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# The Vicar's Letter

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

Can you see **Chaos** around you? **Chaos** in the world? As I write on American election day (and bonfire night), I can only speculate what is about to happen in that country... I can only pray for a humble acceptance of the result and a peaceful going about business. *[stop-press: the result is in as I write, and so far, it looks ok...]* Certainly, the war in Ukraine shows little sign of ending; tensions and tit-for-tat attacks in the middle East seem to be increasing; and other areas struggle with floods, famine and disease.

Nearer to home, **chaos** might look like the latest budget, raising costs and endangering some of the vulnerable, as we seek to balance the books after years of living beyond our means.

In our lives, **chaos** might mean relational problems, financial difficulties, injury or illness, loss and other events out of our control.

Why dwell on this in a dark month? Because the Christian faith offers **control in the chaos, hope beyond the overwhelming events.**

We have recently seen this at church as we have looked at the bible accounts of the life of Joseph: lots of people making mistakes, behaving badly, and yet God acting to save people through bringing Joseph to the right place and giving him the ability to decode prophetic dreams.

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**White Waltham**

And we will be seeing this as we look at Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. This includes some famous heroes like Abraham and King David, but also foreigners such as Ruth, prostitutes such as Rahab, children born from affairs such as Solomon, and from tawdry family affairs such as Perez. Again and again, through international chaos, family rivalry, the selfishness and lusts of human beings, God brings about his purposes: his purposes to save and to bless.

Of course, **Jesus is the ultimate example of this**. From his birth to unmarried parents of an oppressed ethnicity in a Roman colony, through to his unjust trial and torture and execution, it all looked like chaos. But God was working to save people and to bless.

Friends, we all suffer from chaos; we know suffering and injustice and days that seem overwhelming. Jesus offers a way through. He calmed chaotic hurricanes, healed illness and raised the dead, showing himself to be the one place for true hope.

The Christian Hope is something we will explore in a short course in the New Year, and it would be lovely if you wanted to join us and bring your questions and chaos! You will find details on page 12 – you are welcome to just try the first session. Join on Zoom, or let me know a different day/time that works for you.

You are also always very welcome to join us at any service on a Sunday at 10.30. We all know some chaos, we all need hope; **we can help each other discover more of the hope our loving Father God provides**. He is in control and will always be there for you, if you let him.

Dave

Rev Dave Atallah

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This term we have been learning about the importance of celebrating being different. In our school, we have children and staff from many different cultures, ethnicities and religions. We embrace this and celebrate and respect being different!

Over the last few weeks, we have had a number of fundraising events which included craft opportunities for our younger children and all the community enjoying a Halloween party. Children donated items to the Maidenhead Foodshare, as part of our Harvest celebrations and service at St. Mary's church. Thank you to all the parents/carers for supporting the events. Our next PTA event is the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November (3.30 - 5 p.m.). Please come and join us!

Our pupils have been very active this term, participating in two inter-house sports competitions - a running competition for Years 3 -6 and a multi-sport competition for Years 1 and 2. We have four houses - Ashdown, Dean, Epping and Sherwood (all named after forests or woodlands in the U.K.). Dean House were the winners of our running competition and Sherwood House the winners of the multi-sport event. It was great seeing all the children being so active and enjoying the sports!

In our recent celebration assemblies, we have celebrated good attendance across the school.

Children with attendance above 95% were recognised. Our Eco-Committee have also been very vocal in our assemblies by challenging all pupils and staff to complete six small carbon-cutting activities at home during the month of November. The activities will hopefully help our school and community become more eco-aware and actively change habits to support the planet.

On Friday 8th November we had a special Remembrance Assembly to remember all those that lost their lives in conflicts across the world. Poppies were bought to raise money for the British Legion and wreaths were laid in our school garden.

We are looking forward to the festive season and we are gearing up for a busy Christmas schedule! We look forward to updating you again in the next edition!

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What's the best future you can ever imagine? There are few emotions more powerful than hope. The Christian faith claims to offer real Hope: a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about my present. To find out more, join us on 4 Thursday evenings from 9th January, on Zoom from 7.45 for 8pm. Please be in touch for Zoom details or if another time or day, would suit better. Contact us on 01628 822000 or email [waltham.vicar@btinternet.com](mailto:waltham.vicar@btinternet.com)





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It has been a wonderful autumn term for all the children and teachers at White Waltham CE Academy. We have lots to celebrate from the children's hard work across the term.

