

# 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 this edition we are bringing you news from Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School, and what's going on at White Waltham Church.

In amongst all of that you will find advertising for local businesses - please do support them at this challenging time.

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## Vicar's letter



Dear Friends of the Parish of White Waltham with Woodlands Park,

Welcome to September, which may be turning out to be the new normal, where we learn to live with a new virus, or something else entirely?! I pray we are not forced to take any steps backward, and that you stay well and safe. Whatever the current restrictions and patterns are, it has certainly made us take a break from what we were doing back in 2019, (almost certainly we were too busy) and maybe given a chance to rethink the priorities and activities and habits in our lives.

Habits, I've been thinking about our habits... prompted in part by an article written by Alianore Smith for the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity. Maybe you have come across Ed Sheeran's new single 'Bad Habits'? His bad habit of choice isn't nail biting or putting too much into the diary, but an inability to say no – to one-night stands, to alcohol, to strangers' invitations to parties. His bad habits lead to 'late nights, endin' alone / conversations with a stranger I barely know / swearing this will be the last but it probably won't'.

It's song-writing gold: relatable, catchy, and insightful. We all have those things that we can't say no to. We all have those moments where we swear 'this'll be the last time' or 'ooh, last one' (I'm thinking of anything

chocolatey for me), and then find ourselves right back where we started a few days, hours, minutes later.

Now, this isn't new; Paul the apostle wrote on this 2000 years ago. In Romans 7v15-16 Paul writes **'I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not , but what I hate I do'**. Maybe Ed Sheeran has been reading him recently? Or perhaps it's more about his insight on human nature: habits form us, for good or ill.

Habits have power. Ed seems resigned to this: 'I was lookin' for a way out, now I can't escape'. But Paul offers us a different answer: **'who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!'**

Ed sings about how his 'bad habits lead to you', the 'you' clearly being someone that he knows is bad for him, but he can't stay away from. Paul writes about how our bad habits can lead us to throw ourselves on the mercy of Christ.

People often think that they are not good enough for God – that God would reject them and their sinful, shame-filled, broken selves. But if you know about Jesus, you know that there is the free offer of rescue, and thus we have good news to share. If you don't know about Jesus, please come and ask or get in touch with me, our bad habits and negative self-images can be such life-spoilers.

At church this autumn we are coming back to the basics of who church is, what it is for, and why Jesus and his people are good news – see page 4. If you have ever thought about trying out, or coming back, to church, then September to November is a really good time to do it. Come with questions and experiences and reflections, and choose to come regularly, make this a **new good habit!**

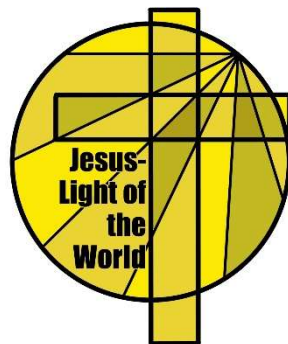
Jesus truly has good news for you; bad habits, although sinful, are never the end of the story. There is grace for all who would turn towards it. And for Christians? Well, our bad habits remind us daily of our need for God.

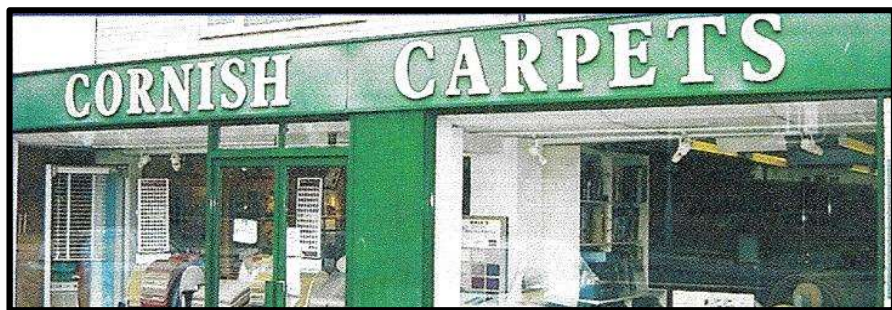
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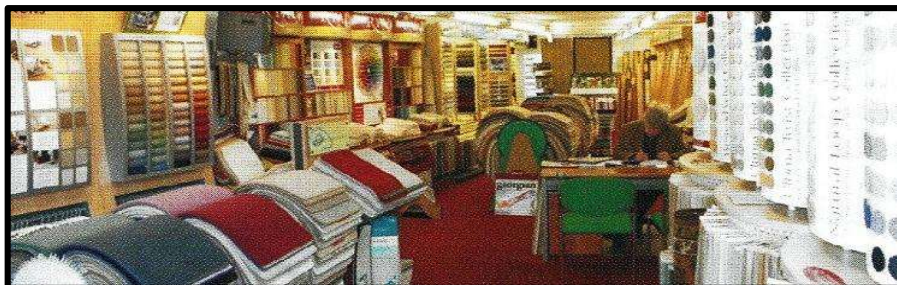
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# Why bother with the Church?

Jesus claimed to bring Good News. 2,000 years later Christians and churches still claim to bring Good News, but sometimes it is difficult to spot from the outside.

Have you ever....

- wondered what the church is or what it is for?
- thought about dipping your toe in, trying out a service, but didn't know where to start or worried about getting it wrong?
- thought that it might be nice to be part of a church community, but you are not sure of the rules or requirements?

