

# Weekly News – 4<sup>th</sup> July

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 David and Kate Chislett

A big thank you from us for the amazing cake, kind words, generous gift and for a wonderful picnic. All in all, a great send off! We will miss you and hope to see as many as possible at David's licencing service on **Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Wargrave at 7pm**. All are welcome.

## From ISLT

This Sunday we will all be meeting at **Warfield CofE School, Woodhurst for a Together Service beginning at 10:30am**. We will begin a new series on Ezra and the children's program will loosely track the adults theme. This series is the brainchild of Jannine Frame, and with the help of Vicky Doherty, they have both come up with a stunning series for both children and adults that fits perfectly with the season that we are in as church. Ezra's headlining theme is the rebuilding of the Israelite's place and community of worship, the Temple. Having said goodbye to the last member of our previous ministerial team, we are looking forward to the rebuilding of Warfield Church as we prepare for the arrival of Guy (as Vicar), followed soon after by Ruth (as Associate Vicar) - what incredible timing to study Ezra! Jerry Bekoe will be kicking us off with Ezra - the prequel, focussing on the truth that there is **joy in hope**. As we journey through the remainder of this week and into next week, do ask yourselves the question, **What are your hopes for our future as a church community and as individuals?**

### Communion Services

If you wish to partake in a Communion Service between now and the end of September, these will all be taking place at **St Andrew's Church, Priestwood at 9am** every Sunday (not at 8:30!). These services are never longer than 45 minutes and so still give you time to get to one of the 10:30am services as well.

## From the Congregations

### St Michael's

Our next Open Morning will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 10am-1pm. The church will be open to all, refreshments provided, and Judy has also prepared a scavenger hunt for children. Please tell people who you think would be interested!

### Whitegrove

We hope to see you at the Together Service this week for the new Ezra series written by Jannine and Vicky.

Next Sunday (13 July), we have our congregational church walk – starting at 2:30pm from the Look Out discovery centre, for about an hour. Parents are asked to supervise their own children!

## Mission Partner Focus

Our prayers this week are for the St Peter's Lifeline charity (SPL), who are helping the people of Kajuki, Kenya.

Please pray for them on the points below. You can find more detail in their [First Friday Prayers](#).

- Pray for the ongoing SPL funding towards school meals and sponsored children. SPL are proud to have seen the growth of Marcella, a child they have sponsored from primary school to university, who now leads an Edtech company using AI to help teachers develop lesson plans. [Read Marcella's story](#).
- And pray for recent and upcoming visits between England and Kenya:
  - Fr Edwin Mutethia, the Parish Priest of St Peter's Kajuki, had the chance to visit England, and particularly the parish of Butleigh and Butleigh Primary School (which is twinned with St Peter's School). Give thanks that the visit was enlightening and fruitful.
  - Meanwhile, David Baldwin (our UK contact with SPL) will be taking his extended family out into Kenya in July – partially for holiday, and partially to see the work of SPL. Please pray the visit is smooth.

## Other Notices

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

Coming up soon:

- **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
- **27 July** – 10:30 Summer service pattern starts

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