

Community News for White Waltham and Woodlands Park

Welcome to this new electronic edition of Community News for our local area of White Waltham and Woodlands Park.

In each edition we hope to bring you news from the local area and what's going on at White Waltham Church; this issue there are updates from Woodlands Park School and White Waltham Cricket Club. In amongst all of that you will find advertising for local businesses - please do support them at this challenging time.

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News from Woodlands Park Primary & Nursery School

This term has seen the children return from their half term holiday with enthusiasm for the run up to Christmas. Even though our usual events have had to be done a little differently, we are still able to celebrate the season. The children created a lovely Harvest Festival Film last term which we put on our website for parents to see. Our families were very generous and donated lots of food which we gave to Susan Brett for Maidenhead Foodshare. The children also enjoyed a super 'Halloween Trail' around the school grounds.

Our Year Six children have been studying the Shakespeare play Macbeth and were due to perform it at Norden Farm in the middle of November. However, due to the Lockdown, they will be rehearsing at school and we will film it for the parents and the rest of the school to see. The show must go on as they say!

The children have also been thinking about Remembrance and each child is making a poppy to lay in our Remembrance Garden on 11th November. A commemorative assembly will be held via zoom from my office with the children taking it in turns to lay their poppies in our remembrance garden. We are making good use of our grounds too, using our Forest School area as much as possible enabling the children to stay outside.



The children in Key Stage One are busy preparing for their annual Nativity Play and once again this will be performed in front of a select, socially distanced audience (ie the Office Team!) and filmed for the parents, carers and families to enjoy. Christmas lunch will also be going ahead and the children will be enjoying this in their class bubbles. We have arranged for the children to watch an online pantomime during our forthcoming Christmas Week too!

An exciting new after school facility started this term and the school can now offer wrap around care from 8am to 6pm, including breakfast at our breakfast club and a hot meal at our after school club. The school has joined forces with The Brett Foundation to offer after school care at fantastic price of £6 including a meal.



We still have space in our Nursery Class and can take children from three years old. If you are in receipt of Two Year Old Funding, we have a small number of places available for two year old children. If you have any questions regarding this, please do call the school office on 01628 822350.

We warmly welcome enquiries from prospective families and although, at the moment, we are not offering personal tours of the school, we can have a telephone conversation and give you as much information as possible about the school. Please visit our website to see a flavour of the school in action and to view our virtual tour. www.woodlandsparkschool.org

Alison Penny

Headteacher

Do you have the lockdown blues?

Thinking ahead to Christmas and wishing you could be singing carols and feeling festive?

Well, we have the very thing for you!

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without some carols and so this year we need your help to pre-record some carols which we can all enjoy listening to in our carol services this Christmas.

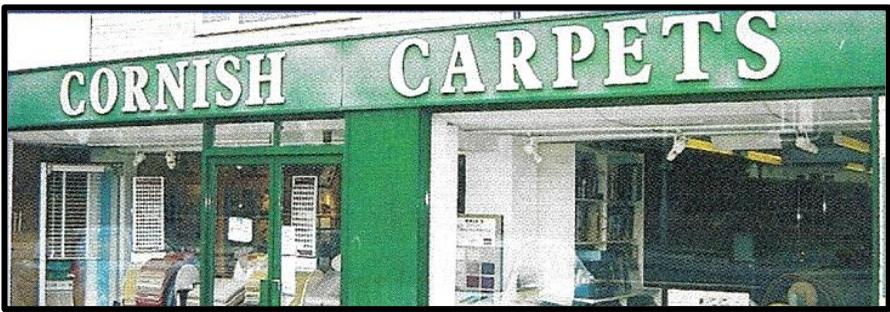
We will provide the backing track and the words, we just need you to record yourselves singing along on your phone/tablet/laptop and send us your recording. We will edit the recordings together to make a huge Community Christmas Carol Choir! Then, whether you attend a carol service at White Waltham Church this Christmas, or watch us online, you can all hear the beautiful music you helped create!



This great endeavour won't work without YOU!

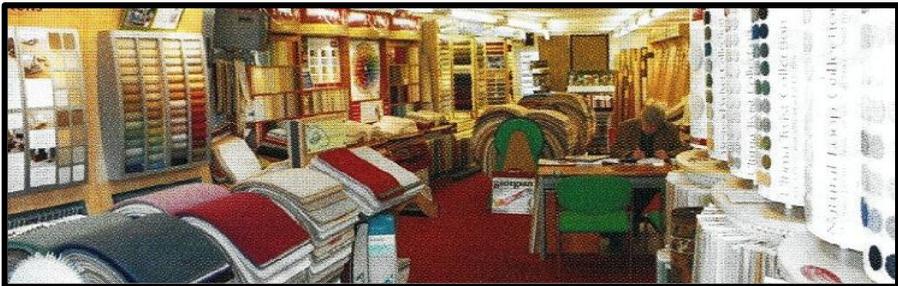
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Woodlands Park

Dear Friends of the Parish of White Waltham with Woodlands Park,
Hello and Happy Autumn to you!

Since this was written we have entered a 2nd lockdown so some plans have had to be speedily updated...!

I hope and pray you find that these issues of Community News are helping you to stay informed and in touch, even in these strange, isolated times, and it has been great to hear from a range of bodies and individuals.