We are all extremely proud of how well our EYFS children settled into school life. They have been busy getting to know their new friends, as well as their teachers and other staff around the school.

The children enjoyed looking back at pictures of themselves as babies and discussing all the ways that they have changed since then.

The children were very excited to venture outside the school grounds for the first time to go on a walk around the village. They practised following a simple map to find some important local buildings and places and then made their own maps back at school. The children have begun their Bikeability lessons, learning how to ride balance bikes safely on the playground: lots of happy, smiley faces during those lessons.

Year 1 and 2 have been engrossed in their topic of 'Land Ahoy'. During this topic, the children have been looking at the history of the British seaside. They have written information texts on the things you would pack for a trip to the seaside and made a sandwich in DT to take in their picnic.

After half-term, the children learnt how to play a sea shanty using the recorder and in computing, they designed a program using basic algorithms on 'Scratch'. The children had a fantastic workshop with 'History Off the Page' where they had a seaside experience in our school hall. The workshop concluded with a brilliant Punch and Judy puppet show.

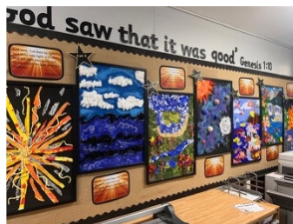
Year 3 and 4 have been studying 'Beneath the Surface'. They studied the destruction in Pompeii and the impact this had on the way of living. They studied volcanoes and mountains in geography and enjoyed a trip to the Verulamium in St Albans to enrich their topic on the Romans. In DT, the children made a healthy Italian salad and in music they created a soundscape to a volcanic eruption.



Year 5 and 6's 'World at War' topic started with an exciting visit to Hooke Court. During this visit, the children were able to immerse themselves in an interactive trench experience. They also recreated battle simulations in WW1 and WW2 to understand the developments in warfare. They then became evacuees, studying in a wartime classroom and cracking codes.

The children enjoyed a trip to the birthplace of Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace, later in the term.

All children took part in an RE and Art day, where they discussed the creation story. They each created a piece of artwork which is now hung in pride of place outside our school office for everyone to enjoy.



As always, if you would like to come and visit our school, please contact the school office on 01628 822533 or email [office@whitewaltham.org](mailto:office@whitewaltham.org).

*Laura Denham,*

**Head of School**

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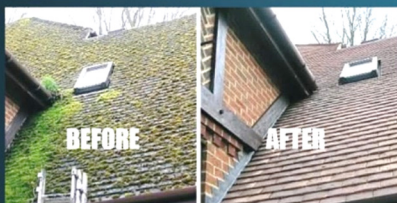
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# Window on the World

What do you think about, when you hear that expression? It came into my mind the other day, as I was repairing an upstairs window frame that had rotted away. I was high up and I could see White Waltham village and all the interesting activity around!

What “windows on the world” have stuck in your mind and affected you personally, recently? We’ve had some “windows on the world” recently: the trick or treat of children scurrying around the houses collecting goodies; the latest financial Government decisions with expectations of success; the devastating, ravaging floods in parts of Europe with tragic loss of life; the dismissal of the Man United manager, along with the appointment of a new manager. There are so many “windows on the world” that you and I, in our elevated position of easy access to the news, can experience very quickly.

It was not like this 2000 years ago. No news broadcasts, only word of mouth; no social media where one could pass on the latest information by a quick text. There was no less scepticism then about events of the day.

I refer, of course, to the “window on the world” of that first ‘Christmas day’. Mary and Joseph knew that they had to go for the census to Bethlehem, but why that week, they must have thought, with Mary heavily pregnant? The distance, the accommodation, the crowded streets, the surprising revelations. But what about the hard-working shepherds – why them? Just shepherds, maybe representing the working-class people of the day. The biggest window on the world of their lives? Angels no less, telling them where to go and exactly what to find, as they left the middle of the Bethlehem countryside, as instructed – and finding a special baby, not in a palace but in a stable! Mind-blowing for them in their window!

