



PCC NEWS



September 2019

Remembrance Service

**Sunday 10 November
at 10.45am**

Do join us for the service and the Act of Remembrance which follows at the War Memorial in White Waltham. Refreshments, provided by the Parish Council, will be served in Holly Cottage afterwards.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

**Sunday 10 November
6.30pm
at White Waltham Church**

Come and remember loved ones, light a candle in their memory and know the difference Jesus makes.

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

Jacque 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

We heard about progress on White Waltham Church's heating project. The group has been exploring electric underpew heating with some additional radiators and recently visited a church with this system. Alternatively, it may be possible to do a major overhaul of the existing system. There will be more heating meetings before the November PCC meeting. In the meantime, fundraising through external bodies cannot start until we have agreed a way forward and have a firm proposal.

The PCC discussed the new giving scheme that they have been trialling: the 'Parish Giving Scheme'. This scheme comes at no cost to the PCC or to church members and claims back our Gift Aid for us on a monthly basis. It is easy to set up and uses a Direct Debit so you don't have to think on a weekly basis about giving to church. Dave is telling the congregation more about this scheme. Please consider signing up.

There will be tokens available on a Sunday morning so that those who are part of the scheme can put a token in the collection bag instead of simply passing the bag on.

A sermon series on Joyful Generosity has taken place throughout September – if you have missed any Sundays you can catch up by visiting the 'Sermons' page of the church website, under the 'Resources' tab. The vision for giving is:

- **Ministry all to all:** everyone gives to everything so we all know how our giving is being used.
- **Increased Parish Share:** we are currently generously subsidised by other local churches. We would like to pay a greater proportion of our Parish Share to the Diocese, thereby showing that we are sustainable.
- **Giving to Mission:** if we can afford it we would like to give more to Mission around the world.
- **Raising funds for our building:** we need to invest in a new heating system and maintain an old building which has holes in the roof!

The Tree House has recently had a 'Deep Clean' and a link between it and the church has been installed so the children's groups know when to come down to communion on a Sunday morning!

The PCC heard that a meeting for Woodlands Winter Wonderland was due to take place shortly. This event cannot go ahead unless there are sufficient people on the organising group so that the work is spread across more people. If Woodlands Winter Wonderland 2019 is not viable the church may consider some other, more manageable, outreach to the Woodlands Park Community in the run up to Christmas.

The Safeguarding of our children, young people and vulnerable adults is very important. If you would like to find out more about Safeguarding (there is basic training available online) please speak to Anne Crittenden, our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

We are being strengthened by our partnership with St Mary's, Maidenhead. Several of their members help with our Sunday children's activities and with Messy Church; and some of our children attended their Holiday Club and go to midweek groups there. A group who did the Christianity Explored Course last term at White Waltham is about to embark on the 'Christian Foundations Course' at St Mary's.

Our Sunday morning children's groups are now being coordinated by Katie Croft. We have 3 groups: **Little Seekers** for 0-2 year olds meeting in the Chapel Room; **Adventurers** for 3-5 year olds meeting in The Tree House; and **Discoverers** for those aged 6+ years, also meeting in The Tree House. Families are encouraged to come regularly so that our church families can get to know each other better.

Next PCC Meeting:
Wednesday 20 November
8pm in The Tree House