



PCC NEWS



January 2020

'Holiday at Home' *for older people*

Monday 17 February,
10am to 2pm-ish, in The Tree House
including games, refreshments,
lunch, a Bible story and prayers.

*If you are interested in coming,
please speak to Dave.*

Real Lives!

At St Mary's Maidenhead
25 February - 1 March

*Glen Scrivener interviews six people
whose lives have been transformed
by knowing Christ.*

**This is a great opportunity to
invite a non-Christian friend to
go with you and hear more
about Jesus.**

*See the leaflets in church for more
details of each day's interview.*

APCM 2020

Sunday 26th April

This year's Annual Meeting will
follow the main 10.30am service
and lunch in The Tree House.

Please do join us to review 2019
and look forward to church life
during 2020.

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

We heard about progress on White Waltham Church's heating project.

The Heating Committee will be asking 3 different suppliers for quotes to put in an electric heating system. The system may include underpew heating, infrared chandelier heating, and a heater over the main door into the church. Other aspects of the project may potentially include draft proofing, removing some of the old radiators and laying a 3 phase power supply to the church.

The PCC looked at church finances.

We saw Shottesbrooke's accounts for 2019. During 2019 some work was done on the dehumidifiers in the church which help, among other things, to keep the organ and bell ropes in good order. We heard that this year some rather costly work will need to be done on the spire which has shifted because the weather vane got stuck in one position.

White Waltham's accounts for 2019 are expected to show an effective deficit of up to £1,000 for last year. Income was not as high as had been hoped but, given all that we did during the year, the overall picture is better than it might have been.

Some Safeguarding Training is being arranged to keep us in line with Diocesan Safeguarding guidelines.

PCC members, those who welcome people to services, and anyone involved with Messy Church or other activities with children and families, must have basic Safeguarding training. A training session is being arranged - any church members who are interested are very welcome to attend (*please speak to Anne Crittenden, our Parish Safeguarding Officer*).

The Remembrance Service in 2020 will start at 10.30am, rather than 10.45am, to bring it in line with our other services.

The PCC also agreed that the collection taken at the service would be shared between Combat Stress and SASRA (Soldiers and Airmen Scripture Readers Association). SASRA supports Christians working in the Armed Forces.

The PCC discussed the 2019 Christmas Services.

The Christingle Service, Christmas Day Service and Carol Service seem to have gone well, with the Carol Service having been particularly well attended. There was some discussion as to whether, in 2020, we might be able to host 2 Carol Services: either one on the Sunday before Christmas and one on Christmas Eve or, potentially, two on Christmas Eve. A decision will be made in due course; in the meantime, all feedback about Christmas Services should be passed to Dave so it can be considered at the appropriate time.

This year's Maundy Thursday Service may incorporate a meal.

That meal would be based around the Passover Meal. The service would probably start earlier than the usual time of 8pm, and it is likely to take place in The Tree House.

Ministry Update.

Dave told us about the work that had happened in schools in the autumn and during the run up to Christmas. Wessex School had brought two year groups of children to church, Dave had run some training for staff at White Waltham School around Collective Worship, and both White Waltham and Woodlands Park Schools had had Christmas Services in the church. Parents had been invited to the White Waltham School service and the church had been very full! Dave also told us that, with Anne Crittenden's help, he was about to start an After-School Club at Woodlands Park School using some Scripture Union resources.

We also heard that a group had been meeting to do 'The Bible Course' (a Bible Society course); some of the group that had done Christianity Explored Course in 2019 were still meeting regularly with John and Katie Croft; and Dave was about to start a new Christianity Explored Course with the help of Helen Atallah and Katie Croft.

Next PCC Meeting:

*Wednesday 18 March,
8pm in The Tree House*