A little later the Wise Men came. Maybe the clever people of society; certainly, they had studied the stars and knew about prophecies. Perhaps the revelation for them was a little less unexpected. It was their window on the world and confirmation of all their studies and expectations, since they came prepared – carrying three gifts. They came looking for a Messiah, a Saviour, and found that this baby fulfilled their window on the world.

Joseph and Mary’s joy at their window on the world must have turned to fear and anxiety as they were told by an angel to flee to Egypt. They became refugees for a while, experiencing what many people today see from their window on the world.

God, through his window on the world, looked after them and can look after us too.

*Read Luke chapter 2 and Matthew chapter 2 to learn more about Jesus, this Christmas. Look through your window on the world and discover that Jesus is our Saviour.*

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It was lovely to gather with the extended church family to celebrate God's abundant generosity in this way – and not just the food and drinks that he has blessed us with, but also the many and varied talents that were so evident.

Particular thanks to all those involved in providing the delicious food, the wonderful music, and all the other entertainment.

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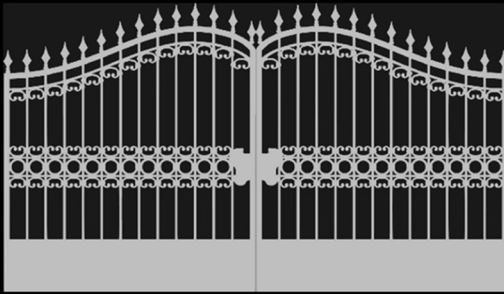
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# Christmas is coming

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Now I know that just about everybody understands that Christmas is a really happy occasion and a tremendous reason for celebrating. Don't get me wrong, I expect to be very happy this coming Christmas too, but I will also have many conflicting and even sad feelings.

Do you need qualifications to celebrate? If so, what are they? After all, people in just about every country in the world, every religion and even those with no religious 'feelings' at all will celebrate. So, what is Christmas all about?

The first reason I have some sad feelings at this time of year is because I realise that the majority of people in our world simply do not know why we even have Christmas. But the clue is in the name. Christmas is all about Christ. The events, so clearly depicted in the Bible, are literally true. There really was a baby born to a lady who had never known a man sexually. The place of birth was not some grand mansion in Jerusalem, the capital, but in a shepherd's hut in Bethlehem, a small and somewhat insignificant village. The baby had no normal crib but was laid in a manger, probably on clean straw!

Were there any visitors? Oh yes! Shepherds came and saw the child in the manger having been told a little about Him and where to find him... by a choir of angels no less. Sometimes all these details sound somewhat fanciful, but they are all recorded in the Bible, the Word of God, and no-one and I mean *no-one* has ever, *ever* been able to show that the Bible is not absolutely true.

I believe all these details to be absolutely true = they really happened well over 2,000 years ago. So what? What does this mean for me, for you?

The Bible goes on to explain that this wee child grew, had real brothers and sisters, and eventually had a travelling, teaching ministry all over Palestine.

But why are all these events given to us, and are they important this Christmas? Oh yes! Because the truth is that Jesus was not born to live a normal happy life and die in old age, sadly no. He was born to die – and He did – a very violent and painful death that had been foretold in great detail in the Bible's Old Testament, just as His birth was.



His death paid the price we could not pay for the wrongs we have done; so, you can ask for His forgiveness and know for sure you will be in heaven.

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The season officially concluded with our annual awards dinner, which was held at The Milaanj at the Beehive – it was a great evening with excellent food and very well attended.

For now, there isn't too much cricket activity to report on, but preparations carry on behind the scenes ahead of the new year and the 2025 cricket season. Winter Nets for both adults and juniors will commence around February time and if you are interested in attending, please feel free to get in touch (see details below).

Many thanks,

*Jonny Mahoney, WWCC Chair*

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# What a Friend

The greatest thing life has to offer is friendship. We may have all the treasure that life on earth presents. These may not be valued as are gold or silver, but to make a friend of someone is to acquire real treasure, something to be cherished. There is a hymn:-

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer,  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

*J.M. Scrivener (1855)*

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When the order came, Mary and Joseph were living in Nazareth.

But Joseph was descended from King David, who had been born in Bethlehem...



so Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem to stay with his family.

Come and meet everyone!



A normal home in Bethlehem.



While they were staying there, Mary's baby was born.



There was no space in the guest room to put a new baby!

