Dear Friends of the parish of White Waltham with Shottesbrooke,

As I write this we are enduring an incessant warm mugginess; I hope that by the time you are reading this, the skies will have cleared for a glorious fresh summer. But I have no evidence to expect this.

**Evidence.** Based on what I have seen and remember experiencing in the last few years, our family camping trip in August is likely to be rained on, whilst there could be a glorious late summer just as the kids go back to school.

**Evidence.** We rest a lot on evidence, whether deliberately or unconsciously. I did science at university for 10 years, so I am particularly wired to the ‘if this… then that…’ of evidence-based thinking, deciding, choosing, coming to conclusions. Sometimes small choices, sometimes life-changing decisions.

I have been pondering this, as it seems that often people think that evidence doesn’t have anything to do with faith: that, in fact, faith is defined by the lack of evidence… but for the Christian faith nothing could be further from the truth.

There is plenty of historical documentary evidence for the existence of the man Jesus, who caused a bit of a ruckus for Roman and Jewish historians! But what about the central act of Jesus, his resurrection? A group of us have recently been enjoying a course called ‘Christianity Explored’. We looked at the facts of the resurrection case: the efficient (continued over)
Roman torture, execution and subsequent guarding of the tomb of this suspected trouble-maker; the scattered, hiding and fearful disciples; the Jewish leaders seeking to quash any suggestion that Jesus was special; the folded grave clothes and an empty tomb which no-one ever tried to deny.

Whatever you make of stories of angels and announcements, or even of the subsequent appearances of Jesus witnessed by hundreds of people, this one single event caused previously scared and denying people to stand up and speak out, and even suffer and be persecuted for what they believed.

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus galvanised a small, unimportant group of people to spread good news over the whole planet. And there is also evidence in the lives of people today who speak of the effect of ‘knowing Jesus’ a Jesus who is alive and not dead.

How might this have a summer theme? Well in the summer we often make time to read a bit more, to enjoy our choice of the best-sellers maybe. I could recommend a range of great Christian books, but how about the challenge of reading a gospel?

Mark’s gospel is sometimes called the ‘businessman’s gospel’ because if you read fairly quickly you can get through it in one hour in a commute. And Mark is a well-attested historical document; there have been 1000s of ancient copies found in a range of places and languages. I meet so many people who have dismissed the claims of Jesus, or are prepared to get on with life ignoring him, without even looking at the evidence. So why not take the challenge, read a gospel and note down questions, disagreements, challenges, and come to me with them; let’s examine the evidence together, as we do at church, and see if it stands up. If it doesn’t, not much time wasted; if it does, well then Jesus provides the way to the love, joy and hope of knowing our Father God, and that is certainly life-changing!

**The Christian faith is based on evidence.** That is why examining the bible together is an important part of what we do when we meet week by week at 10:30am at White Waltham church. I pray you might come and join our faithful explorations one Sunday – maybe you will come to some wonderful conclusions.

*Dave*

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This year we are celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 29 September at 10.30am. It’s an All Age Service so there is something for everyone. You are all welcome – even (especially!) if you’ve never been before.

For the past few years we have invited people to bring non-perishable items (both food and non-food) as harvest gifts, ideally those with a long shelf life. The gifts will go to Maidenhead Foodshare who provide valuable support to those in need who are living in our local communities.

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We need people to...

- Join the organisation team
- Contribute ideas at the 4 planning meetings
- Prepare activities before events
- Publicise the events
- Support event administration
- Gather resources & equipment
- Set-up events (including equipment transport)
- Run activities
- Help clear up after event

Please come to our meeting at The Vicarage on Monday 23 September at 7.30pm or get in touch if you are interested in helping out!

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NEW CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

The Diocese of Oxford has recently introduced new churchyard regulations which require us to remove items which have not been properly authorised.

