

Weekly News – 27th June

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Pastoral News

Recently we gave you the sad news that John Brownscombe has died. The date for his funeral has now been arranged, and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. John has been a servant-hearted member of Warfield Church for very many years, so let's gather to remember him, and thank God for his faithful service.

John's funeral will be at **St Michael's Church, Warfield, at 1:30pm on Monday 7th July**, and the service will be conducted by Revd Canon Dr Brian Meardon. Gisela has requested that people do not send or bring flowers; if you would like to offer a gift, then please make a donation to **Thames Hospice**. The Hospice brought such comfort and peace into John and Gisela's lives during his last days, and Gisela would love our gifts to go to them as a mark of her gratitude. Gisela will be offering light refreshments in the Parish Rooms after the service, and you are warmly invited to join her there.

From ISLT

On Sunday we come to the final session in our series on Ephesians focusing on the final verses of the book:

Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love. Ephesians 6:21–24

Over the series we have heard how we are **Blessed**, have been **Transformed**, are called to be **Rooted** in his love and remain **United**, have been **Enlightened**, are to be **Centred** in Christ, and **Empowered** by the strength of the Lord. Our final theme is to be **Encouraged**.

This week is David Chislett's last Sunday with Warfield Church – remember to bring your own lunch for our picnic at St Michael's following the morning service. Then, on 26th August, David will be licenced by Bishop Mary as vicar of Wargrave with Knowl Hill at St Mary's Wargrave at 7pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend and David would be delighted to see as many people from Warfield Church as can be there. More information will follow closer to the time.

St Andrew's

From Sunday 6 July until the end of September, the 8:30 Communion will instead begin at 9:00am. This is because we are short of clergy, and so will have lay people conducting Communion by Extension, and it will take longer for them to set up.

Ranelagh School

Are you a Warfield Church parent of a child now in Year 3, 4 or 5? Are you thinking of applying for a school place at Ranelagh in the future? If so, please look at [these notes](#) to explain what you need to do.

If your child is in **Year 3** at the moment, read the notes and then book your place at the **Warfield Church Ranelagh Information Evening at 7:30pm on Wednesday 2 July, in the Parish Rooms**.

From the Congregations

St Michael's

This week at St Michael's we will be enjoying David Chislett's last sermon on Ephesians (last both in the series and in his preaching to us!) and we will be praying with David and Kate prior to the picnic following the service. David will also preside over Communion. We will also be bidding a bon voyage to Andy and Sarah Colpus as they prepare to head East for the next 6 months. All this and children's work too.

Whitegrove

This Sunday at Whitegrove is an all-age service. Becca Taylor will be preaching with a summary of our Ephesians series.

As a reminder, many of us will then be heading off to St Michael's to say goodbye to David and Kate!

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 places and people that will benefit from those who were trained, such as 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

Click to see the [full slideshow of rolling notices](#).

Coming up soon:

- **2 July** – Year 3 Ranelagh Information Evening – 7:30pm in the Parish Rooms
- **6 July** – TOGETHER Service – 10:30am at Warfield School
- **7 July** – John Brownscombe's Funeral – 1:30pm at St Michael's
- **20 July** – Worship Evening (with the Domingos) – 7pm at St Michael's
- **22 July** – Threads Craft Group – 7pm at St Michael's

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