So they made a snug bed for Jesus in one of the mangers.





...and complete this Wordsearch about it!

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We are busy at the food bank sorting through the large volume of donations we happily receive at this time of the year. Thanks to the goodwill of the congregation of White Waltham Church and others, we should be well-prepared to meet the rising demand for help from the charity through the winter months ahead.

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Lester Tanner & Debbie Gee  
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# St Mary's Flower Guild, White Waltham

We are coming to the end of our Flower Guild year but still have a couple of dates for your diary. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be an experienced flower arranger to join us. We have met on average about once a month throughout this year. Our demonstrations and workshops take place in the Tree House at the top of the Churchyard and much coffee and cake is consumed! We also made the church look beautiful for Easter and Harvest and have been on a few outings too. Here are a few more dates for you:

**Saturday 30th November** – Christmas wreath-making workshop, meet at 10am in The Tree House. Contact any of the numbers below for further details.

**Saturday 21st December** – Meet in the church from 10am to decorate for Christmas. A silver and white theme this year.

**Saturday 1st February** – 2025 Annual General Meeting, meet at 10am in The Tree House

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# Heritage Open Days

## White Waltham Church Opening

“Heritage Open Days” is a festival of history and culture, bringing together volunteers and organisations all over the country to celebrate the heritage, community and history of old buildings.

As part of this scheme, we decided to open our church once again to visitors on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This coincided with the Berkshire Ride and Stride charity (with participants coming and going on their bikes) and a Church Tea being held in The Tree House. It was a very busy and pleasurable afternoon.



We had a number of visitors through the door that day, particularly those who are interested in the church’s age and history. The question most asked is always: When was your church built and what are the oldest parts? Several people took photographs of the stained-glass windows and the inscriptions on them. Some were brave enough to climb the tower steps to the bell ringing chamber, accompanied by the Tower Captain.

An updated handout describing historical details had been compiled to help everyone navigate their way round the building, pointing out various areas of interest from the Norman arches to the Victorian choir stalls.

Judging from the comments written on the review sheet, everyone who visited was very appreciative of the opportunity to look around the church, admire the features and to find out a little more about the history of our much-loved building.

Liz Atlay



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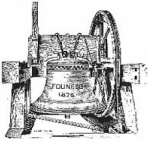
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# Tales from the Bells

 *White Waltham Bell Ringing*



Ringling is progressing well with everyone learning together. We are grateful to the support from a visiting ringer (*someone who rings regularly at a different tower*) which makes all the difference.

We are grateful that the tower and bell chamber is spic and span, having had a thorough clean and the pigeon netting replaced on the louvres. Once the work is completed, we will be asking the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers to conduct a Tower Inspection so that we might be able to regain a Gold Certificate for Tower Maintenance.

We are delighted to have a new learner – they were inspired to find out more about bellringing when they came to our Heritage Open Day in September, and I am looking forward to teaching them how to ring. If you are thinking about learning to ring, or just want to find out more about bellringing, please do get in touch by emailing us on [white.waltham@sdb.odg.org.uk](mailto:white.waltham@sdb.odg.org.uk).

The festive season is coming and we are very much looking forward to ringing the bells over Christmas; we particularly hope that our youngest ringer will be able to ring with his father!

The Ringers wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year for 2025.

*Lesley Graves*

*Bell Captain*

Tel: 01628 822000

Email: [white.waltham@sdb.odg.org.uk](mailto:white.waltham@sdb.odg.org.uk)



# The Everlasting Turkey

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me  
I've bought a big fresh turkey\* and a proper Christmas tree.  
On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard  
As we tucked into our turkey – a most delicious bird.  
On the third day of Christmas people came from just next door,  
The turkey tasted just as good as it had done before.  
On the fourth day of Christmas came relations young and old  
We finished up the Christmas pud and had the turkey cold.  
On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes scurried,  
But we were nice and warm inside, and had the turkey curried.  
On the sixth day of Christmas, the Christmas spirit died.  
The children fought and bickered – we had the turkey rissoles fried.  
On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince  
When he sat down at table – and was offered turkey mince.  
On the eighth day of Christmas, the dog had run for shelter,  
For he'd seen our turkey pancakes and the glass of alka-seltzer.  
On the ninth day of Christmas, by lunchtime dad was blotto,  
He knew that bird was back again, this time as a risotto.  
On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home-made brew,  
Anything to help us face that steaming turkey stew.  
On the eleventh day of Christmas our lovely tree was moulting,  
And with chilli, soy and oyster sauce, the turkey was revolting.  
On the twelfth day of Christmas we had smiles back on our lips,  
The guests had gone, the turkey too...

