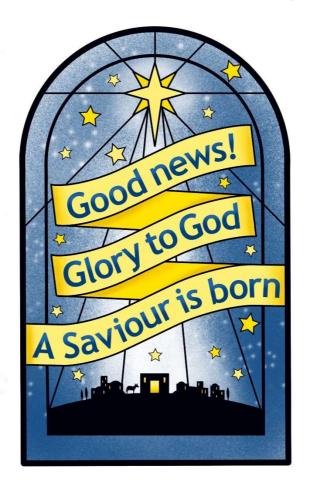
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The Vicar's Letter

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

What would you like some **power** for? Maybe in these dark days, our minds turn quickly to the price of our electric power? Maybe you are feeling particularly weak or vulnerable and need power to get going and get on. Maybe you are feeling ok and would want some power to help someone else that you know?

The **power** of the Lord God of Christianity is often connected to the Holy Spirit; the **power and presence** of God. At White Waltham Church, we have spent a few weeks looking at what God says in the letter to the church in Ephesus, which contains a lot of references to the Holy Spirit and **power**. This reflection encouraged us: when we had a vision morning together as a church family, we focussed not just on what we might humanly expect from a small church, but what we might look for from the almighty, powerful, Lord God's church!

I pray that reflecting on God's power encourages you too!

In Ephesians we see **prayers for power**. 'Incomparably great power' chapter 1 verse 19, power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at the right hand of God to rule over all things chapter 1 verses 20-21.

So, what would you use power like that for? The startling thing that Paul prays for his Christian friends (chapter 3 verses 16-18) is that they will be strengthened with this power to know Christ in their hearts, and that they may have power "to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ". (continued over)

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Weird huh? How do you need the awesome power of God in order to know love? Well, God's story in the bible, and specifically in these first paragraphs of the letter to Ephesus, is that the sheer size of God's love takes some considerable comprehending!

'Wide' – God's love is for a very wide family. Anyone, from any background; any tribe, language, or social background is offered God's love.

'Long' – God's love has been, and is, constant for a very long time! His love is declared secure from before the creation of the world, into eternity.

'High and Deep' – God's love raises you up to heaven and reaches you, whatever depths you may have sunk to. God's love is for anyone: no matter what you have been up to; how you are now; what you think about yourself. And God's love offers complete forgiveness, a new start as an honoured child of God.

Consider. If you have ever felt that church is not for you or not for 'that' person. If you have ever felt that you couldn't be sure of love because of that incident or interaction. If you have ever felt that you need to keep that part of yourself secret, because no-one would love you if they knew... and, of course, we all have felt all these things from time to time. Then we start to see how it takes God's help to comprehend, receive, and trust in a love that is promised to encompass and go beyond all of these things.

The Christmas story shows God breaking into His dark world to bring love and light to all who will receive Him in Jesus. Our response is still up to us. I pray you will know God's **power** this winter **to grasp** how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

You are always very welcome to join us at any service on a Sunday at 10.30. Our special Christmas services are detailed on **page 7.**

And from January 11th, on 5 Sundays, we will run our Sunday services to be particularly visitor-friendly (including coffee beforehand!) **see page 17** with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss so that together we can discern more of God's love that surpasses understanding.

May your Christmas be powerfully love-filled.

Dave

Rev Dave Atallah

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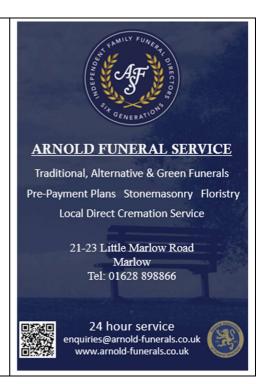
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As we head into darker evenings and colder weather, we are beginning to rummage around in cupboards for tinsel and angel costumes as we prepare for nativities and Christingle services. There is a real sense of excitement in the air as we look forward to the festive season and reflect on what has already been a busy and joyful term here at Woodlands Park.

We ended the last half term with our ever-popular Halloween Disco, which was a great success. The children had a wonderful evening – full of laughter, dancing, hot dogs, burgers and candy floss. It was lovely to see everyone having such fun together and the children were impeccably behaved. A huge thank you goes to our PTA who organised the event brilliantly. We even have a fantastic disco DJ on our staff!

This half term we have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week, which provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on the importance of kindness and respect and relationships with each other. The children wore odd socks to celebrate their unique "kindness superpowers" and to remind us all



that our differences make us special. Throughout the week, we talked about how we can take action to grow our kindness superpowers even more—by standing up for others, offering help when someone might be struggling, and understanding the difference between bullying and unkind behaviour.



