Weekly News – 9th May

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From ISLT

The Bracknell Half Marathon takes place this Sunday, so be aware of possible delays as you make your way to church. Check this link to see the marathon route.

Last Sunday we launched a new sermon series on the letter to the Ephesians. David Chislett gave an introduction and background to the letter and talked about how we are **blessed** in Christ.

This Sunday, we will be looking at how we are **transformed** by looking at <u>Ephesians</u> 1:15–2:10, with a particular focus on Ephesians 2 verses 4-6:

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Christian Aid Week

The plant sale is happening this Sunday 11 May after the service at St Michael's. You can bring your own plants or seedlings, and a recommend sell price (with the money going to Christian Aid).

All the offerings which we receive in the services this week, cash and card, will be given to Christian Aid.

We then have the coffee morning, and the quiz night on 17 May – there are still quiz spaces available! Please email admin@warfield.org.uk to book.

From the Congregations St Michael's

We have an intergenerational service this week with activities for our younger disciples in the service. Come and rejoice, we guarantee you will be feeling transformed by the end!

Whitegrove

This Sunday we shall be exploring what it means to be transformed and delving deeper into who holds the power in our world (children of the 1980s might think it's He Man, but be prepared to discover otherwise...).

After the service we will gather for a picnic together: bring your own and a little to share with others if you can. Picnic blankets and camping chairs are welcome. This is an opportunity to build community with others.

Mission Partner Focus

Our prayers this week are for Joel and Fiona Kelling. They have worked in Jordan for the last 6 years, but are currently staying in the UK whilst Joel completes ordination training. Both Joel and Fiona are still continuing to work remotely with their colleagues in Jordan. You can find more updates by <u>reading their latest newsletter</u>.

Please pray for them on the points below:

- Pray for the changing lives of their family. Joel continues to balance his work in the Anglican Alliance with his ordination studies, while Fiona is taking a step back as she contemplates what to do next. Pray that their 2 children will continue to form new friendships in the area as many of their current friends will be moving on in the Summer.
- And pray for the ongoing conflict and tensions in the Middle East, and for the
 Diocese of Jerusalem. There continue to be many concerning developments
 across the region, but there is still hope. Give thanks for the donations towards
 the current phase of the emergency project that Joel and the Diocese are
 involved in.

Other Notices

Click to see the full slideshow of rolling notices.

Coming up soon:

- 11 May Whitegrove picnic lunch (after the morning service)
- 11 May St Michael's Plant Sale for Christian Aid (after the morning service)
- 12 May Associate Interview please pray!
- 17 May Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10am-1pm at St Michael's
- 17 May Christian Aid Quiz Night 7:30pm at St Michael's
- 18 May Worship Evening 7pm at St Michael's
- 1 June TOGETHER Service 10:30am at Warfield School

• 8 June – Pentecost Sunday with +Mary – 10:30am at Warfield School

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

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