

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 White Waltham Parish Council and White Waltham Cricket Club. In amongst all of that you may find a puzzle to keep you going during lockdown, along with advertising for local businesses - please do support them at this challenging time.

If you have an article or advert you would like included, please get in touch. Details are on the final page.



White Waltham Cricket Club



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2020 Season

Believe it or not, we are back! Cricket is underway in the village with the Thames Valley League. This year there will be no promotion or relegation due to a half season so there is a great chance to relax and enjoy our cricket this year. There is also a chance to bring the academy players into the league sides to experience competitive cricket. Something I am sure will be beneficial to their development.

Summer Training

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, training is restricted to members only this year. If you would like to attend, please contact us for more information.

Juniors

Training is underway on the Waltham Oval every weekend for children aged 5-16; we have a great coaching set up that organises coaching and games for over 60 juniors on a weekly basis. This is an ever growing and developing section of the club and new members are more than welcome to come and try the sport.

For more information please visit our website or contact us using one of the options below.

Dates for the Diary:

Beehive Charity game vs WWCC – tbc – either 30th August or 6th September.

Website: www.whitewaltham.play-cricket.com

Facebook: @WhiteWalthamCC

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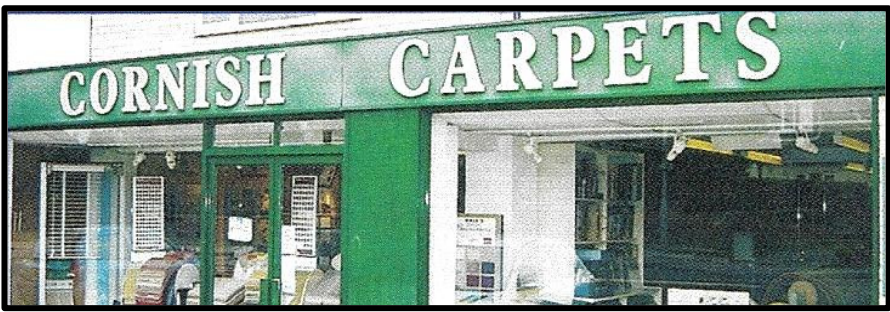
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From the Registers

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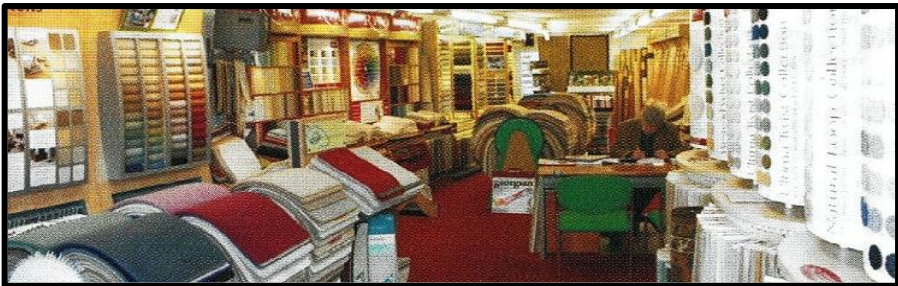
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The Vicar's Letter

The Vicarage, Waltham Road
(corner of Foliejohn Way)
Woodlands Park

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

Welcome to another issue of 'Community News', our prayer for these has been that we are helped 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. At church (online) we are coming to the end of a series on experiencing God, what it 'feels like' to be a Christian. The content is there on our website and facebook page if you are interested to have a look.

The approach of September means, for a lot of us, that the longest ever school holidays may finally be coming to an end! Is there a record for the largest jump in shoe size for school shoes? It also means, God-willing, a ***return to using the church building*** for services.

We are doing a lot of work on the procedures and restrictions in order to make this as safe as possible for people to come back. It has reminded us of the priorities of what we do as we meet as church.

Fellowship, even more important in these times is the opportunity to meet together, to encourage each other and receive encouragement. There will be masks and social distancing, so we are thinking about how to make the services more interactive. There cannot be singing, but there should be opportunities to join in with words that we say together, and maybe opportunities to join in with discussions as we help each other to hear God and apply His words to our lives.

Service, there will need to be a fair amount of bearing with each other as we work things out. People will need to sit in different places in order to help others, and specific roles to make sure things go smoothly, as well as the usual taking part in the service.

