The Vicar's Letter

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Dear Friends of the parish of White Waltham with Shottesbrooke,

It feels like I have only had time to blink twice since I wrote my first piece for this magazine two months ago. Now, as I write, autumn is definitely here; the evenings are drawing in, the skies are clouding over, and my choice to wear shorts is feeling more and more foolish! I hope you had some good holiday times over the summer. Enough sunshine to keep you going through the next few months? Anyone remember the heat wave?

I wonder what helps you to remember things? Maybe you keep tickets or souvenirs of holidays, and it is always fun to dig out the photos, or be reminded by Facebook, of a past trip or holiday event enjoyed together.

I am still only in my third month here as Vicar. While it has already been exciting and challenging finding my way into the roles here, and lots of names to remember, I do not have long to look back on yet. But of course, in November, we are coming up to a special remembrance day, as it is 100 years since the guns of the first world war fell silent. It was the end of a conflict that scarred the nations, and changed the world, forever.

It is important that we regularly take time to remember and honour those who have given their lives to keep us safe and those who continue to do so. But even as we remember these heroes, every day we are reminded that the "war to end all wars" did not lead to peace. Human pride, greed and stupidity continues to lead to millions of deaths. In the bible, God

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makes it clear that warfare is not His desire for the world. It is a consequence of us turning away from Him and going our own way. But Father God didn't leave it like that, and we can remember God's Son Jesus coming into the world. Now He was also violently killed by proud and greedy men, but his death was for us. *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5v8.* He gave his life as a deliberate sacrifice of love, to pay the price for pride and greed and to offer us a way back to God. We live now knowing the continuing reality of human conflict and strife, but we are promised in the bible a better future, where peace between peoples and nations is possible and every tear will be wiped away. Father God's good news of love gives hope and light to our world, which can seem so dark and hopeless.

In a similar way, I have been thinking about how we remember people we love who have died. We are beginning to plan for a service where there is a particular focus on remembering those who have died, and being comforted by the good news of Jesus. We will have a candlelit evening service at Shottesbrooke Church on Sunday 11th November. This will be a reflective service, where there will be an opportunity to give thanks for a loved one or pray for those who mourn, to light a candle, and to be encouraged in the hope and comfort our Father God offers freely by His Son. If you are interested, please watch out for further information or be in touch with the church office nearer the time.

In the meantime, remember we have our regular church services on Sundays where visitors and returners are always welcome, and where we together remember God's loving acts of the past, which gives us a certain hope for the future and so peace and love for now. May that be true for you,

Dave

Rev Dave Atallah

You can contact Dave via waltham.vicar@btinternet.com or 01628 822000 or, alternatively you can call or text him on 07763 742837 – but please note that messages should not be left on this number.

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Please bring any greenery, foliage and berries from your garden or the hedgerows. Flowers will be provided.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th December
Part decorate the church in advance of the Cox Green concert from 10am onwards.

19th and 20th December
Decorating the church for Christmas from 10am onwards. More details nearer the time.

As in previous years there will be a Christmas fundraiser and a Christmas workshop. Details of these two dates will be confirmed by Harvest.

All workshops and events
take place in The Tree House
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If you have any questions
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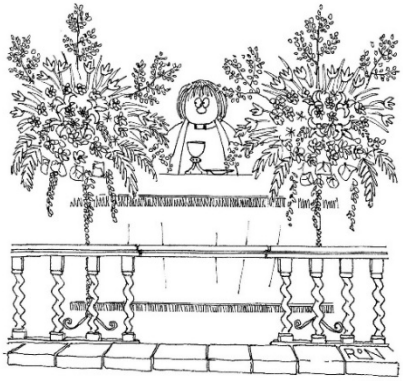

The flower ladies pulled out all the stops

Church Teas 2018

It was great to see so many people at the Church Teas that we held this summer.

The Teas were held in The Tree House on 3 occasions: Sunday 29 July, Sunday 12 August and Saturday 8 September. We served cream teas, a variety of cakes, tea, coffee and cold drinks, as well as selling homemade preserves. We aimed to cater for all tastes and ages and it was really good to see many familiar faces as well as some new ones – and to see several people at successive teas!