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We have displayed notices asking people to help us to adhere to these new regulations by removing these items. Any items which were not removed from the Cremation Area have been carefully stored and can be collected by arrangement with Tony Hill on Tel. 01628 822654 or via email at hillhomewood@btinternet.com. In due course, any remaining items may be disposed of.

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Our thanks to Carolyn Thompson whose garden we used for our fundraising tea party on 16th June. We really appreciate the work she put in behind the scenes to make this event so successful. Thankfully the weather was fine and the afternoon well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to everyone who baked cakes and donated raffle prizes.

**Saturday 7th September** – a coffee morning with a flower arranging demonstration by Pam Smith will be held in The Tree House at 10am. More details will be confirmed nearer the date.

**Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September** – decorating the church for Harvest Festival. If you would like to do an arrangement or some Harvest decoration for the church then you will be most welcome on either of the above dates. From 11am on the Friday and from 9.30am on Saturday. There will be no cost. Further information will be available in September.

If you would like to join us in any of the Flower Guild activities, please contact either Liz or Julia.

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We have had a fantastic Summer Term so far and are racing towards the last week at lightning speed! It has been a very busy term with a whole lot of activities that the children have participated in and enjoyed. Parents also came into school for various events including ‘Work Viewing’ afternoon and ‘Hero in School Jungle Fever’ day where children chose a special hero (parent, friend, uncle, aunt, sibling) in their lives to support them in their participation in the Jungle Fever obstacle course. Money raised through sponsorship for the challenge was divided equally between White Waltham PTA and Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice.

The sun shone the whole day for our Summer Fayre. It was a huge success as children and adults alike had a great time trying out all the games, enjoying the BBQ food, having a go on the bouncy castles and winning tombola prizes! As ever, the PTA did a tremendous job organising the Fayre creating a fantastic community event for the village and school families to come together and enjoy. Our special thanks go to Tracy Hyde, our head of PTA and her team for organising the Fayre and all other fundraising events throughout the year.

Our much awaited annual whole school production of the Lion King was held in July. The open air production was phenomenal and the staff and children really excelled themselves this year. The show proved to be a great success and lived up to expectations and beyond! Some of the comments from parents were ‘The production was absolutely amazing, best yet!’ ‘The children were so enthusiastic and well behaved, performances were brilliant and the costumes were stunning!’ ‘Wow!!! What a show!! Once again you have all delivered the most fantastic show!!’ ‘Truly blown away by each and every child’s delight when performing!’ The costumes, sets and the children’s performances including their acting and singing were fantastic. We are so very proud of all our staff and children for giving us a very special event that was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire school community.

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The Year 6 girls’ netball team won their league. They only lost one game throughout the season. They have shown dedication and commitment by practising during their breaks. We are very proud of them. Year 6 children also had a great time on their Bikeability course when they went on the road as they learnt about road safety and awareness on bikes – especially as they will be going to secondary school soon and a few might even ride to their schools! They picked up many new skills and techniques and thoroughly enjoyed this course.

As a Church of England school, our Christian values are central to our teaching. Every term we celebrate a special value like ‘Forgiveness’, ‘Compassion’, ’Service’. The value for this term is ‘Respect’. We have been celebrating children who have been displaying this character quality through the stories their parents have been sending in to school.

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Carolyn Thompson is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Thompson has been the Trust Business Manager for the last five years and School Business Manager at White Waltham for the last thirty three years. Mrs Thompson joined White Waltham in 1986 when there were less than half the present pupil numbers at the school. She has been the pillar of the school for the past thirty three years and has served 6 heads of school including her son Mr Matt Thompson, the current head of school. The Trust has been very fortunate to have her at the helm of business affairs and all the three schools in the Trust have benefited enormously from her wealth of experience, dedication, steadfastness and devotion. She will be greatly missed. We wish her the very best for the future and lots of new adventures in her retirement!

At the time of writing we still have our new parents’ picnic, transition week with our new foundation children, annual prize giving assembly, sports day and leavers’ service to look forward to! If you would like to find out more about our school, please go on-line on www.whitewalthamschool.co.uk. You are also very welcome to arrange a visit to see our school community at work.