We were delighted to link our Anti-Bullying Week activities with Children in Need, which we celebrated on Friday 14th November. The children came to school dressed up in colourful outfits and took part in class challenges focused on

recording and sharing acts of kindness. It was wonderful to see how creative they were in thinking of ways to brighten someone else's day.

Our recent open mornings were a great success, with many prospective parents visiting to find out more about life at Woodlands Park. It was a pleasure to show them around our beautiful grounds and share what makes our school community so special. We always make a stop off during our tours to our onsite kitchen to visit our wonderful chef, Mrs Copeland, who makes the best school lunches I have ever seen!

We have also been making the most of our wonderful outdoor spaces with our 'Forest Fridays.' Every Friday, groups of children from across the school are invited to spend their playtime and lunchtime in our woodland area. These sessions are incredibly popular, offering the children the chance to explore, build, and play in nature. It's a joy to see their imaginations come alive among the trees and to hear the buzz of teamwork and laughter.

We were also thrilled to welcome Olympic bronze medallist Beth Tweddle to Woodlands Park this term. Beth spoke to the children about her incredible gymnastics



career, sharing messages of determination, resilience, and the importance of practice. It was truly inspiring for our pupils to hear firsthand how hard work and perseverance can help you achieve your dreams. Beth was promoting Gymfinity clubs and encouraging children to stay active through gymnastics—a message that aligns perfectly with our commitment to physical activity, health, and wellbeing. At Woodlands Park, we place great importance on helping our pupils develop healthy lifestyles and strong mental wellbeing through movement, outdoor learning, and a positive mindset.

This half term continues to be full of excitement and wonderful opportunities for our children to celebrate their successes. At the end of term, we will be launching our new Learning Champions Awards. Teachers will nominate two pupils from each class to be considered for the title of Learning Champion for the term. A special assembly will be held to recognise those who have demonstrated exceptional attitudes to learning, showing perseverance, curiosity, and excellence in all that they do. These awards are designed to celebrate the effort, progress, and resilience that underpins true learning success. We are eagerly anticipating the announcement of our first winners and are already thinking ahead to how we can expand our recognition and celebration events throughout the year.

Finally, we would love to welcome local nurseries and prospective parents to join us for our upcoming nativity performances. If you would like to come and see us, please do get in touch—we would be delighted to share these special moments with you. We are also

holding an open evening on Wednesday 26th November at 5:15pm – 6:30pm for parents to

Open Evening

come and visit us to see what we offer and to hear about what we are all about. As always, we look forward to our visits to church and our in-school Christmas celebrations, which promise to be a joyful way to end a busy term.

Best Wishes

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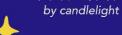
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We are coming to the end of our Flower Guild year, but still have a couple of dates for your diary. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be an experienced flower arranger to join us. We have met on average about once a month throughout this year. We meet in the Tree House at the top of the Churchyard and much coffee and cake is consumed! This year the church looked beautiful at Easter and Harvest, and we've had some interesting demonstrations and workshops too. Here are a few more dates for your diary; please contact any of us on the numbers below for further details:

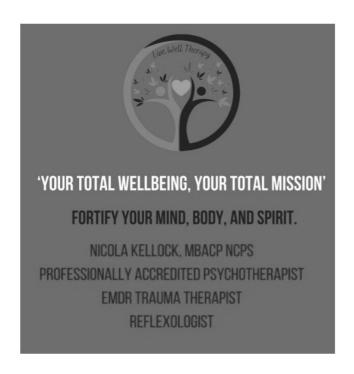
Saturday 6th December – Christmas wreath making workshop – meet at 10am in The Tree House.

Saturday 13th December – Meet in the church from 10am to decorate for Christmas. A red, green and gold theme this year.

Saturday 7th February 2026 – Annual General Meeting – meet at 10am in The Tree House

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As I'm sure you are aware, many people are arriving in the UK by any way they see possible. These people are escaping war, internal conflict, persecution, slavery and many other issues that we cannot imagine. These people need and deserve our support whilst their application for asylum is being processed and also support to integrate within the UK community if their leave to remain is granted.

One charity that provides this support is Care 4 Calais. I am a volunteer for Care 4 Calais and I would encourage you to consider volunteering. Before you stop reading, let me assure you that there is no requirement to travel to Calais! The charity supports people seeking refuge in the UK as well as in the camps in Northern France.

As a volunteer, I help to organise and run a drop-in session in a local hotel housing people seeking asylum. We provide board games, table tennis and distribute clothes that have been donated. We also try to arrange one-off sessions, such as activity sessions for children in the school holidays, bingo nights and more. But more importantly, we provide a friendly face, a listening ear and also advice on how things work in the UK, such as the education system and the health care system. On occasion we will also offer lifts to those that need to attend medical or other appointments.