We hope to be able to run the teas again in 2019 so please do keep an eye out for publicity nearer the time. In the meantime, a big thank you for your support and your encouraging words!

Barbara, Bridget, Liz and the Church Teas Team!

PS If you have any feedback that would help us to improve our Church Teas please email us c/o waltham.vicar@btinternet.com

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See page 31 for more details about 'SET FREE'!

The Way Ahead

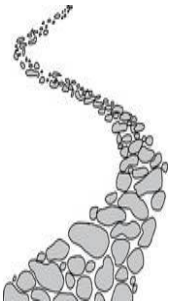
Have you seen the film 'The Way' with Martin Sheen?

He is the father tackling 'El Camino de Santiago' in Spain (St James' Way) as he tries to find meaning behind his son's tragic death on this same walk previously. It's a pilgrimage. It can be walked (and cycled). It's attempted by hundreds of 'thinkers' each day, seeking to find an inner depth to the meaning of life – maybe through tragedy, through uncertainty, through failure, through joy – and perhaps hoping to find God as well in the process.

It's a very long journey! Or you can select sections to walk, staying in monasteries / hostelries en route, before reaching Santiago de Compostela Cathedral for the final Christian act of worship.

If you've completed this challenge, I'll be interested to hear about it. It's on my 'to do' list!

Well, in White Waltham we don't have that sort of challenge but we do have 'The Way'! It's our newly upgraded pathway through the church yard. Please use it if you're out walking – Church Hill is a winding road and not safe for pedestrians to use with all that traffic.



Our 'Way' through the churchyard provides a secure, safe and smooth surface which makes certain that wheelchairs, buggies and visitors with sticks can negotiate the pathway much more easily now.

In the Bible, Jesus often talks about the need to make the right choices, by taking the right Way. The broad attractive Way is described as too easy and too distracting while the narrower Way is more challenging and demands stronger faith – yet it is this more challenging Way that offers the greatest rewards.

Perhaps we have made this new pathway surface too broad and too easy!

But it does also give us this reminder, this challenge about our own lives: *Are we easily pulled along the wide Way by the crowd, by all the things that seem attractive? Or are we prepared to tough it out on the narrow Way which Jesus says leads to real life?*

The Way Ahead for you and me is changing here at St Mary's. Come along and find out for yourself!

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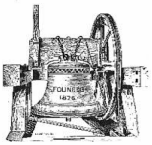
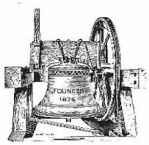


Tales from the Bells

White Waltham Bell Ringing



We recently had a visit from a local group of non-ringers and received some wonderful feedback from their tour of the bell tower.

> *"I attended bell ringing demo. A thoroughly enjoyable, informative evening. Didn't realise how much there was to learn about bell ringing. Thank you."*

> *"I would like to say that we had a very informative evening. I had never been up a Bell Tower before so it was a new experience for me. Being able to ring the bells was a particular delight and I now have a new appreciation of the work, skill and strength it takes to ring them. Thank you very much."*

It is always a delight for the Bell Ringers to give people the chance to see the Bell tower. If you belong to a group and want to visit the tower do contact us to arrange your visit for 2019. We don't offer visits during the cold, dark winter months as it is not very nice seeing the bells then: the Belfry is a very open space to allow the sound out so hence the cold and wind comes in! But individuals are more than welcome to come along for a taster session at a mutually convenient time. We have just had a new recruit start to learn to ring. He had a taster session one evening and since then has had three lessons (so far) and is progressing well.

Shottesbrooke hosted the Bradfield Ringing Course in August. This was well organised, big… and a bit noisy! Shottesbrooke also hosted the Sonning Branch Youth Practice in early September. This was well attended with many people coming from the Reading area.

The time has come around again for White Waltham to have its inspection of the bells and their fixture and fittings. Hopefully we will gain a Gold award. We will let you know the outcome in the next magazine.