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Here I am, sitting at my laptop waiting for inspiration! For us at long last winter has really arrived and today is bitterly cold with a strong southerly wind (that comes from the Antarctic!). And I am thinking about the cricket World Cup going on in UK right now and that more games have been affected by rain than in past championships.

I must say that we had one of the best and longest summers which lasted well into autumn. Even a day or so ago I was still able to pick fresh tomatoes outside – those in the greenhouse have unripe fruit but look pretty well past it!

So perhaps my inspiration is the weather: after all it is what we find to talk about most often. There is a lot less that I can do in the garden these days and I often long for help and last month it came. Our pastor asked if we had any jobs that they might be able to help with and as Liz and I talked about it, we realised that a solution to our garage, which floods when it rains, would be most welcome. He visited us and, with another man from the church, suggested a simple solution. The next day a big team of seven people turned up – I wondered how many it needed to dig a small trench along which rain water could drain away!

Now, these folks were visiting our area from North America, as well as some regulars from church, and over the course of the next two or three hours they had water-blasted all of the paths at the front of the house, cut away an ivy which had run riot over the garage roof and done a brilliant tidy up. We are so grateful and appreciate even more the church we belong to.

Mind you, my part had been to gather as much of the trimmings, leaves and other debris into large wool bales for later transport to the tip. I took two in my vehicle and realised that it would take several more trips... until one of the friends said he’d be with us a few days later with his truck and he would take them all. Now I had to bag up as much as I could and on the day appointed, we loaded 7 wool bales on to his truck and took them to the green waste tip. I still have material to fill at least two wool bales.

But the front of the house is looking much better and the work I still have to do is much more manageable. What a blessing to have such friends!

The sun has just come out so I suppose I should try and get out to deliver some advertising pamphlets and take our wee fox terrier for a walk. But in all the rain, the garage floor has remained dry – wonderful.

The forecast was for thunder with hail and rain and that cold wind but I am basking in the warmth of true friends and that reminds me of a Bible verse: Proverbs 18:24 there is a friend who stays closer than a brother. I pray that you may truly be a friend of his too. He is Jesus Christ whose love for every one of us led Him to give Himself on Calvary’s cross.

Eric Green
Children’s page

Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 3 and 4.

Naomi and Ruth had returned to Bethlehem as widows. Ruth had worked during the harvest in the fields of Boaz, a near relative.

Naomi told her daughter-in-law Ruth, “You need someone to marry and look after you. I have a plan.”

So Ruth went to where the grain was threshed. Boaz was on guard that night...

Then she uncovered his feet and lay down by them.

...but she stayed out of his sight until he was asleep.

At midnight, Boaz woke, and was shocked to find her there.

You have a closer relative; I will ask him tomorrow. If he will not marry you, I will do so gladly. Lie down now, and sleep.

As my relative who must look after me, will you marry me?

Just before dawn, Ruth returned to Naomi.

Boaz went to the meeting place, and waited for the relative to pass.

All we can do now is wait.

Naomi wants to sell the land she inherited from her husband, and as nearest relative, you get first refusal.

I want to buy the land.

Then you must marry Ruth as the land must be inherited by her son.

In that case, I don’t want to buy it.

Then I will buy the land and marry Ruth.

So Boaz married Ruth and they had a son.

My life is no longer bitter! and he was an ancestor of King David.
Wordsearch
based on this month’s true story from the Bible
(see the page opposite)

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sight widows Boaz harvest midnight
relative asleep dawn
marry land Ruth
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St Mary’s Church, White Waltham

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Among Jesus’ last words to his disciples, was his instruction to remain in Jerusalem to await the visitation of the Holy Spirit. “I will send the comforter who will lead you into the way of all truth. He shall teach you all things.” And “You will be my witnesses”. He said, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you”.