Since I last wrote here at Community News, we have had a successful **return to meeting in person at church** (*and are very sad about the latest lockdown news*). Although there has been social distancing including one-way systems, wearing of masks, lack of singing, and enough sanitiser to swim in, we have, I think, had a good time back together. Some need to stay away, so the service is streamed live and recorded for watching later in the week from our website. If you are watching please let us know!

We have even navigated a couple of all age services, without social mixing, and some of the usual activities, but still with some craft, games and movement in our pews! The Harvest service started outside, although the weather is steadily reducing our enjoyment of outdoors!

Recently we had our belated **Annual Church Meeting**, where we gave thanks for what God has been doing amongst and through us, and looked ahead to opportunities to bless and love others, bless and love each other, and put Jesus first in everything.

One part of that is our **'Heating Project'**. A team has been researching and doing the hard administrative work to get to receiving a few tenders and we hope to fundraise soon for a much more efficient and effective heating system. This will mean that our warm welcome in winter will be scientifically determinable as well as personally true! If you are interested in giving or helping in other ways we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to try out the current temperature **you are always welcome to join us** on a Sunday morning at 10.30am, currently from Sunday 6th December. Details are on the website, services are generally under an hour. It would be lovely to see you, especially if you want to try us out for a first time. Everything you need will be explained and appear on a screen.

We have started a series looking at **The Lord's Prayer**, well known and a comfort to most of us I am sure. As we reflect on this model prayer line by

line, we will experience and share again in the wonder it is to call our Awesome Creator God 'Father' through the saving work of His Son Jesus, and prompted and reassured by His Holy Spirit. We also have the opportunity to discuss this in small groups on zoom throughout the week, if you are interested in sharing your wisdom and experience with us, or just listening in, do be in touch.

Below, you can see details of how we are marking Remembrance Sunday, now only online. Maybe this year we should spare a prayer for those who have risked their lives to save others during this pandemic!

And on page 7 there are details of an online Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance to remember loved ones, giving thanks for all that they were to us; light a candle at home, and be comforted by the hope that Jesus offers.

If you want to hear more church news, please be in touch and we can add you to our weekly email list. Coming up quicker than you might imagine will be Christmas services, who knows what they will look like this year?!

May you know the love and peace of the Father, through the mission of His Son Jesus, experiencing His presence through His Spirit.

Dave

Rev Dave Atallah

Tel 01628 822000

Email waltham.vicar@btinternet.com

During the November Lockdown, Sunday morning children's activities will be recorded and available via our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

Just scroll down the home page
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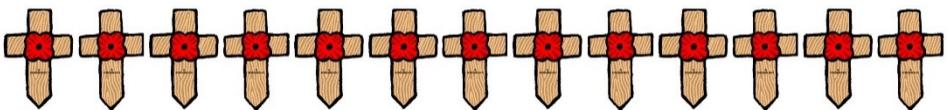
Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Sunday 8th November

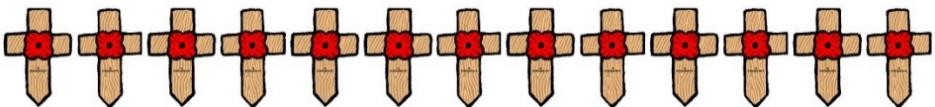
This quiet, reflective service provides the opportunity for us to remember loved ones, and to give thanks for all that they did for us while discovering the difference that Jesus makes.



Please join us from home, anytime from 6pm onwards, ready to light a candle in their memory.



This year's **Remembrance Sunday Service** will be available online from **Sunday 8th November**



For both of these services go to www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk to join us. See page 12 for more details of how to log on.

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Spire View, Waltham Road, White Waltham, SL6 3SG
or email: carolynt52@icloud.com
for an application form



2020 Season Award Winners

Despite a shorter half season we concluded with an end of season recognition of our top performers.

1st XI & 2nd XI

POTY: *Ben Scarborough and Harvey Grout*

Leading runs: *Ben Scarborough 251 runs and Ali Damirchi 335 runs*

Leading wickets: *Cloudsley Long 14 wickets and Harvey Grout & Richard West 8 wickets (each!)*

Young Player of the Year: *Daniel Hubbard*

First annual Golf Day

Friday 16th October was our first golf day for the club and was well supported with 16 players and social attendees at Wycombe Heights Golf club. Congratulations to Jez Ellis for his sublime shot taking him closest to the pin on the 16th hole.

Winter

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we expect there will be no Christmas Cricket this year. ☹️

Juniors – HELP needed

We are needing to recruit new coaches to support our ever-growing section. If you are a cricket coach or have interest in becoming a coach then please get in touch.

Winter nets will be back for February 2021.

Dates for the Diary:

Beehive Charity game vs WWCC – Sunday 27th June

WWCC vs President's XI – Sunday 18th July

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From the Registers

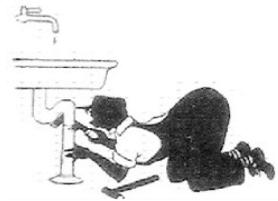
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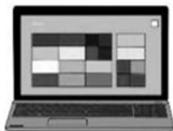
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Online Services at White Waltham Church

During the November lockdown our services will be recorded and can be accessed via our website.

From 6th December we hope to be back in the church building – do join us – and watch this space for our plans for exciting festive Christmas services! If you need to stay away, services can still be watched via our website:

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Just scroll down the home page and click on
‘This Sunday’s Service’

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Some other content is available on our Facebook page

 **White Waltham Church**

We hope you can join us!



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