

# 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 this edition we are bringing you news from Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School, and what's going on at White Waltham Church.

In amongst all of that you will 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.*

## Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School



Hurrah! The sun finally made an appearance and, with it, came a whole host of fun and exciting activities for the children and adults at Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School.

It's hard to believe we are in the final term of this academic year. Another year we won't forget and hopefully the last year that we see such disruption to the children's schooling.

The arrival of the sunshine meant that swimming could start again. We are so lucky to have our own pool here at Woodlands Park and the children have been super excited to get back in the water and develop their swimming skills. We hope to continue swimming again in September if the weatherman is on our side!



We have continued to develop our nurture space 'The Nest' and are very much looking forward to welcoming our first group of children to our nurture group in September. We are hopeful that this provision will provide our children with the necessary skills they need to take charge of their own mental health and wellbeing in a supportive and caring environment.

Do you have a child ready to start Nursery? We have recently changed our policy for Nursery and are now taking children from 2 years 9 months either with two year old funding or as a paid place. Our Nursery is filled with children who feel nurtured, confident and ready to learn. We offer caring and knowledgeable adults, a wonderful outside classroom and forest school area and much more. We have spaces available at our lovely Nursery and are taking applications for September 2021. Call or email to enquire or ask about an application pack or a tour.

One thing that the children have really missed out on in the last 17 months has been school trips. With this in mind, our Early Years team put their heads together and planned a wonderful 'Trip Not a Trip'. The day will be a celebration of pure fun with costumes, treasure hunts, woodland picnic, games and crafts. What lucky children!

Children in Key Stage 1 have been enjoying tending to our flourishing allotment over the last few weeks. From sunflowers to tomatoes, they have carefully tended to the soil and kept on top of the watering routine. The children have enjoyed seeing the fruits of their labour grow and are very keen to continue their foray into the gardening world.

This term, the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have been participating in the 'Fiver Challenge', a national competition for young people aged from 5 – 11 years. This Challenge run by Young Enterprise, the UK's leading enterprise and financial education charity, which helps bring learning to life and helps to encourage future aspirations in young people.



Pupils were pledged £5 and had one month to create a product or service and set up a mini business to sell or deliver at a profit. Products included, slushy drinks, sweet treats and customized sunglasses. The children had to design logos, complete market research and budgets to ensure they made profit. Pupils decided how to spend or donate their profit and had a huge amount of fun in the process.



Our year 6 children have been celebrating the history of music from 1900-1999. On their 'Music Day' they looked at how technology transformed and inspired the music revolutions through the decades and how this impacted, significantly on society as a whole. There was even a surprise appearance from our very own DJ Fleck (Who looked remarkably like Mr Affleck in fancy dress).

*Jo Butcher, Laura Hopper*

*Assistant Headteachers*

# 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 [this link](#).

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](http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk)

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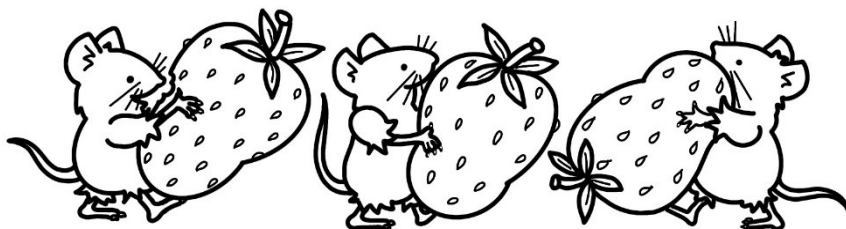
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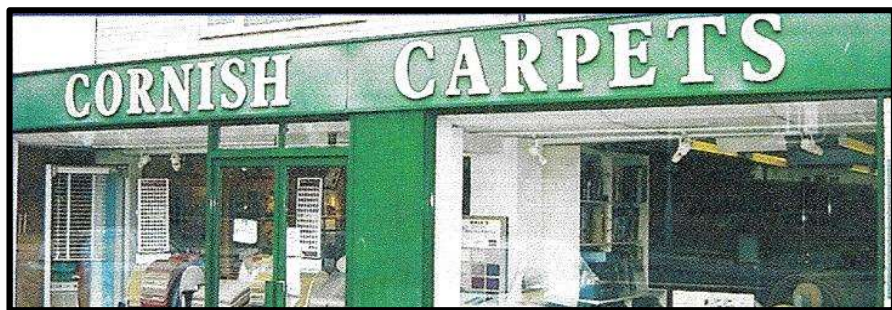
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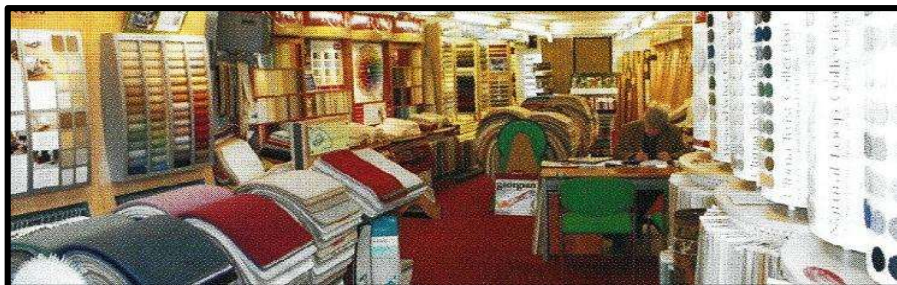
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# Church Teas make a very welcome return!