We find the well-known account of the actual event if we continue to read from Acts. The apostles are gathered together ‘in one place’ – the upper room we assume. ‘When suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind which filled the house where they were sitting and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. And they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance’. The timing of the event is significant, for Jerusalem was filled with crowds of devout people who had gathered from a wide area for the festival of Shavuot. The result was total bewilderment. Some remarked “These men are full of new wine”. It was Peter who explained that the prophesy of Joel (chapter 2 verse 28) had come to fruition – the Holy Spirit would be delivered to all. Hitherto, the gift was merely available to those who were privileged in some way.

It must not, though, be seen merely as a manifestation of signs and wonders – it was undoubtedly the empowering which Jesus had promised. Gifts were given which would enable believers to carry out the work for which they were commissioned. Following the event, we see a fairly small but anxious group of believers to have become convinced and emboldened and thus enabled to carry out the work they have been given.

Although not recognized by many in the church today, the associated fundamental and essential spiritual gifts which are outlined in Chapter 12 of St Paul’s first letter to the church in Corinth, are still available to us enabling ministry and growth to continue.

Bob Packer
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Bell ringing is now accessible on mobile phones through apps with ‘methods’ on where you are able to practice those ‘methods’. There is a directory of towers (in the old days we had a book to look up towers), there are bell ringing websites and numerous bell ringing clips on YouTube which have been uploaded by ringers. With so much information on the internet, bell ringing has progressed – not just in the tower but also on your phone or device.

It is really fantastic to hear all six of our bells ringing. For quite some time we have not had enough ringers to do this. However, our learners are progressing very well and are now able to ring their bell independently. They are progressing quickly on to call changes and are starting to build up to doing ‘plain hunt’, and not forgetting ‘leading’.

The good news is that we are now ready to take on some more learners... so do not be shy and give it a try! Keep an eye on the Heritage Days website to see if White Waltham tower is open. This is still in the planning.

And remember that Tower Tours are still on offer to any group (or even couples and individuals) until mid-October. So if you are considering a tour please do get in touch.

Please book your tour by emailing waltham.vicar@btinternet.com or ring on 01628 822000.

We hope that you enjoy the holidays and come back peaceful and relaxed after the Summer holidays.

Lesley Graves
Tower Captain, White Waltham

PS Please like our Facebook page @whitewalthambellringing
White Waltham CC
140th Anniversary Birthday Party

Saturday 17th August from 6pm

Adults: £10 per person  Under 16s: £5 per person

Live Acoustic Solo Artist
BBQ Included

2nd XI match vs. Farnham Common CC

All Members, Families & Non-Members welcome

Please confirm attendance, including numbers and dietary requirements,
by Saturday 10th August to: whitewalthamcc@sky.com

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Throughout the year we have speakers, walks with pub lunches. Scrabble and arts & crafts groups are held at members’ homes.

**Programme for September - December 2019**

**No Meeting in August**

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Ride and Stride 2018 is now a pretty distant memory for most of us, but with the final results now in, it’s worth pausing to take note of what we achieved and to thank all those who helped us achieve it. Altogether, some 75 riders and striders made 471 visits to 72 churches, and raised almost £19,000 for the Royal County of Berkshire Churches Trust – money that will go directly to helping keep the churches of our county in good repair. In 2017/18, the Trust paid out £31,000 in grants for church repairs and improvements and the money raised through Ride and Stride made a vital contribution to this total. So, thank you to all who took part, whether as Riders and Striders, as local organisers, or as stewards on the day who welcomed visitors and offered much-appreciated refreshments to enthusiastic but sometimes weary participants.

Ride and Stride is a great event. Nationally, it raises over £1 million each year for our churches. But besides this, for those who take part it offers a splendid opportunity to see some of the wonderful churches of our county – churches built with love and in faith, with dedication and hard work, and with skill and artistry. Our task today is to maintain them with the same love and faith, and in the same manner.