How much or how little time you want to give to supporting Care 4 Calais is completely up to you. Whether it's only an hour or so a month or several hours a week, it will be much appreciated by the people that we support.

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White Waltham C of E Academy



It has been a wonderful autumn term for all the children and staff at **White Waltham CE Academy**, and there is so much to celebrate. The children have shown tremendous enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work throughout their learning this term.

EYFS We are extremely proud of how well our youngest children have settled into school life. They have been busy making new friends and getting to know their teachers and other familiar faces around the school. A highlight this term was looking back at pictures of themselves as babies and discussing how much they have grown and changed. The children also enjoyed their first trip beyond the school gates for a walk around the village, where they followed a simple map to find local landmarks before creating their own maps back at school.

Years 1 and 2 These children have been captivated by their topic 'Once Upon a Time'. They read and explored a range of traditional tales including The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and Rapunzel. After half-term, their focus shifted to the Great Fire of London. They learnt how and when the fire began, and why it spread so quickly. This exciting topic was brought to life by a visit from History on a Page, who led an engaging and interactive workshop.

Years 3 and 4 The children have been learning all about the Vikings — who they were, where they came from, and how they lived over a thousand years ago. In science, the children explored **habitats**, which was enhanced by a fascinating visit to **Waltham Place Farm**, where Nikki helped them investigate different living environments up close.

Years 5 and 6 Our oldest pupils began their Tudor topic with an exciting residential trip to Hooke Court. There, they experienced Tudor life first-hand — cooking knot biscuits and stews, trying traditional crafts and clothing, and even taking part in a "Time Team"-style archaeological dig! Their learning continued with a memorable visit to Hampton Court Palace, home of King Henry VIII. The children explored Tudor exploration and trade through a geography-based workshop, as well as touring the palace's magnificent Great Hall, state apartments, and kitchens.

It has been a busy and rewarding term, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved. As always, if you would like to visit our school, please contact the school office on 01628 822533 or email office@whitewaltham.org.

Warm regards,

Mrs Denham

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Not too much else to report as we head towards Christmas and start to look ahead to winter training, which begins in February next year.

Thanks to everyone who has been down for a drink and supported the club this year - it's much appreciated!

Many thanks

Jonny Mahoney WWCC Chair

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Now I've always enjoyed running and walking long distances, so my interest was there. It was my wife who issued me the challenge – so there I was, signing up!

The pilgrimage had twelve participants from all walks of life, ranging in age from 21 to 81, with two leaders who had planned our food and accommodation for each night. We had a common purpose: to raise money for our local children's charity: *Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service*. Amongst our group, we had Fiona Devine, the founder of the hospice (in memory of her son Alexander) and her younger son, Harry.

We flew to Porto, then taken to Tui- just over the Portuguese border- from where we began the Portuguese Camino, walking due north to Santiago de Compostela. We picked up our pilgrim passports in Tui, collected our first ink stamp and set off.

We had a remarkable group of people, all very comfortable with each other, chatting about our lives and aspirations. We all had different levels of fitness, so during each day's walk, the group would spread out over some distance, depending on the rise and fall of the terrain. In fact, the route was easy to follow, as the scallop shell markers make the Way clear. Some of the local inhabitants recognised we were on pilgrimage, calling out, "Buen Camino" in encouragement.

There are several Camino de Santiago (St James Way) routes, some dating back to medieval times, from France, Spain, Portugal and other parts of Europe. There is even one from Reading down to Southampton which then links with other Caminos. Anywhere along the route, the collection of ink stamps is fun on your Camino passport. The final stop, at the wonderful Santiago Cathedral, is where it is believed the relics of St James, the brother of Jesus, are buried.

Our sponsorship raised £43,000 for new staff at *Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service*, a brilliant result!

- ~ We learned that taking the right Way is important!
- ~ We enjoyed caring and sharing with many new friends.
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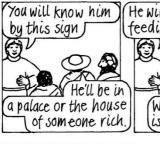
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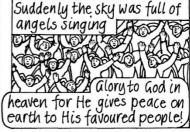
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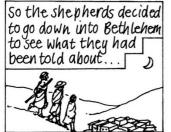
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White Waltham Bell Ringing

September's Heritage Open Day weekend feels like a distant memory. We had a fantastic turnout of people visiting the tower which makes it all the more worthwhile, with 20 people. These were spread over 4 tours. Visitors were treated to a demonstration of bell ringing, a talk and tour of the bells and even a few felt brave enough to have a go at ringing a bell under instruction. We gave a demonstration with all the bells ringing. This was enjoyed by each group, and we were given an impromptu round of applause. It is great doing these tower tours; we were kept busy throughout the afternoon - though we did find it difficult to find the time to enjoy a cup of tea and try the tasty cakes!