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White Waltham CE Academy

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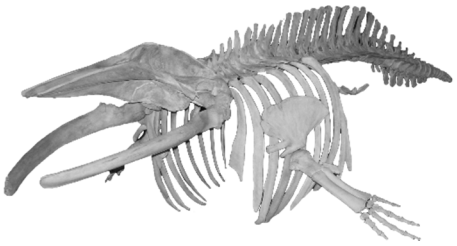
We have so many adventures to go on this term. Years 1 and 2 are learning about space, Years 3 and 4 are learning about myths and legends and Years 5 and 6 are studying natural disasters. Years 3 and 4 discovered the extraordinary artistry, technology and talent that went into creating the Harry Potter film series when they went on a school trip to Warner Brothers Studio. Their young minds were stimulated as they got out of the classroom and on to the world-famous authentic sets of one of the most successful film series of all time. They came back buzzing with excitement and ideas which will help them enormously with their curriculum topic of myths and legends!

Years 5 and 6 are going to the National History museum next week and are very excited. The museum exhibits a vast range of specimens from various segments of natural history. The museum is home to life and earth specimens comprising some 80 million items within five main collections: botany, entomology, mineralogy, palaeontology and zoology. It is a centre of research specialising in taxonomy, identification and conservation. Many of the collections have great historical as well as scientific value.



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As a Church of England school, Christian values form the foundation of our teaching. Every term we celebrate a special value like 'Forgiveness', 'Compassion', 'Courage' etc. This term we are celebrating acts of 'Generosity' in our assemblies and are really looking forward to giving Model British Citizen awards to children whose acts and gestures of generosity stand out.

We also look forward to welcoming prospective new parents and visitors to view our school at our Open Days on September 27th, October 11th and November 28th, all from 10 – 11.30 am. This is a great opportunity for prospective parents as the viewing is accompanied by a detailed presentation. The visitors also have a chance to ask lots of questions and see our school in action. Please contact the school office on 01628 822533 if you wish to view the school on any of the above dates or any other time. You can also visit us online at www.whitewalthamschool.co.uk to learn more about our academy.

Mr Matt Thompson,

Head of School

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Spring is Sprung

I hope you'll be glad to hear that since last time my computers are all back to full working order and I did not lose any data which is a real blessing.

Yes, here in New Zealand spring starts officially on September 1st but for you I assume autumn with all its mellow fruitfulness is under way. Either way, I felt it was high time I gave you some real news from down under so here goes.

I recently took the plunge and responded to an invitation to attend a cookery course for Seniors. This consisted of eight sessions of talks and discussions on various aspects related to cookery. Things like "What is food?", "Make your plate healthy", "Planning meals", "Being a savvy shopper" etc. These times of talking would then be followed by doing the real thing in the kitchen. Mostly we worked in pairs – there were eight of us on the course and there were three people (not older adults!) who ran the course and gave help and advice. After we had followed the recipes for each lesson, we all sat down together and ate what we had cooked... and as far as I know, we all survived through to the end of the course. We all received a cookery book developed especially for older adults cooking for one or two people. This is excellent and contains the recipes we cooked during the course.

After the course had finished, I was looking forward to not having to get up pretty early each Monday and Thursday and also to putting into practice what I had been taught. But a big surprise awaited me! The day after the course finished, I received a phone call from Age Concern (the organisation through which the course was run) to tell me that they wanted to do a television programme about the course... and ask if I was interested to be a part of this.

I decided to say yes; Liz thought it might be fun and so on the next Monday morning it was back into town. The basic structure was the same but there were only four of us to do the cooking and I did not know any of them as they had been on an earlier course, but we soon got to know one another. We listened, then cooked and finally ate what we had cooked. Each of us was also interviewed. The programme was shown on TV the next Thursday.

The course gave me confidence and was a genuine preparation for the cooking that I expect to be doing in the days ahead; indeed I have already started and Liz, bless her, has eaten what I have cooked.

As a Christian I know that this life is itself a preparation for the life to come. Indeed the Bible should be viewed as the Book which contains all the preparations we need to ready for heaven. An acronym for this book is: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. I have to ask "Are you getting ready?"

