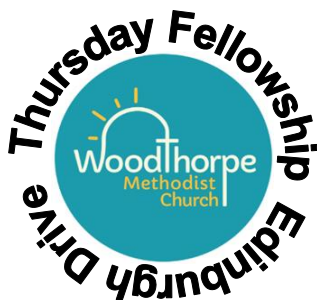


Wednesday Morning

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

COMMUNITY CHURCH GARDEN (Clarendon Road)



Over the past few months we have turned part of our garden into a vegetable patch.

When the veg are ready we give them away. Also anyone can come in and help themselves to vegetables they can use.

I have grown a variety of veg. successfully, but some not so (I won't talk about those we will learn for next year).

One family comes in on the way to school and the children eat some tomatoes and radishes. They also enjoy some of the other veg.

We have given plenty away.

Some of our neighbours have given plants and planters and one of them helps me with the watering at times.

The garden has provided opportunities to have conversations with people passing by. They like to stop and chat, Sometimes I am in the garden longer than I expected to be. We have started the "The time for Tea" afternoon so we have something to invite them to, some have come along.



HAPPY HARVEST TIME

Sandra

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



What difference does being a Christian make?

As most of you know, I have the enormous privilege of being a Judge of the Upper Tribunal, a very highly specialised judicial appointment that makes me one of a small college of judges who help develop the law in an often controversial area of jurisprudence.

I was asked to reflect on the difference that being a Christian makes to the way that I do my job. The considered answer is that I can't say. I can't because being a Christian is something that I am and the question is a bit like asking me what difference it makes that I am 5 foot 10 inches tall (I used to be more. I had shrunk last time I measured and I refuse to measure again). My Christianity, like my height, is something that I am and it is not easy to imagine how things would be different if I were something else.

Very recently I was privileged to attend a ceremony when fifteen new colleagues were sworn in to office. They were each wearing their rarely used ceremonial robes. The Senior President of Tribunal's purposeful dignity and the gothic stateliness of the Royal Courts of Justice gave the occasion memorable gravitas.

Each judge take two oaths. The first is the oath of allegiance. The judges promised to “be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles, his heirs and successors, according to law.” The words “heirs and successors according to law” are important. It is an oath to support constitutional government. The second is to “do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this Realm, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will.” Each of the judges took the words very seriously. One struggled, successfully, to control his emotions. It was a solemn moment for each of them.

Of the 15 judges, 10 affirmed, 2 swore by “Allah” and three by “Almighty God”. One of those is Jewish.

Christians will have to accept that the world is changing. In my opinion a not very well thought out atheism is displacing a not very well thought out Anglicanism as the national default religion but I am certain that those judges each bring a high degree of professional competence to their work as well as fearlessly independent minds and a deep desire to get it right.

I have a text above the door to my room. I see it every time I leave the room but no-one outside my room can see it. It is from Micah 6, verse 8, in the Authorised Version of the Bible. It says: “what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” One colleague has commented on it. She approved. She is a Jew.

I have discovered since that one my colleagues who affirmed is a leader in an independent evangelical Church who believes that Christians should not take oaths.

You tell me, what difference do you think that being a Christian makes?

Southville

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Seeking to know God and to make God known to others

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Elsie Christiana Shaw

25th August 1936 – 30th August 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of our dear friend, Elsie.

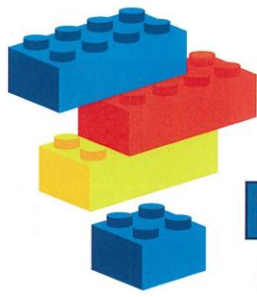
Elsie moved to England from Bermuda, to live with her daughter, following a stroke.

After visiting several churches, Elsie chose to make Southville her home Church in England. Elsie was always the first to voice her prayers for others and the wider world and would often break into song. She was

an inspiration to all, sharing her faith with others and offering to pray with those she met be it in Sainsburys or at the bus stop. Her smile was infectious and she was full of encouragement supporting all who were in need.

Elsie thoroughly enjoyed attending the Monday morning drop in at St. Dunstan's and had great pleasure sharing her testimony with the group. Elsie's love the Lord was infectious and her presence will be sadly missed.

We were truly blessed knowing Elsie, even if it was but for a short time and we offer our prayers in support of her family in England and in Bermuda. May she now rest in eternal peace.



Brick Church

building faith brick by brick

Brick Church is celebrating its First Anniversary on 5th October.





Happy Birthday to – Ben, Ray Hughes, Andrew Griffiths in October and to John Howliston, Jestina Lake and Maggie Netto, Kath Hughes in

November.

FREE FAMILY FUN

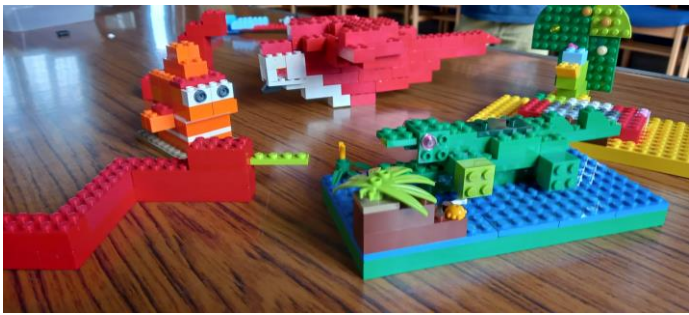
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS / CARERS

(2024)

DISCOVERING GOD'S WORLD THROUGH PLAY

This year's summer activities saw 49 children and their parents/carers discovering God's World through play.

Each of the three days took on a different element as follows:
Day 1 Sky and Sea Day 2 Land Day 3 Animals/Birds/Creatures



By the end of the third day a large fuzzy felt board brought all the elements of creation together.

The children's imagination and creativity far surpassed our expectations and each day left us feeling blessed and amazed.

Creations and master pieces that weren't taken home were on display during the All Age service which Maggie led on the following Sunday.



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

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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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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 |
| | 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 |

A Prayer for Stationing

Loving God

As we set out on this journey of stationing in the Methodist Church, as leaders meet to match Ministers and circuits together for September 2025, we ask your blessing on this whole process. For all in the South East District tasked with decision making; especially our Chair – Revd David Hinchliffe and Pam Couchman our lay stationing representative. We pray for our Circuit Leadership Team and for ourselves, the Circuit Invitations Committee. We ask for wisdom and discernment as we look to the future. Lessen our anxieties and those of the Ministers entering into this process. Help us to listen to you and to trust in you, even if there is not an immediate match or visit.

We pray for all of our churches in this circuit that they will be ready and willing to prayerfully engage in this process so that together we might discern your will for the people called Methodists serving you in the Staines & Feltham Circuit. And we earnestly pray that the right Superintendent match will be found.

All this we bring to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen



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

Susan (Sue) McCaughan, Jim Gould (former Minister of Southville, United Free Church of Feltham and Ashford Common), Elsie Christiana Shaw

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 holiday activities & 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 preparing for 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 October and November:

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, 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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