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*\* Other Christmas dinners are available....*

# News from your Borough Councillors



**Maureen Hunt**  
cllr.hunt@rbwm.gov.uk



**George Blundell**  
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Here in our Borough, we are so appreciative to have 82/83% Green Belt. This summer gave us the lush vegetation, trees in full bloom and the wonderful green fields. November is upon us, and we have the fantastic array of autumnal beauty, as the trees gently change the colour of their leaves in readiness for winter. In all seasons, there is so much for us to appreciate in our beautiful Borough.

We've had Halloween and November 5<sup>th</sup> with fun for all ages. Now, we are getting ready for Christmas – a huge event for most. Shortly, there will be Christmas trees decorated, lights on houses and in gardens, the question of what to buy for presents and, of course, our young children proudly inviting parents and family to their Nativity play – to show us the meaning of Christmas.

In the council, we had a new CEO and Finance Officer at the start of the new administration – the new administration is the party that was elected at the 2023 election. These officers are working with the administration at a transformation of the council and so much work has gone into this to ensure all the departments are running smoothly and give the greatest benefit for our residents. However, we have Overview and Scrutiny Panels that scrutinise what is going on in the council and can investigate in depth concerns raised. So, very little just goes through without this extra vigilance.

You may have heard of the pressures the council have been having with the huge rise in costs for Adults and Children's Services, especially in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) We are not alone in this as most councils across the country are experiencing similar high rises in these services.



## Household Support Fund

### **Support for borough households struggling with cost of essentials this winter**

Following the extension of the government's Household Support Fund, the next round of help for residents struggling with essential costs this winter has been launched by the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead. As in previous rounds, the latest £587,000 funding pot will be used to provide one-off payments of £150, to help with the cost of essentials and bills, and free school meal vouchers, for those struggling to provide food for their children during the school holidays. The Household Support Fund is just one way that



residents can access help in the Royal Borough – from assistance with childcare costs and council tax, access to food banks and help for mental and physical wellbeing, to money management skills and debt advice, further support is available. For more information on relevant support in the Royal Borough visit: RBWM Together ‘Here to Help’ Hub. Residents can contact Citizens Advice East Berkshire on 0808 278 7914 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or attend the drop-in service on Marlow Road, Maidenhead on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10am-12pm, for information on this fund and wider support or if they are unable to access more information online.

### Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice

For those who are not aware of this fantastic Children’s Hospice, it is in Woodlands Park, Maidenhead. The charity is in the hands of Fiona Devine, a mother who lost her 8-year-old son to cancer. She has worked and continues to work tirelessly in the Hospice that is only there because of her. The Hospice is for children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and is the only Children’s Hospice between London and Oxford. It also supports the families. Here’s a little bit of information (you may like to join them for the Santa Run in December or for the Camino de Santiago trek next year).



Just 17% of the Hospice’s income comes from government funding; they are nearly entirely reliant on the support of our local community for donations, fundraising, and gifts in Wills to help fund this vital service. There are many ways you could give support:

- Regular donations are so important for charities like this, providing monthly financial security so they can continue to be there for the children and families. To set up a regular donation and be a part of something special, visit their website at [www.alexanderdevine.org/specialgift](http://www.alexanderdevine.org/specialgift)
- Support promoting the **Christmas treecycling**, where, in exchange for a donation to their charity, **their volunteers will collect and recycle residents’ Christmas tree(s)**. Book at <https://alexanderdevine.org/2024/10/treecycling/>
- The Camino de Santiago trek is the exciting challenge for September 2025. If you fancy walking with Fiona on Europe’s most famous and beautiful trail, please email [anneb@alexanderdevine.org](mailto:anneb@alexanderdevine.org) for further details.
- The Santa Fun Run is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please contact [fundraising@alexanderdevine.org](mailto:fundraising@alexanderdevine.org) for further details. N.B This event is wheelchair accessible and additional support can be provided where needed.

We wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Christmas but please remember if you do have any issues we can help you with, please get in touch with us.

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*Maureen and George,*

*Maureen Hunt and George Blundell*

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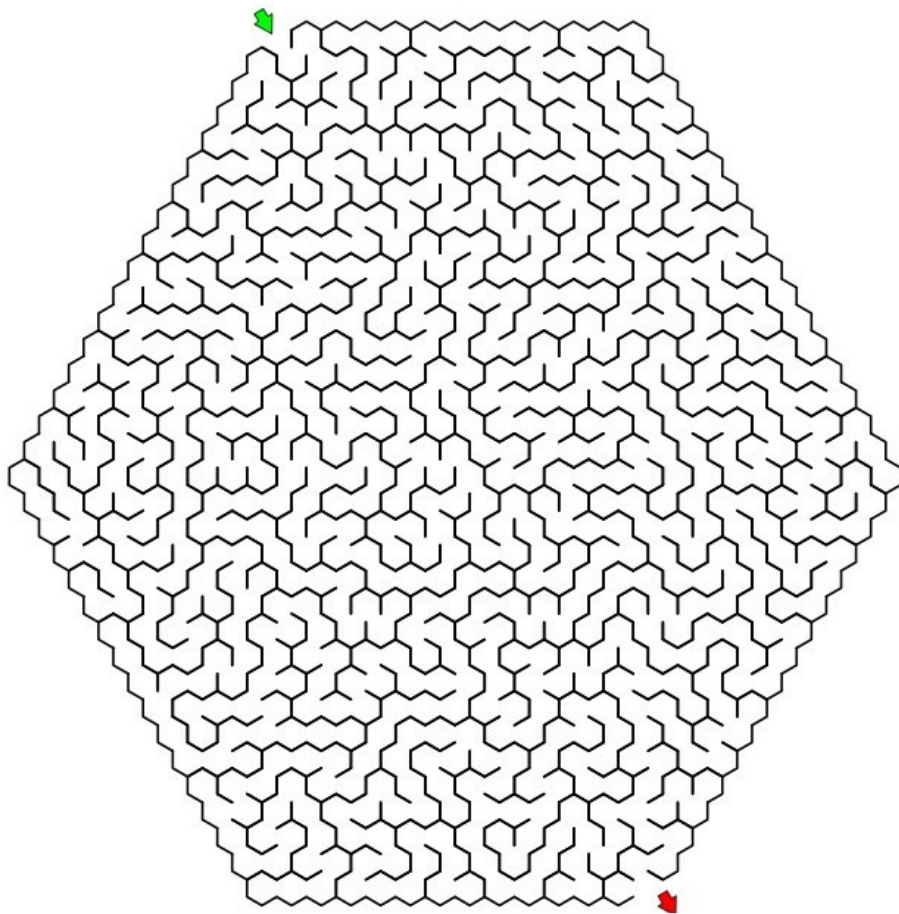
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# Shottesbrooke and White Waltham Charities

Clerk – Carolyn Thompson: 07834 545967, carolynt52@icloud.com

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## From the Registers



### Marriage Blessing

12<sup>th</sup> October      Alexander Tracy & Patricia Diaz Ruata

### Funeral & Burial at White Waltham

8<sup>th</sup> October      Leslie Henry Jones

### Funeral at White Waltham & Burial at Braywick Cemetery

2<sup>nd</sup> October      Heather Hall

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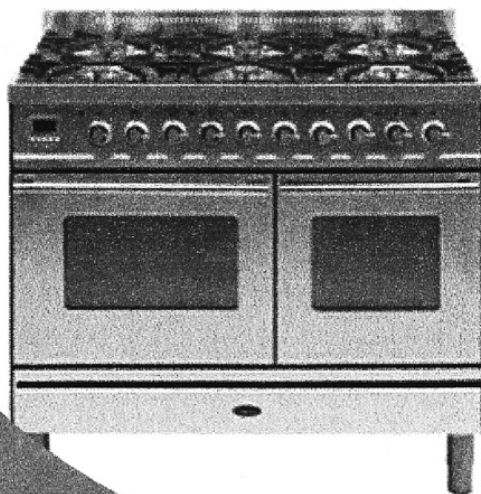
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