Last, if you are desperate to see the TV footage and I feel that some may be, I have put the Youtube address below.

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Eric Green

Children's page

Wordsearch

based on this month's true story from the Bible

(see the page opposite)

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We meet in The Tree House, which is located in the churchyard at White Waltham Church. Some parking is possible at the bottom of Church Hill, and more spaces are available in the yard of Bury Court Antiques (Alistair Price).

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WWCC Seniors *Email: whitewalthamcc@sky.com*
It has been a great first year in the Thames Valley leagues with our 1st XI finishing a respectable 4th in Division 4a and our 2nd XI coming in as runners up in Division 7a and securing a well-deserved promotion.
Top run scorers; 1st XI Simon Jessup (648), 2nd XI Muhammed Nasir (654).
Top wicket takers; 1st XI Rahul Mohindru (39), 2nd XI Mike Salmon (32).
Last summer we had a couple of new players join the club and a couple came back from time away. This proved invaluable this season with boosting the teams and pushing the club forward. We are still seeking new players to join us for the 2019 season when the club has ambitions for more success.

Junior Cricket *Email: johnhancock48@hotmail.com Tel; 07717 827188*
Sunday 9th September saw our Juniors and their parents turn out for the annual Junior awards day. We currently have over 40 Juniors – All Stars 5-7, U9's and U11's – who played and trained at the club during the summer.
Our Junior Head Coach, Gerry Dawson, was honoured by Berkshire cricket this year with his award for "Outstanding Service to Cricket 2018". The club are very proud of Gerry and all the work he does with our Junior section.
The Juniors continue to thrive and are the heartbeat of the club. *If you know anyone interested in having a go then please contact us for more information.*

Looking ahead
Annual Awards Dinner; Friday 5th October at The Beehive (club sponsor).
Christmas Cricket; Date TBC but normally last Sunday before Christmas. Look out for the wacky Christmas Jumpers and join us for a mince pie!
Winter Training; This usually starts back in Mid-February, all are welcome and if you want to know more then please keep an eye on our website or FB page.
Sponsorship or donations; if you are interested in helping your local club and charity develop for the future then please contact us for more information (whitewalthamcc@sky.com).

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Throughout the year we have speakers, walks with pub lunches, and holidays both home and abroad.

Scrabble and arts & crafts groups are held at members' homes.

Programme for 2018/19

October 18th	Long walk across England	*Graham Horn*
November 15th	Auctioneer	*Simon Brown*
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We would like to hear from any relative of the following people who would like to attend the Remembrance Day service and place a cross at the War Memorial on behalf of their relative:

George Andrews	John Groves	Edwin Pocock
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If you would be interested in laying a cross on behalf of your relative please contact our Parish Clerk on: 01628 823934

White Waltham Parish council invites members of the White Waltham church congregation and any local residents to join them for refreshments at Holly Cottage after the wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday

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Remembrance Sunday Collections at White Waltham Church

On Remembrance Sunday a collection is taken during the Remembrance Service in White Waltham Church. As usual, the proceeds of that collection will this year be shared between two charities: the **Royal British Legion** and **Combat Stress**.

The **Royal British Legion** provides lifelong support for the forces community and serves men and women, veterans and their families. Examples of the support they offer includes:

- providing help when applying for compensation and benefits
- support for sick, wounded or injured service and ex-service personnel
- respite and family breaks
- advice in managing money and support in managing debt
- providing education and retraining for those having trouble finding work when they have left the services
- giving practical and emotional support at times of bereavement

The Royal British Legion established and operates The Battle Back centre, to support wounded, injured and sick Service personnel in achieving their best possible recovery. It also runs six care homes and offers other services for the elderly and vulnerable including dementia care and mobility aids.

Combat Stress is the UK's leading veterans' mental health charity. They treat a range of mental health conditions including PTSD, depression and anxiety, providing support online, on the phone, in the community and at specialist centre. The charity is a vital lifeline for them and their families.