On Sunday mornings we mainly have six people ringing, though when some of the ringers are away or are unable to attend, we ring with a minimum of four ringers. So, we could do with at least a couple more learners to join our band.

At our Friday practice we have five to eight ringers, as we are supported by a couple of other people from other towers. This is great, as it helps us to progress. It allows us to try Plain Bob Doubles.

If you are new to the area or looking for a new hobby to take up, do contact us at whitewalthambells@gmail.com or call the church office on 01628 822000 and leave a message. If you do visit the tower during one of our practices, you can come and watch and ask questions about learning to ring without obligation.

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Dear White Waltham Church

Thank you so much for the generous donation in support of the work here at Yeldall Manor. We are so grateful for your kind gift, which will help more men to build a new life, free from drug or alcohol addiction.



Over recent months, it has been great to see so many residents and exresidents enjoying life, drug- and alcohol-free. There were the big things like the Open Day and the activity break, after which Jason, who really didn't want to go, enthused, "the teamwork and the camaraderie was inspiring; the effort everyone put into making the holiday was admirable." There was a wedding, and a baptism, summer camps and visits to family. Even apparently simple things like former resident, Darrin, helping his children's mother to move house. He reflected, "a few years ago, I wouldn't even be able to stand outside their house, let alone in it, so that was a big thing for me."

It is your support that helps make changes like these possible and helps men to move from the despair of addiction and brokenness towards healing and wholeness.

Thank you once again for so kindly standing with all our residents and showing your support in this tangible way; we really appreciate it.

May God bless you all,

Sue Hedger

Administration & Supporter Relations Manager, Yeldall Manor

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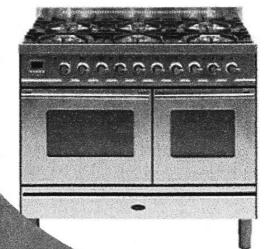
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We want to say thank-you for the harvest festival donations we collected recently from White Waltham Church. Once again, it was a generous donation of food items. We very much appreciate this support, which is especially helpful as Foodshare is regularly helping over 450 people each week in the Maidenhead area.

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, Woodlands Park School and White Waltham School, along with others, we should be well-prepared to meet the rising demand for help from the charity through the winter months ahead. We are grateful to everyone who donated.



With thanks and best wishes,

Lester Tanner & Debbie Gee

Trustees, Foodshare Maidenhead





My Story (part 4)

So, there we were, docked at Pyrmont Harbour Dock in Sydney and it was high time for us to set sail again aboard (RHMS Patris).

In this story I want to set out just how marvellous God is and how amazingly He leads, guides and provides for everyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and this section in no exception! We left Australia, sailing under the great Sydney Harbour Bridge and set out eastwards towards our destination and new home. With the ship now free of almost all the cruiser passengers, and just those emigrating to NZ left, the atmosphere became more relaxed. Our daughters, then aged 14 and 6, made very good friends with the ship's crew, who had much more time to get alongside us.

I really don't know why I did it, but back in England I bought a large bar of chocolate, which I would not eat until I could actually see New Zealand. Late one afternoon as I was standing on the deck looking east (of course) there in the distance I could just make out the coastline, so with a frantic dash to our cabin, I retrieved my chocolate and took a bite. Thank you, Lord, for getting us this far. Just hours later, we had made it around Cape Reinga and thence south to Auckland. Wow! What was to come next? We were met as we left Patris for the last time, by a representative of the company I was now employed by in NZ. He kindly took us to a motel, where we could start to settle... in and down!

But, just for a moment, back to UK. Shortly before our departure, I had been asked to preach at a house church in Selsey, not far from where we lived. One man there, on learning of our plans, gave us details of a friend of his, who operated a Christian bookshop in Auckland. And so once again, the Lord was looking after us. The next day we contacted this man, who knew that there were some apartments in Auckland that were kept for missionaries at home on furlough. One of these was available so very soon, we left the motel and settled in while we looked for a house to buy.

Once again, our God took great care of us and it was not long before we were able to buy a nice house in West Auckland, close to the railway where I could catch a train to work. It was also close to a church, where we were made very welcome and were soon members. In addition, it was very close to a primary school and a secondary school, so both girls had short walks to school.