After a summer without church teas in 2020 we are delighted that White Waltham Church Teas are planned to return this summer. While some of the details are still to be confirmed, we are looking forward to welcoming you on the afternoons of Saturday 21st August and Saturday 11th September.

As usual, we will be serving an array of homemade cakes to suit a variety of tastes and diets, alongside our Cream Teas with homemade jams, pots of tea, cafetieres of fresh coffee, cold drinks and always something for the younger members of our local community to enjoy and to get up to! We also plan to sell homemade preserves (including a potential new addition to the range...)!

Please do come and see us – we have missed you! We hope to catch up with some familiar faces as well as getting to know some new ones. Look out for more details in future issues of Community News and on the church noticeboard. Everyone is welcome!

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Dear Friends of the Parish of White Waltham with Woodlands Park,  
As I write, last Monday was supposed to be 'freedom day'. Are you feeling as frustrated as me? (and England's early Euros games haven't exactly helped!) Maybe this article might help us find a way through.

## **From 'Freedom Frustrated'**

by Paul Valler for LICC (*London Institute for Contemporary Christianity*)

'... recent infection trends have forced the Government into another frustrating delay and now 'hope deferred makes the heart sick.'  
(*Proverbs 13:12*)

Psychologists describe a pattern of emotional reaction to change with something called the Kubler Ross curve – shock, denial, anger, and depression before acceptance. Sure enough, we experienced them all in lockdown. And even when complete social freedom in the UK is finally authorised, there will still be overseas travel restrictions and the nagging fear of another wave of the pandemic from somewhere....

One of the keys to human flourishing in times like this is learning to be content. That is a huge challenge, because contentment is the polar opposite of the frustration we naturally feel. The Apostle Paul wrote: 'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation' (*Philippians 4:12*). The irony is that learning contentment requires challenging circumstances, just as learning the related discipline of patience can only be done in the face of irritating delays.

Contentment does not minimise the reality of suffering; or avoid taking necessary action. Contentment is choosing to receive God's peace on the inside. It is a deliberate posture of humility and a disciplined, conscious choice to rest and trust in God. As Psalm 131 says: 'I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. Israel put your hope in the Lord, both now and for evermore.'

When you meet a person who has learned to be content, the peace that quietly radiates from within them is attractive. That peace will have been hard won and usually forged in difficult circumstances. Now we have the opportunity to learn contentment and it is not easy. Yet if, with the Psalmist, we can rise to it, then... we can be those



special people of peace in the midst of a frustrated and discontented world.

This season of pandemic has raised questions for all of us, of any faith or none.

*Paul Valler is a mentor, author, and speaker and chairs the Board of LICC.*

God-willing, the end is in view; but before we get there, could you make time to check out the Father God who made you and loves you? Join us in the building or on livestream via the website.

Over the summer, **at church**, we will be looking at a number of psalms – songs from the bible – and exploring our own emotional responses, maybe this might help you?

Then in the autumn we will have a season of services especially to welcome you if you are coming back or a first-time visitor. Look out for more details nearer the time.

Currently we are enjoying the letter that Peter, the close friend of Jesus, wrote to encourage Christians to make a difference in the world whilst waiting for Jesus to come again. The wonderful declaration that **“Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”** (1 Peter 3v18) shows the seriousness with which God pursues people to bring them into His family. Amidst current frustrations, may you know the comfort and peace which flows from accepting that wonderful gift in Jesus.

*Dave*

Rev Dave Atallah

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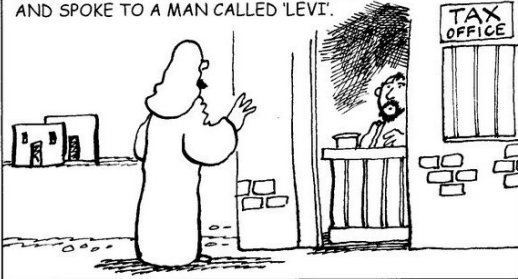
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see Luke 5:27-32



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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:

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 **White Waltham Church**

*We hope you can join us!*



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