Combat Stress states '*Our services help veterans cope with the present, tackle the past and take on the future. Some may find using just one of our services will transform their lives, others may need more to start living again. But our expert team will be there to help every step of the way'.*

This year Remembrance Sunday is 11th November

The service at White Waltham Church starts at ***10.45am***
and will be followed by a walk to the War Memorial in White Waltham where there will be a short act of Remembrance.

Everyone is invited to join the Parish Council for refreshments at Holly Cottage – see opposite.

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Activities are designed for expectant parents or those with children under 8 years old; they encourage social interaction, development and learning through play, thereby supporting the transition to school.

The children's centres can also help with managing finances, stopping smoking, healthy eating, parenting advice and support.

The children's centres work closely with health visitors, schools, pre-schools, nurseries, school nurses and many more services that can help with almost any situation.

Many of our sessions are drop in so there is no need to book a space – just turn up.

You can contact us on 01628 685642,
email: childrens.centres@achievingforchildren.org.uk
and follow us on Facebook: @rbwmchildrenscentres

NEW CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

The Diocese of Oxford has recently introduced new churchyard regulations which require us to remove items which have not been properly authorised.

In particular, the following items are not allowed: any lighting, whether electric or otherwise; any glass shades; kerbs, fencing, railings or other demarcation; stone or glass chippings; individual gardens, including the planting of shrubs; plastic flowers and wreaths (other than poppies of remembrance); toys or other objects which are not part of a properly authorised memorial.

We have displayed notices asking people to help us to adhere to these new regulations by removing these items. Any items which are not removed from the Cremation Area will be carefully stored and can be collected by arrangement with Tony Hill on Tel. 01628 822654 or via email at hillhomewood@btinternet.com until 31 May 2019. After that time any remaining items will be disposed of.

The complete set of regulations is displayed in the church porch.

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Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery

The slave trade was abolished more than 200 years ago (The Slave Trade Act 1807) yet there are still an estimated 40.3 million victims of modern slavery, 13,000 of which are in the UK, hidden in our communities.

Miriam was 'rescued' from an abusive relationship, promised a better life in the UK as the family Nanny for 3 young children. The family she worked for took her with them to church every week. Little did the church know what suffering she would face that coming week, and again week after week. She was 'seen' in church yet wasn't 'seen' at all. No one recognised the signs, or asked the right questions, she was 'sold' on to 3 other families and then finally rescued in the true sense when the Home Office raided the home after concerns were raised. Thankfully her healing journey has now begun. Sadly, this is one of many stories.

So, what is being done to help abolish this trade? 'The Clewer Initiative', a 3-year project, has been established enabling the Oxford Diocese and wider church networks to work with churches and communities to detect modern day slavery, educating people on how to raise concerns safely. They also work to provide victim support and care.

The Clewer Sisters are an Anglican order of nuns established in 1852 to help mainly young women who were victims of the sex trade, providing them with shelter and a hope for the future. 'Clewer House of Mercy' originated in a purpose-built convent in Windsor during the 1880s, the sisters now reside at Ripon College, Cuddesdon; the Clewer Initiative is their legacy.

The Clewer House of Mercy,

So, what can we do? To learn more, there is a FREE information evening open to all on 20th October 2018 at 7pm at All Saints Church. A speaker from the 'Clewer Initiative' will be coming to tell us what the issues are in our communities, providing practical advice such as recognising the signs that may indicate that a person could be a victim of slavery and how to raise a concern or seek further advice. This evening will also enable us to know what to be praying for as the church. Please do come along! It would be a wonderful opportunity to meet as the churches of Maidenhead, to be equipped to help abolish slavery and to be able to take off our blind folds and say **"We See You".**

For more information about the information evening see page 8. There is no charge but free tickets (for catering purposes) are available from Eleanor Kershaw c/o 01628 822000

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That really was a fantastic summer but perhaps a little too hot at times for us British people. We do hope you made full use of the weather with all the outdoor activities going on.

There has recently been a Boundary Review of the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. As the population has increased in some areas this was done to ensure there are equal numbers of residents in each Ward. The report has highlighted that many Wards in The Royal Borough need to be realigned with new Wards created and old ones removed. Here in Hurley and the Walthams Ward there is no change.