Worship, we can still pray, and hear God's word read and preached, and respond personally and corporately. Putting 'church' in the diary before other things, being present with each other, can be a key way we show that our loving heavenly Father comes first in our lives, and that is 'worth-ship' indeed.

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. If you need to stay away, you can still follow along online - we hope to have live streaming of video. But please be in touch and we can connect in other ways.

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We also aim to continue with **groups online** to maintain and grow our deeper friendships and our faith:

We **gather ‘after the service’** on zoom on a Sunday for coffee and sharing from our homes.

We will run a **Christianity Explored Course**, possibly on Monday evenings from Sept 28th, but the time/day will be chosen to suit the first few people who want to join so please be in touch!
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We will have **an opportunity to go deeper** in the passages from our sermon series, which from October will be in the book of Hosea. Hosea is a love song from God which talks of romance, allure, first loves, and also heartbreak, unfaithfulness, divorce. Crucially, it is about ***a love which will never fade, will never disappoint, will never say ‘enough’***, this is the love we all want, we all need! Really look forward to hearing this good news!

If you want to hear more church news, please be in touch and we can add you to our weekly email list.

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



All Age Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 27th September

10.30am

White Waltham Church

Please do join us to praise God for his wonderful provision to us.

If you are not a regular and would like to come, you are very welcome - please let us know! We want to ensure you have a space to sit with seating now a little restricted due to social distancing



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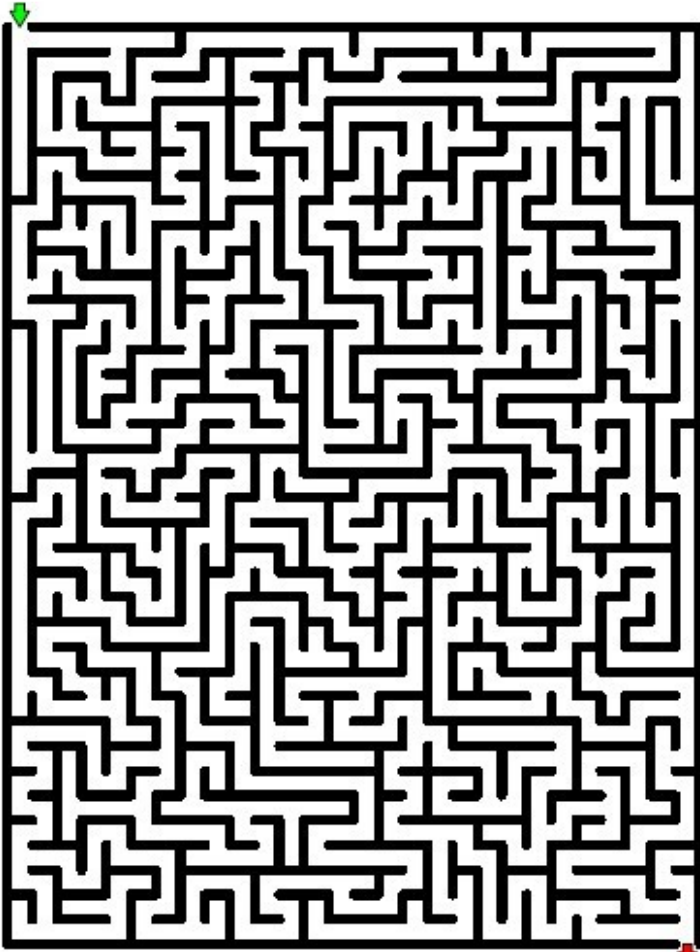
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“Maybe,” admitted the architect, “but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job.”

“But,” the politician pointed out in triumph, “somebody had to have created the chaos in the first place!”

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Whilst our Church Services resume back in the church building on 6th September, our services and children's sessions can still be watched via our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

Just scroll down the home page:

For our Services click on 'This Sunday's Service'
(you can also catch up previous services from this page)

For our Children's Sessions click on 'Families and Kids' and
then choose 'Watch our Sunday Children's Sessions'

Some other content is available on our Facebook page

 **White Waltham Church**

We hope you can join us!



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Published every 3 weeks or so, and available on
White Waltham Church's Facebook page and website:

 **White Waltham Church**
www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

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that you would like to be included please email:*

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