



P C C NEWS



July 2017



is coming to
White Waltham!

Join us on
**Saturday 30 September at
4pm**
for activities, lively worship
and food!

Starting in the church with crafts
and activities for all,
followed by a meal in The Tree House,
and finishing by about 5.45pm.

*Also on Saturdays 28 October,
25 November and 23 December,
all at 4pm.*

For more information visit:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

 [whitewalthamchurch](https://www.facebook.com/whitewalthamchurch)

Members of the P.C.C.

(and where you might find them
on a Sunday morning)

David Andrew

Priest in Charge

Carole Perkins

Licensed Lay Minister

PCC Secretary

Shottesbrooke

Bob Packer – Church Warden

Barty Smith – Church Warden

Richard Sykes – Treasurer

Lady Smith

White Waltham

Liz Atlay – Church Warden

Andy Eden – Treasurer

Colin Ashton

June Brayne

Bob Crittenden

Tony Hill

Julia Hodgson

Vicci Jarvis

Roger Sparrow

Bridget Tracy

Harvest

(Pot Luck, Bring & Share)

Supper

**Saturday 7th October,
7pm in The Tree House.**

Please sign up on the sheet (nearer the time) to say you are coming, and bring a savoury dish of your choice with you.

Soft drinks and puddings provided – bring your own beer or wine if you wish.

The Churches remain in a precarious financial position. Shottesbrooke is keeping its head above water, and because of Lent Giving White Waltham may just about break even this year. Without it, it could have had a deficit of about £8,000.

White Waltham Church's Finance Committee is exploring the possibility of setting up a legacy fund. An investment would be required but only the interest from the fund would be used for the church, leaving the investment intact. Other people could give money to the legacy fund, for example by making legacies in their will or by a one off donation.

The Fete may have raised about £900 for church funds. Many thanks to all those involved especially Liz, Carole, Bob and Andy.

The Future of the Parishes is still undecided. The Church Commissioners have met and decided that the scheme should not proceed in its current form. We are waiting for more details of their reasons before we can think about the best way forward, but there is no reason why this should mean the end of our partnership with St Mary's.

The Project Rainbow team has made some progress on the lighting, tree work and pathway. Permission has now been granted to fell the elderly cypress tree near the corner of the church (which has become dangerous) and to upgrade the lighting through the churchyard. It is expected that work on the tree will take place in August and another tree be planted in its place in due course. We are awaiting planning permission from RBWM for the work on the pathway in the churchyard and will then apply for a Faculty (permission from the Diocese).

The repair to the Churchyard Wall may be able to proceed in the early autumn. The Diocese is keen to support the PCC in lobbying the relevant bodies to bring about changes to make Church Hill safer, thereby reducing the chances of further damage to the wall.

Next PCC Meeting:

*Wednesday 20 September at 8pm
in The Tree House*