View of Auckland

Often it is only with hindsight that we can truly perceive just how many ways, large and small, that our Heavenly Father has loved and cared for us. I do hope you could tell of similar care! More next time!!!

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Shottesbrooke and White Waltham Welfare Fund

This fund was established by the Charities Commission in 1912 to help those living in the 'area of benefit' (the Civil Parishes of Shottesbrooke and White Waltham and the Ward of South Hurley).

How we can help: The Charity income may be used to help generally, or help individual people living in the 'area of benefit' who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. It can do this by making grants of money or by providing or paying for items, services or facilities.

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A letter of support will be required from a Social Worker, a Vicar/Priest, a Head Teacher, or another official body.

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 *(this includes areas within Knowl Hill, Warren Row, Littlewick Green, Woodlands Park and Paley Street).*

For further information on the areas covered and eligibility, please 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

News from your Borough Councillors



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Winter Reflections in Our Beautiful Corner of England

As the golden hues of autumn fade and the crisp air of winter begins to settle in, our community embraces the changing season with warmth and anticipation. The long summer days are now fond memories, and the children are turning their thoughts to Christmas and the sparkle it brings. Soon, twinkling lights will adorn our streets, and the scent of mulled wine and mince pies will fill the air. Whether you're preparing for festive gatherings or simply enjoying a brisk walk across frosty fields, there's something magical about winter in our part of England.

For those interested in local matters, you might enjoy watching some of the council's meetings online. A good place to start is the **Maidenhead Development Management Committee** – **Planning Committee**, which can be accessed via the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead website: visit **www.rbwm.gov.uk** > **s**elect *Council and Democracy* > navigate to *Council Meetings* > **c**hoose the meeting you're interested in > click on *Agenda and Draft Minutes* > **t**hen click on *Media* – *Watch the meeting here*. It's a great way to stay informed and engaged with the decisions shaping our community, perhaps while sipping a hot chocolate by the fire!

The Nicholson's Quarter application. The most recent planning application for the £500 million transformation of the Nicholsons Shopping Centre was Deferred by the council's Development Management Committee. The reason? A severe lack of parking, a necessity for any town centre aiming to remain accessible and vibrant. The revised plans proposed just 452 parking spaces, down from 885, with only 100 spaces for shoppers. For a development of this scale, that's simply not enough. Councillors rightly questioned whether the scheme was being rushed, and whether it truly serves the needs of Maidenhead's residents and businesses.

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Despite the developer's claims that the project is financially unviable with affordable housing, many feel this is a missed opportunity to deliver a town centre that is inclusive, practical, and future-proof. The rejection sends a clear message: Maidenhead deserves better. This application was brought back on 20th November and at the time of writing, we await the decision.

Updated new buses. Brand new buses are now on the road on select routes. Improvements include a smart air system, audio and visual location announcements, USB charging and free on-board Wi-Fi. The new low-emission vehicles are also better for the environment, in line with the council's cleaner, greener, safer vision for the borough. The new vehicles will replace the following bus routes: 1, 7, 16, **227 and 228.**

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Community Spotlight To see details on community events and volunteering opportunities in the borough visit: https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/community-spotlight

Do you have an upcoming not-for-profit community event or appeal for volunteers you'd like to add to the page? Send a short summary including key dates and a link to communications@rbwm.gov.uk

School admissions 2026 School admissions will open for students starting school or moving up to junior school. Parents or carers can register to apply through the portal from Tuesday 11 November 2025 to start the application process. The closing date for applications is Thursday 15 January 2026.

Celebrating Christmas in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead The festive season has officially arrived in the Royal Borough, with the Christmas brochure available now. Packed full of information, it has all the events and programmes happening across the borough during the festive season, perfect for adults, families and children. Paper copies are available at the Town Hall, libraries and other community locations. For a full list of all on offer, from buying Christmas Trees to Christmas Fayres please go to:

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We wish all our residents a Very Happy Christmas and a Very Healthy New Year

George and Maureen

George Blundell and Maureen Hunt

From the Registers



Memorial Service

6th October Bruce Hutton aged 86 years

Funerals

14th October Graham Howlett aged 55 years 4th November Janis Mary Purchase aged 75 years

Funeral & Burial

17th November Janice May Turner aged 85 years

Burials of Ashes

17th September David George Golding

26th September Robert James Chetwynd Talbot



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Sunday Services at White Waltham Church

are at 10.30am with activities for children every Sunday

Services are in person and live via Zoom from the church building: http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk/zoom

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Services for All Ages

10.30am, at White Waltham Church

Christingle Service Sunday 14th December

Family Carol Service Christmas Eve Christmas Day Service Christmas Day

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