



P C C NEWS



January 2019

All church members are encouraged to join us for a

Reflection Morning

Saturday 9 February

The Tree House

10am-2pm

Taking stock together of:
who we are,
where we have come from,
and where we might be heading
under our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come with thoughts on:
how we worship,
how we belong to each other,
and the difference we can make
amongst our communities.

Lunch will be provided –
donations of £2 invited

Members of the P.C.C.

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

Dave Atallah

Priest in Charge

Carole Perkins

Licensed Lay Minister

PCC Secretary

White Waltham Church Warden

Shottesbrooke

Bob Packer – Church Warden

Barty Smith – Church Warden

Richard Sykes – Treasurer

Roger Sparrow

White Waltham

Liz Atlay – Church Warden

Andy Eden – Treasurer

Colin Ashton

June Brayne

Bob Crittenden

Tony Hill

Julia Hodgson

Vicci Jarvis

Barbara Thomas

Bridget Tracy

Woodlands Winter Wonderland took place in the Village Centre for the first time. It appears to have gone well in spite of the filthy weather! In a bid to involve local community members in the planning and organising of these events all people living in Woodlands Park are invited to an open meeting at the Village Centre on Tuesday 29 January at 7.30pm.

Our Treasurers, Richard Sykes (for Shottesbrooke) and Andy Eden (for White Waltham) reported on the churches' 2018 accounts. Both churches show a deficit for the year. Shottesbrooke of around £2,000 and White Waltham of around £2,700. Andy reported that while giving had increased (*many thanks to all those who contribute*), curiously, Gift Aid has decreased. To find out about how you can Gift Aid your giving please speak to Dave, Carole or Tony Hill – White Waltham Church's Gift Aid Secretary.

The PCC reviewed this year's Christmas Services. All services seem to have gone well. The new Crib Service had been a particular highlight with about 50 people attending, and the Carol Singing had also been very successful.

Dave updated the PCC on what he has been doing around Marriages and Baptisms. Dave (sometimes with Helen) meets with couples who are getting married at White Waltham Church as a form of Marriage Preparation. Similarly with those seeking a Thanksgiving or Baptism Service for their baby or child. These meetings are helpful in talking to the couples about the Christian Faith as well as preparing them for the services themselves.

The work on The Vicarage is now complete. Dave, Helen, Melody, Catherine and Jonny moved in early in January. Dave told the PCC how good it is to be living in the Parish and the increased opportunities for mission that come from it.

The Future of the Parishes was discussed. The original plan for the four parishes to become two benefices is back on the table with everyone involved working towards it. Please pray for the future of our parishes!

Annual Meeting

Sunday 28th April

in The Tree House 1pm

We will have lunch following a joint White Waltham & Shottesbrooke 10.30am Service at White Waltham. The meeting will start after lunch at about 1pm.

Please do come along and find out more about all that we did in 2018 and what is planned for our churches looking to the future.

Next PCC Meeting:
*Wednesday 20 March
The Tree House at 8pm*