



PCC NEWS



July 2019

Church Teas

Saturdays
27 July, 17 & 31 August

2.30-4.30pm
in The Tree House

Do bring your friends and family!

Harvest Festival

Sunday 29 September

10.30am All Age Service

**Please do invite people you know
to come and join us!**

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

Barty Smith – Church Warden

Jacquie Hazell – Church Warden

Richard Sykes – Treasurer

Roger Sparrow

Josh Tuffley

White Waltham

Liz Atlay – Church Warden

Andy Eden – Treasurer

Colin Ashton

June Brayne

Bob Crittenden

Katie Croft

Tony Hill

Julia Hodgson

Barbara Thomas

Bridget Tracy

Congratulations were extended to our new Bishop, Olivia Graham. A letter to this effect was to be sent to her.

We heard that Bob Packer is to receive a gift after his many years as Churchwarden at Shottesbrooke. We were shown a small silver bell which had been purchased from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and had been appropriately engraved. This has now been presented to him to thank him for his faithful service.

We also heard about the church's involvement in our two local primary schools. Dave had played a part in presenting the 'It's Your Move' books, published by Scripture Union, to the Year 6 leavers at White Waltham School – the books are purchased by White Waltham PCC. He had also been to their 'Praise in the Park' event at which he spoke, and their Leavers' Service which took place at White Waltham Church.

At Woodlands Park School the 'It's Your Move' books are purchased by Woodlands Park Methodist Church; they also fund books which are given to children in Years 4 & 5 by the Open The Book team, of which Dave is a part.

We heard about progress on White Waltham church's heating project. A group has been set up comprising Colin Ashton, Liz Atlay, Bob Crittenden and Julia Hodgson, with Bob as Chair. They have been doing some initial investigations around what is feasible and are consequently exploring both electric underpew heating and LPG heating. It is not straightforward, but watch this space for more details in due course!

The Tree House is to have a 'deep clean' over the summer. Some additional storage is also being discussed as Little Roots is growing and needs more space for its equipment.

Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 14 September. If you could man the church for an hour or two that day please speak to Carole.

Will Stileman, Vicar of St Mary's Maidenhead, came along to the PCC Meeting so that we could ask him questions about the 'Future of the Parishes'.

Should we decide to progress with the forming of a United Benefice with St Mary's, Maidenhead: Will spoke about what his role would be, as Vicar of a United Benefice, should White Waltham PCC decide to continue towards that arrangement. It was clear that Will would take his responsibilities seriously with a legal role to fulfil. Under a United Benefice both churches would have separate PCCs with separate finances.

Should we decide not to progress with the forming of a United Benefice with St Mary's, Maidenhead: Will was asked whether the current partnership could continue in those circumstances. There was also some discussion of what the future of White Waltham Church would be under these circumstances, if we did not grow and become sustainable, when Dave moves on. Would we then have an option to form a United Benefice with St Mary's? This was something that we would need to discuss with our Bishop. There was some feeling that, with Dave in post, we are now well-placed to grow and become sustainable without needing to form a United Benefice with St Mary's, Maidenhead. It was clear that we should all ask as many questions as needed in order to reach the right decision about our future as a church – so please do raise any questions that you might have with a PCC member.

We heard that progress on Shottesbrooke's joining with Waltham St Lawrence was going well. The PCC considered a draft Pastoral Scheme for their uniting that had been prepared by the Diocese.

Thanks were extended to Katie Croft for taking on the organisation of the children's work at White Waltham. Katie asked for a budget with which to purchase some equipment, resources and training. The PCC felt that the children's work must be a priority.

Next PCC Meeting: Wednesday 18 September, 8pm, in The Tree House