Community News for White Waltham and Woodlands Park

Welcome to this special Facebook 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 Academy and Woodlands Park School. You will also find 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.



News from White Waltham Academy

Summer term is in full swing here are White Waltham Academy, where we are learning about life in the Edwardian times in preparation for our summer production, Mary Poppins. The children have immersed themselves in the topic and have enjoyed playing Edwardian games and making and flying kites. Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful time at Shottesbrooke House, where we had a picnic in the grounds and imagined we were having an Edwardian afternoon tea.





We feel that it is so important for the children to be outside as much as possible (especially when the sun is shining), so we have been taking the children on weekly walks in and around the village. We are so fortunate to be positioned in such a lovely part of the world, so it is fantastic to get the children out and about and enjoy being active.

Our road still causes concern for me in the morning; we have changed our system to make it safer for the children at drop off time, whilst trying to keep traffic moving. Unfortunately, some people are still not satisfied and are unwilling to wait and ignore our signage asking people not to overtake.

Matt Thompson
Headteacher



Children are always welcome at White Waltham Church!

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 <u>this link</u>. To join us via zoom: http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk/zoom

You and your family are very welcome to join us!

You can catch up on previous Sunday morning children's activities by visiting our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

Just scroll down the home page click on 'Families Area' and choose 'Watch our Sunday Children's Sessions'





Ouch! That really hurts!

Have you ever had a severe pain that seemed to come from nowhere, which you could not explain, and which made it very difficult for you to do many of the tasks you could normally do without any concerns?

A couple of months ago, I woke one morning after what I thought was a good night's sleep and the pain in my shoulders, arms, hips and knees was simply awful. Add to that the fact that my arms were so weak that even performing routine tasks and legs was extremely difficult

But as the day went by, the pain lessened and by evening I was back to normal, more or less... but next morning, the pain was back, and this



scenario continued each day until I did what I should have done right from the start – I went to see my doctor. He examined me, told me to get a blood test and within a day or so, he had my diagnosis and some of you will have guessed what that was! Yes, Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR). He prescribed

steroids and amazingly, within 48 hours I woke up without the pain and weakness.

But then I had a new problem – I am Type II diabetic and the steroids made my blood sugar readings through the roof. But that has been corrected with a course of insulin. Both of these medications are scheduled to decrease over time and hopefully, within a few months, I shall neither have need of them nor awake afresh to the pain that started it all.

Fortunately, we do not all have to suffer in the way I have described... or do we? The Bible tells us "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Now, no one likes to be told something like that; after all, we all think we are doing the best we can and are living 'good' lives, so surely God won't punish us. But it remains true that none of us is perfect and the Bible also says "For the wages of sin is death..." – so, because I have sinned I am under the death penalty. And it goes on to add: "...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God's gift, God's free prescription, is life that can never end. Yes, my earthly problems are at least partly because I am no longer as young as I was – I know that my body will die and this is true for all of us. But my inner part, my soul, will never die because as a young lad I accepted God's free gift and I know (again on the authority of the Bible) that I, and everyone who accepts God's gift, will live on into eternity where life will not be subject to pain, sin, discomfort and all the other things we put up with here on Earth.

Please accept God's gift today, not for my sake but for yours

Eric Green (eric.green@xtra.co.nz)









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Little Roots is back!!

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!

1 Little Roots Toddler Group

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

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?

If you are under 25 and live in the civil parishes of Shottesbrooke or White Waltham, or the south ward of Hurley ... then the Duell and Hawes Educational Trust may be able to help you with a grant.

Write to: Clerk to the Trustees, Carolyn Thompson, Spire View, Waltham Road, White Waltham, SL6 3SG or email: carolynt52@icloud.com for an application form

Sunday Morning Children's Groups at White Waltham Church

This year has been a hard one for many, not least for our children. I am encouraged by the fact that God created and loves both us and our children and knows each one of us by name. The Bible tells us He has even counted the hairs on our heads! We can be sure that God is concerned with our lives and is eager for us to turn to Him.

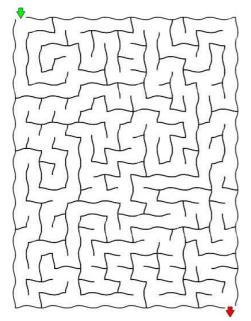
At White Waltham Church we love to welcome families. Each Sunday, we welcome you and your children to the church. We have fun groups for the children to attend whilst the adults have some calm and a change to learn more about the God who loves them dearly.

This term we have groups for children aged 3-11 and we are hoping to expand those as lockdown eases.

You can <u>book via our website</u> to come along to a service - we take bookings so that we can plan Covid safe seating. We would love to welcome you to White Waltham Church.

Katte Croft (Children's Work Coordinator)

Find your way through the maze...!



Do the Maths!



A teacher posed the following problem to one of her maths classes:

"A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million pounds. One-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his butler, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?"

After a very long silence in the classroom one little boy raised his hand. With complete sincerity, he ventured, "A solicitor?"



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- Stanley T.
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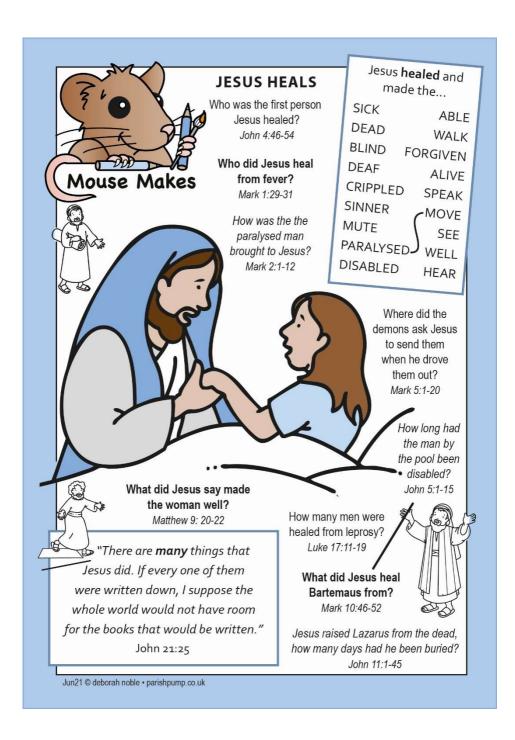
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Services are now taking place live in Church. To join us in the church building please book via the website at this link.

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

They can also be watched via our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

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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We hope you can join us!



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