Weekly News – 25th April

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From ISLT

We were delighted to see so many of you at services over the Easter weekend, along with lots of new faces. There was something for everyone, from the interactive and thought-provoking 'Way of the Cross' experience, and the solemnity of the 'Hour at the Cross' service on Good Friday, through to the celebrations on Easter Sunday, which started before daybreak. It was a joy to be able to praise God together on this special day, so huge thanks to all who were involved in planning and leading all the Easter services.

We also announced the following:

We are pleased to say that Bishop Mary has this week written to confirm that David Chislett has successfully completed his curacy. We are delighted to let you know that David has been appointed, subject to the usual checks, as the Vicar of the Benefice of Wargrave and Knowl Hill. We will let you know the date of his installation, which will be later in the Summer, once it is confirmed. We are also happy to say that David and Kate will remain with us until the end of June with David making more of his time available to preside at communion across our services and to cover life events (baptisms, weddings and funerals). Please join us in congratulating David and in praying for David and Kate as they prepare for their next season.

We also marked David and Anne Brown's last Sunday with us. We hope to see many of you tomorrow (Saturday) evening for the Farewell Cheese and Wine Party, at St Michael's from 7pm. Please consider whether you can stay and help pack down towards the end.

Prayer Meetings

We are creating two more opportunities to **pray for Warfield Church** on Zoom as we approach the interview date (12 May) for the Associate. Everyone is welcome to join us on the next two Wednesdays (30 April & 7 May) at 7pm for 40 mins, using the link below. If you cannot make the link work, then try these meeting parameters: Meeting ID: 825 2878 3329 and Passcode: AaF541

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82528783329?pwd=OKhFQuaZIcWakilNngxJpapKa3D714.1

Christian Aid Week

A reminder of our upcoming events to support Christian Aid Week:

- Saturday 3 May sponsored walk from Bix Village Hall (RG9 6DH) contact juliet.date@warfield.org.uk for more information
- Sunday 11 May plant sale after the service at St Michael's
- Saturday 17 May (10am) coffee morning at St Michael's
- Saturday 17 May (7:30pm) Christian Aid Quiz Night <u>BOOK</u> your place through admin@warfield.org.uk

From the Congregations

St Michael's

Join us at 10:30am when we will be exploring the story on the Road to Emmaus, from Luke's gospel.

We are looking for volunteers to act as 'link people' for 2 of our Mission Partners: the Clemisons (the Philippines), and the Kellings (Jordan/Middle East). This role involves regularly keeping in touch with them, helping to communicate updates to the congregation, and (occasionally) assisting with their visits to Warfield Church. If you are interested please let David Chislett or Morgan know.

Whitegrove

This week we are looking at the Road to Emmaus story. Come and explore the time when two disciples stood right with Jesus – without recognising him!

And remember that on Sunday 11 May we have a picnic lunch at Whitegrove after the morning service. It's a chance to engage in community and meet new people.

Mission Partner Focus

Our prayers this week are for Peter and Becky Clemison. They work in Cebu in the Philippines, with several initiatives to help struggling families and trafficked children, and have set up a charity called 4Freedom. Watch this video for an introduction to their 4 projects.

Please pray for them on the points below:

- Give thanks for the Play Therapy training which concluded in February. 16 participants were involved of whom more than half are Christian.
- Pray for the future places that will impacted by those who were trained, including the Badjao tribe. 4Freedom recently helped build an additional playroom for their educational facility.

 And pray for the ongoing work by Peter and Becky. Becky is completing her own Play Therapy course, and Peter is completing an online course with the School of Biblical Studies.

Other Notices

Make sure to pick up one of our new event leaflets on Sunday for an overview of everything that's happening in the Summer term.

Click to see the full slideshow of rolling notices.

Coming up soon:

- 26 April Farewell to David and Anne Brown 7pm-9pm at St Michael's
- 29 April Zoom Prayer Meeting 7pm
- 3 May Christian Aid sponsored walk
- 4 May TOGETHER Service 10:30am at Warfield School
- 6 May Threads craft group 7:30pm at St Michael's
- 17 May Christian Aid Quiz Night 7:30pm at St Michael's

Also look at the **Save the Date** slide for more events to mark in your diaries.

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