Last year, I walked with a friend through Reading. Some of the churches I had visited before, some were new to me, but all gave me cause to stop and stare and wonder. I started at the church of the English Martyrs in Tilehurst and ended (via Reading Abbey ruins and the church of St James) at St Peter’s in Caversham, visiting sixteen churches in total. There were too many to describe here individually, but some stand out – the lofty interior of J P St Aubyn’s All Saints, Downshire Square; the wonderful furnishings (including a Pugin screen) at Holy Trinity; the grandeur of the Minster; the classical restraint of St Mary Castle Street; the quietness of the burial ground behind the Friends’ Meeting House in Church Street; the Victorian gothic masterpiece that is Henry Woodyer’s Christ Church; and the magnificent series of stained glass windows by C E Kempe at St Luke’s. At many of them, I met people who clearly loved their churches and were glad to share their love and their knowledge with me. It was a great way to spend a Saturday and an inspiration to be reminded of the magnificent heritage we have in Berkshire.

Doubtless, other participants could tell similar stories of their experiences elsewhere in Berkshire. I myself am planning to explore another part of the county on 14 September 2019 – the date for this year’s Ride & Stride. If you would like to take part, have a word with Bridget Tracy (Tel: 01628 822000, or Email: waltham.vicar@btinternet.com). Whether you visit two churches or twenty, I’m sure you’ll have a good day and whether you raise £50 or £500, every penny will help our churches.

Peter Durrant, Chairman, Royal County of Berkshire Churches Trust
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Since May, we have been busy and Andrew has been appointed as Lead Member of Infrastructure, Transport policy and Housing.

As many of you know, Maureen has been a councillor here for 12 years and is delighted that Andrew will be joining her with his wealth of experience having been a councillor in a London Borough for 8 years.

Recently there have been several issues in the Parish reported to us and Andrew and I are looking into these. Solutions do take some time so please bear with us.

Potholes

We have mentioned before that residents can now go online to report a pothole BUT there is a new pothole scheme, due to launch on 1st September 2019 which forms part of a series of commitments to improve highways across the Royal Borough.

• All reported potholes over 40mm deep on roads and over 25mm deep on footways will be fixed within 24 hours regardless of which type of road or path it is located on. This means potholes that meet this criteria, that are reported after 5pm on a Friday, will be repaired by 9am the following Tuesday.
• All other potholes (those less than 40mm or 25mm), that do not meet this criteria, will be repaired within the current timeframes depending on their size or location.

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What are Children’s Centres?

A Children’s Centre is a place where local children under 8 years old and their families can enjoy activities and receive support & advice from trained professionals.

Activities are designed for expectant parents or those with children under 8 years old: they encourage social interaction, development and learning through play, thereby supporting the transition to school.

The children’s centres can also help with managing finances, stopping smoking, healthy eating, parenting advice and support.

The children’s centres work closely with health visitors, schools, pre-schools, nurseries, school nurses and many more services that can help with almost any situation.

Many of our sessions are drop in so there is no need to book a space – just turn up.

You can contact us on 01628 685642,
email: childrens.centres@achievingforchildren.org.uk
and follow us on Facebook: @rbwmchildrenscentres
Currently, only potholes over 40mm deep on high speed or strategic routes or potholes over 25mm in town centre locations have to be fixed within 24 hours.

With this system in place (due to the huge investment the council has put in for roads) and with our residents prepared to go the extra mile to help out, our roads should be pretty much the best in the South East.

You can go to www.rbwm.gov.uk and put ‘report a pothole’ in the search box. Alternatively go to https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/report

If you have an enquiry relating to a Permit application; please email: Permits@RBWM.gov.uk

**Greener weekly waste and recycling services are coming to the borough**

Serco has been appointed to provide weekly waste and recycling collections and the new contract will continue to offer weekly waste and recycling collections including food waste, mixed recycling and general waste, as well as the fortnightly subscribed green waste collection service.

With a focus on making waste collections as environmentally friendly as possible, the new contract will see the introduction of a more sustainable fleet of collection trucks.

