

WEEKLY NEWS

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From ISLT

We continue our series on Ezra this coming weekend. The theme is "rebuilding community". We all are part of many communities. It is important to know which ones are worth investing our time and energies into. God's Kingdom is the greatest community we can be part of. God asks us to put His Kingdom above all others and then He will bless us with everything we need (Matthew 6:33). The basis for this Sunday's teaching is Ezra chapters 7 & 8 which talk about putting our trust in God and persevering to overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges.

Warfield School

Phil Durbin explained at the Together service last Sunday that the cost of hiring Warfield School is about to increase very significantly. We are therefore seeking your view on whether to have a term's break from meeting at Warfield School so they can work out what the true cost of having us meet there on Sundays is. The outcome of this research will hopefully enable a more realistic hire cost to be negotiated. [Specific details can be found here](#). Please email churchwardens@warfield.org.uk with your views.

Guy's Institution

Monday 29th September marks a new season for Warfield Church as Guy Donegan-Cross is instituted as our new Vicar. Please [book a place](#) as we are expecting a large number of people, and need to know catering numbers and dietary requirements. It will be a big day and you don't want to miss it!

Harvest Celebration

A reminder that this Sunday we are celebrating the Harvest festival. We ask you to take this opportunity to bring food and household donations to church which are then taken to the Bracknell Foodbank. As of Thursday, they are particularly in need of: tinned tomatoes, microwave rice, aunties steamed puddings, biscuits, and long-life milk.

The Bereavement Journey

Are you, or someone you know, struggling with the process of bereavement? If so, we invite you to join The Bereavement Journey course which will be starting in October. This

is a **safe space** where you can discuss your feelings with others who may be experiencing similar emotions. The course is run by Warfield Church with resources created by [At a Loss](#). More details, including the course dates, are on [this page](#).

We are also looking for more volunteers to help lead small group discussions. Please email admin@warfield.org.uk if you would be willing to help.

Osborne Lane Closure

Remember that Osborne Lane will be closed from 8 September – 10 October. Check our recent Facebook post for details on diversion routes.

Baptism by Immersion

On 2 November, there is an opportunity for any who wish to be baptised or to re-affirm their baptism vows. This will be using the portable baptistry pool during a TOGETHER service at 10:30am at St Michael's. If you would like to be baptised, or are uncertain and would like to discuss your thoughts, please talk to one of the congregational leaders or email admin@warfield.org.uk.

Growing Community – Hong Kong

The Diocese of Oxford are running a community event to build local and Hong Kong community. The Mid-Autumn Festival will be on Saturday 4th October, 1pm-5pm, at Reading Gateway Church (RH6 5TS). For more information, visit [Welcome Reading – Welcoming new residents from Hong Kong](#)



St Michael's

We have an intergenerational service this week, as we celebrate harvest and look at Ezra. We will need several of our young disciples to help re-enact parts of the story during the sermon!

Whitegrove

We hope that September has started well for you and would be delighted to see you this Sunday at Whitegrove. We'll continue looking at Ezra together, as well as celebrating harvest. Children's groups are happening as usual. If possible please bring your own cup for teas/coffees to minimise washing up!

We are very much looking forward to worshipping together.

MISSION PARTNERS: THE KELLINGS



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 [reading their latest newsletter](#).

Please pray for them on the points below:

- Give thanks that they are settling into life in the UK – such as dealing with school holidays (which don't occur the same in Jordan). The children are now entering a new school year.
- Pray for Joel – who is continuing his studies in Cuddesdon whilst also working remotely with the Anglican Alliance, primarily with the Diocese of Jerusalem. Joel facilitates meetings and update reports regarding funding of hospitals and aid centres across a wide area. Please also pray for Joel as he prepares for the Winder Lecture which he will be presenting to us in November.
- Pray for Fiona – who has recently finished an intensive period of work assisting the Palestine Shelter Cluster, and was privileged to attend the World Urban Forum in Egypt. She is now taking a step back and taking time to assess what the next phase of her working life looks like. Please pray for God's wisdom and that Fiona will receive the rest she needs.

NOTICES

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

Coming up soon:

- **14 September** – Harvest Festival – 10:30am at St Michael's & Whitegrove
- **24 September** – Prayer Meeting – 8pm at St Michael's
- **29 September** – **Guy Donegan-Cross' Institution as Vicar of Warfield** – 7pm at St Michael's
- **1 October** – The Bereavement Journey course begins – 7:30pm at St Andrew's
- **4 October** – Women Together – 3pm at St Michael's
- **5 October** – Guy's first Sunday – 10:30am TOGETHER service at St Michael's

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