However, there has also been a review of the number of councillors per population in each Ward. At present there are three councillors for Hurley and the Walthams but come May 2019 – at the next local election – there will be only two. It is unfortunate that the review was done on the basis of population which in itself seems fair, however our Ward is not an urban ward but a rural ward with 17 distinct and individual villages. It is also the largest ward in the Borough in terms of square miles.

Environmental service issues

Residents can now use a form on the council's website to report additional environmental services issues. In the past some of these issues had to be conveyed to customer advisers on the telephone. You can now report online: Noise, Dust, Smoke, Asbestos, Odour, Light, Rubbish and Air quality.

Residents can also apply online for an environmental search for: purchasing a property, planning developments and a scrap metal licence under 'environmental services' on the RBWM website.

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Local businesses are now offering to fill up people's reusable water bottles for free. This benefits both the businesses as people go into their establishments, and the people. Henley is already part of this scheme.

There is a free app on both the Apple and Android app store that brings up a map and shows you where your nearest Refill point is. Plus, each business has a sticker in their window. Maidenhead has just started with this scheme but already has 15 Refill points – expect that number to climb sharply over the coming few weeks.

Take a look at www.refill.org.uk/refill-maidenhead

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There is so much going on in the council and we have highlighted here just a few. To find out more you can go on the council's website: www.rbwm.gov.uk where all the latest news and consultations etc. are to be found.

We are always very conscious that we have been elected by you to carry your voice and any concerns to the council, so if you do have any council issues that we can help with please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Carwyn, David and Maureen

Help with your Education/Training?

Have you left school, or will you soon be leaving school? Are you in, or will you soon be in, training or education? (Apprenticeship/college/university etc)

If you are under 25, and live in Shottesbrooke, or the civil parish of White Waltham (White Waltham, Woodlands Park, Littlefield Green, Littlewick Green, and part of Paley Street) or the South Ward of Hurley...

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Could you help mow the grass in White Waltham churchyard?

We need more people to help with the mowing in White Waltham Churchyard. If you could help, or would like to find out more, please contact Bob Crittenden
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Parish Registers

Marriages

At Shottesbrooke

August 4th Jordan William Davis & Natalie Sian Boyd

At White Waltham

September 1st Matthew Peter Levenston & Anisha Rani Sharma

Cox Green Marriage at White Waltham

September 1st Matthew Leon Weeks & Szilvia Kiss

Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

At White Waltham

July 22nd Louisa Kayleigh Lalor-Bawden
daughter of Jodie Lalor & Liam Bawden

Children, Young People and Families at White Waltham Church

Children and young people are welcome every Sunday

On most Sundays our children's groups meet in church before moving to their separate activities during the service. There is a crèche for babies and a group for younger children in the Chapel Room in the church building. Older groups take place in our new building, The Tree House.

At festivals, such as Christmas Day, Mothering Sunday, Easter Day and Harvest Festival, everyone meets together for an All Age Service.

Church Services for October & November

Services at Shottesbroke Church
are at 9am on most Sundays.
The last Sunday of the month is a joint service at White Waltham.

Services at White Waltham Church
are at 10.30am every Sunday
with activities for children every Sunday

Messy Church is on Sunday 21 October
at White Waltham Church at 10.30am
please check our Facebook page and website for news of Messy Church dates later in the year

The Remembrance Service is on Sunday 11 November
at White Waltham Church at ***10.45am***
N.B. this is a Joint Service -
there will be no service at Shottesbrooke that morning

There is a **Service of Remembrance for all who have died on Sunday 11 November**
at Shottesbrooke Church at ***6.30pm –*** *see page 2 for more details*

Do come and join us - visitors are always welcome
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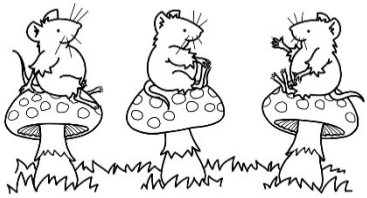
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