The new trucks will use hybrid technology and reduce carbon emissions by 30% compared to standard trucks. On top of that, under the new contract recycled and garden waste will be collected together further helping to reduce emissions and cut mileage. The trucks will also have 'whisper quiet' electric bin lifts which will further help reduce carbon emissions and the noise associated with conventional hydraulic lifts.

In addition to managing the borough's recycling and civic amenity site in Maidenhead, a range of new initiatives will be introduced as part of the new contract to help encourage and make it easier for residents to recycle. We are sure you will be pleased to see that one of the schemes will see Serco link up with local charities to increase recycling rates and the introduction of kerbside recycling for batteries and small electrical items. It's hoped these new initiatives will encourage more residents to recycle, as well as reducing carbon emissions created during the collections.

There will be no initial changes to the collection dates when Serco take over the contract in September.

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FITSTEPS DANCE

Woodlands Park School, Heywoods Avenue, Maidenhead
Tuesday 7.30 - 8.15 pm
£6 pay as you go (loyalty card where every 10th lesson is free)

Come and join us to learn how to dance like the pros. FitSteps is a ballroom and latin dance style workout created by Natalie Lowe and Ian Waite from 'Strictly'. Learn Jive, Waltz, Tango, QuickStep and many more routines

NO PARTNER NEEDED

Email Julie at jayedance@btinternet.com for further information

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AT NORDEN FARM CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Sunday Evenings 6.15 - 7.45 pm
Cost £7 pay as you go
Beginner and Improver level

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Climate Change
Recently a motion was put forward at the council by the Lead Member for Sustainability, Waste Services and Economic Development regarding climate change. This motion was passed and below is the outcome:

- Continue with the Royal Borough’s ambitious targets to reduce energy consumption at the council by a further 10% on top of the 21% reduction already achieved.
- Lobby government to provide the council with additional powers and resources so that the borough can meet the national commitment of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- Establish a cross-party working group to undertake an in-depth review of the council’s current carbon footprint and agree a strategy to enable the Royal Borough to become carbon neutral by 2050.

Our kind regards
*Maureen and Andrew*

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to all those who help to distribute these magazines to every household, and many of the businesses, in the Parish.

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(Apprenticeship/college/university etc)

If you are under 25, and live in Shottesbrooke, or the civil parish of White Waltham (White Waltham, Woodlands Park, Littlefield Green, Littlewick Green, and part of Paley Street) or the South Ward of Hurley...

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Wedding
At White Waltham Church
18th May Daniel Anderson Jones & Kelly-Ann Christine Lewis

Baptism
At White Waltham Church
2nd June Ava Poppy Luckman
Daughter of Ian & Rachel Luckman

Burial of Ashes
At Shottesbrooke Church
11th July Isabel Balson

Thanksgiving
At White Waltham Church
7th July Leo Peter Yates
Son of Richard & Anna Yates

Children, Young People and Families at White Waltham Church

Children and young people are welcome every Sunday

On most Sundays our children’s groups meet in church before moving to their separate activities during the service. There is a crèche for babies and a group for younger children in the Chapel Room in the church building. Older groups take place in our new building, The Tree House.

At festivals such as Christmas Day, Mothering Sunday, Easter Day and Harvest Festival, everyone meets together for an All Age Service.
Church Services for August & September

Services at Shottesbroke Church
are at 9am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Please note that, by tradition, there are no services at Shottesbrooke in August. Services resume on the first Sunday in September.

Services at White Waltham Church
are at 10.30am every Sunday
with activities for children every Sunday

Harvest Festival All Age Service
Sunday 29 September at 10.30am.
You are invited to bring gifts for Maidenhead Foodshare.
See page 5 for more details.

Messy Church is on Saturday 21st September, at 4pm
and on Sunday 27th October at 10.30am
See page 21 for more details

Do come and join us – visitors are always welcome
at White Waltham and Shottesbrooke Churches
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