***Well this is for you!***

This autumn at White Waltham Church, from the beginning of September for 10 Sundays at 10.30am, we are having a series looking at:

- **who we are**
- **what we are for**
- **and why we are good news for our community**



***Will you accept the one-off challenge  
to give it a go for this season?***

Come with questions, come with challenges, come ready to be welcomed and accepted and have your preconceptions changed. Come and meet with a church family of a Father God who is truly Good News!

Starting on September 5<sup>th</sup> and running until Remembrance Sunday, covering topics such as:

- **what it means to belong**
- **what it means to serve each other**
- **the bible and prayer**
- **what God does in our lives**
- **and the difference He can make through us**

***Book out those Sunday morning slots in your diary now,  
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Children are invited to join our services with their parents.  
Services are now taking place live from the church building.  
Children's activities have also resumed so please do join us.

To come to one of our services in person please book via [this link](#).

*You and your family are very welcome to join us!*

You can catch up on previous Sunday morning children's activities at:  
[www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk) Just scroll down the home page, click on 'Families Area' and choose 'Watch our Sunday Children's Sessions'.



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### Medium Su Doku

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## Your local churchyard needs your help!

If you regularly visit White Waltham Churchyard you know what a great job our churchyard team does to maintain it. This year, with the wet weather and ill health of some team members, our regular churchyard team is now just two people – so we need your help more than ever!

***Could you help to mow or strim in our churchyard  
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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**



**The Tree House  
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2.30 – 5 p.m.**

*Cream Teas  
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**Everyone welcome!**

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# White Waltham Cricket Club



*Est 1879 and still representing the village today!*

## 2021 Season

It is a nervous end to the season for both our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Whilst both teams have been very competitive at stages of the season, even sitting at the top of the table for a time, we now find ourselves fighting for survival in the respective TVCL leagues of 3a and 6b. Some positives to take from the season are that two of the top three bowlers in division 3a are White Waltham players with Cloudesley Long leading the pack. It is the same with the batting where Nikhil Jathavedan leads with the most runs at 564 for the season to date.

## Juniors

We achieved a record number of juniors this season with 80 players aged between 5 and 16 attending training and playing matches throughout the summer at White Waltham. Even managing to get our first girls' team at the club. It is an area that the club is looking to build on in coming years as we invest in the future of our village cricket.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual juniors awards day at the club which has become a great day for families and friends. There will be matches between the juniors and their parents, celebrations and a good BBQ to wrap up another fantastic summer of cricket at the club.

## Recruitment

We are always seeking new players and social members to join our club. There is lots on offer for players of all ages from our All Stars, aged 5, to seniors who can't remember their age.... With junior teams to accommodate all ages, a senior Sunday social side and 2 competitive league teams we have something for everyone.

Please contact us through the website or Facebook for more details.

## Sponsorship

The club are open to new sponsors for the 2021 season. If you are interested in supporting your local team, please contact

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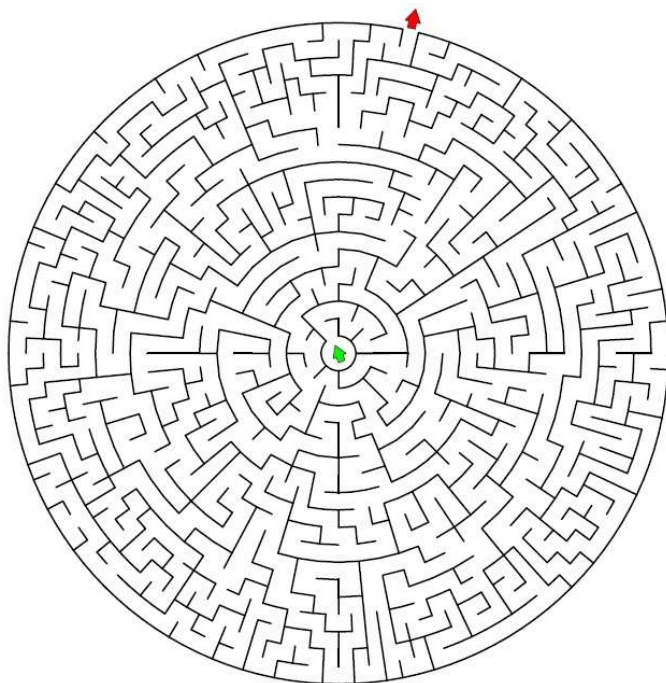
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# Find your way out of the maze



## Harvest Festival All Age Service

White Waltham Church  
Sunday 26 September at 10.30am

***Everyone is welcome!***

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*They particularly need:*

tinned meat, tinned fruit & veg, cooking sauces, UHT milk,  
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# Little Roots Baby & Toddler Group

*For babies and toddlers with their parents/carers*

We meet between 9.00 & 11.15am on Mondays during school term time. Come when you can, go when you must – we have a range of toys out for free play, Bible story time and music, and for the time being please bring a snack - we plan to provide snacks again in due course, once Covid regulations are relaxed further.

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).

*We would love to see you!*

 Little Roots Toddler Group  
[www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk)



***Little Roots starts again in September,  
in the meantime keep up to date via the Facebook group.***

## **Want some financial help with your education?**

**Have you left school?**

**Are you thinking of full-time training or education?  
(apprenticeship/College, university etc.)**

**or are you already there?**

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Services are also available via Zoom for those who need to stay at home: <http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk/zoom>

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Scroll down the home page and click on 'This Sunday's Service' (*you can also catch up on previous services from this page*)

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 **White Waltham Church**

*We hope you can join us!*



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