

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.

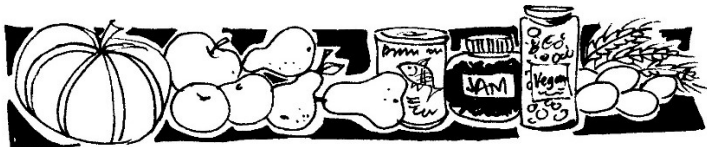
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Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School



After a wonderful summer break, the children and staff of Woodlands Park returned full of energy and enthusiasm for the new school year. Classes have been spruced up, the hall floor has been polished and varnished and there is that wonderful 'new start to the year' feeling. We welcome a new member of staff, Miss Parkinson, who is teaching in our Year Four/Five Class. We also welcome many new families to our school community.

As the autumnal weather creeps up on us, we are planning our Harvest Festival which will take place at St Mary's Church, White Waltham for the first time. We are also able to invite parents to join us at this wonderful celebration of thanks.



The school really feels like it is returning to normality as we invite parents in for open mornings and parents' meetings. It seems like such a long time ago that the school was open to visitors, and we are going to make the most of it! In October there will be two open mornings for our current parents so that they can spend some time with their children in the classrooms, look at their work and chat to their teachers.

This term, we have started our Nurture Group in our new nurture room, The Nest. Two trained members of staff will be working with small groups of children regularly to ensure they are supported with their mental health and well-being. This will, in turn, allow them to flourish and reach their potential in the classroom environment.

The teachers have been planning our exciting curriculum and the children will be studying different themes in history this term including Castles, with a visit to Windsor Castle, The Great Fire of London, Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots, Pre-historic Britain and Children in World War One.



Alongside these themes, they will be reading and studying different texts to enrich their learning.

Our new Personal, Social, Health Education themes are well under way and the children are working hard to demonstrate our school values of Pride, Tolerance, Perseverance, Respect, Kindness and Resilience every day in every way.

Woodlands Park Nursery: We still have some spaces in our nursery and we would love for you to join our happy school community. We have a wonderful nursery which is run by the most amazing Early Years professionals who are passionate about enriching and developing little minds. We have super outside facilities with our own woodland area which is used for the children to explore and learn all about the natural world while developing their language, physical skills and self-esteem. There are places for children from three years old and limited places for those two year olds who receive funding. If your child does not qualify for two year old funding, we are able to offer limited places for under threes for a charge.

As always, we warmly welcome enquiries from prospective families who are looking for a warm, nurturing and supportive school for their child. Please give us a call to arrange a tour and meet our amazing team. Additionally, please visit our website to see a flavour of the school in action and to view our virtual tour. www.woodlandsparkschool.org

Alison Penny, Jo Butcher, Laura Hopper

Headteacher Team

From the Registers

Funeral

3rd September 21

Peter Edmond James Batten

aged 59 years

Harvest Festival All Age Service

White Waltham Church
Sunday 26 September at 10.30am

Everyone is welcome!

***To join us in person please book via
www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk/booking***

Our Harvest gifts are going to Maidenhead Foodshare.

They particularly need:

tinned meat, tinned fruit & veg, cooking sauces, UHT milk,
children's cereals, fruit juice & squash (especially apple), coffee



Children are always welcome at White Waltham Church!

Children are invited to join our services with their parents and to join our children's groups. 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 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'



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 5th 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**

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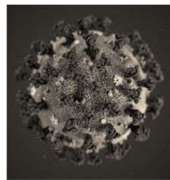


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Back in Lockdown

Yes it is true, here in New Zealand we are back in Lockdown on account of a single passenger from Australia who was able to visit several places before he was tested. We have the highly contagious variant which meant that the whole country was placed into the most restrictive lockdown (level 4) a few weeks ago. Since then Auckland remains at that level while the rest of the country is better off at level 2 and we hope to be even better off this week. I write (September 12th) we are able to hold church services again and it was a real joy to be able to go to church this morning where we observed some restrictions but were able to sing praises, have fellowship and worship God.



Oh dear, did I mention God? How can a God whom the Bible and Christians say is good allow such an event as this pandemic... or the “911” attack on New York exactly 20 years ago, to happen? People have been asking this question more and more as the years go by.

What events of a bad nature have you experienced? Do you blame God for all the bad ones? Does it mean that you find it difficult to believe in God at all? I suppose if I looked back over my own life I could point to several unpleasant events. Accidents with broken bones, the loss of my first wife to cancer, suffering cancer myself but I won’t go on as I am sure you could come up with your own list.

I will try to give you my answer, an answer that totally satisfies me and means that despite all the evils in the world, I remain totally convinced in a good God who only wants to bless us.

God created a perfect world and the first people were also perfect. One special gift e gave them and us is a free will. That is the ability to choose any given course of action. In the beginning God had given just one command:

“And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 2:16b-17

Sounds simple, everything else was permitted. All of us who have brought up children know that when we tell them not to do something, which is the very thing they want the message to do. And that was true then also. Temptation arose as the message came:

“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” *Genesis 3:1*

And so things started to go wrong and they continue to wrong now. But God is not the cause, it is we who disobey Him, who disregard what He says and do what seems right in our own eyes, in other words we are still free to choose and so often we choose what seems good to us and that sadly has led to the awful events that have occurred in history and which we still see today.

But God’s offer of forgiveness and eternal life remain. He only wants what is best for you and me . . . which will you choose?

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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



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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or email: carolynt52@icloud.com
for an application form



White Waltham C of E Academy

We are overjoyed to be back at school with our fantastic children ready for another exciting year at school. The aim is to start the academic year as 'normal' as possible, while still remembering keeping safe in these uncertain times. Welcoming parents back into school has been wonderful, as we have a strong community and have missed being able to interact and communicate.

This term our topic is 'Why we Remember' and we will be learning about the history of the World Wars, how important our armed forces have been in keeping our country safe, and that it is important to remember them.

Having the children back together for whole school assemblies has been wonderful as it is such an important time for us to celebrate our Christian values. This term our value is thankfulness, linking nicely to Harvest. We were all very excited to have Reverend Dave back leading assemblies in school. The children always enjoy his stories and fun songs.



My message to staff and parents is to look upon this year as an opportunity to look forward and to start in a positive way, giving our children the most exciting and inspiring education we can.

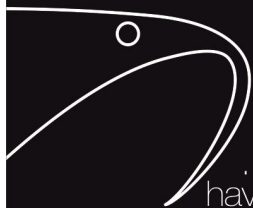
Matt Thompson

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!

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It is easy to see that Jesus is no mere man. Events in his earthly life are recorded for us – in places in addition to the Bible, which tells us that:

'He was there at the beginning...and through him all things were made...'

(John 1:2-3)

He is divine. We must consider the difference between knowing *of* Jesus and knowing him – walking with him daily. By becoming immersed in the Bible's text, this becomes distinctly possible.

Bob Packer

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They can also be watched via our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

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 **White Waltham Church**

We hope you can join us!



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