### WEEKLY NEWS

This week we are beginning a new sermon series all about "the Good News". It's a whole series because there's so much good news to talk about! We start with God's everlasting love. God wants a covenant relationship with us – it's unbreakable, passionate, unwavering. We are His bride.

### **Small Groups and Group Leaders – a message from Guy:**

We have a lot of groups of different kinds, and it would be great to have a really good overview of what groups there are, who leads them, and who is in them. If you lead any kind of group for adults which brings people together at Warfield Church, in any congregation, please could you get in touch with me by email at <a href="mailto:guydc@warfield.org.uk">guydc@warfield.org.uk</a> to let me know what it is, when it meets, who leads it, and, if possible, who is in it. With many thanks, Guy

### **Baptism by Immersion**

Excitingly, we currently have 3 adults and 4 children preparing to be baptised on 2 November. Please pray for them in this important moment in their faith journey. If you would also like to be baptised, or even if you'd just like to discuss the idea, please talk to Guy, Phil or Katie, or one of the congregational leaders, or email <a href="mailto:admin@warfield.org.uk">admin@warfield.org.uk</a>.

#### **Light Parties**

A Light Party is a fun alternative to Hallowe'en, with crafts, games, music and food & drink! There will be two sessions, for £3 per person (pay on the night), both running on 31 October at St Michael's. Please register using the correct link:

Primary (Year 1 to Year 6) 4:30pm – 6:00pm

**Secondary (Year 7+)** 6:30pm – 8:00pm



#### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

Every year we invite you to support "Operation Christmas Child" to give children some joy this Christmas, where they may otherwise have none. Each child receives a shoebox full of goodies for them to enjoy. To join in, you can either:

- Take a shoebox (available at all congregations), fill it, and return it to the church office by 9 November. **Please follow the instructions** "How to pack a shoebox" as there are limitations on what can be put in the box.
- **NEW:** you can pay to <u>fill a shoebox online</u> on your behalf. It costs £25 and you can choose to customise what is included in your box.



### Alpha

We are hoping to run an Alpha course next term, beginning mid-January, and are looking for people to be involved. It could be something your life group could take on, or individual folk could get involved. If you would be interested in having a conversation about the possibility, please let Guy know at <a href="mailto:guydc@warfield.org.uk">guydc@warfield.org.uk</a>. It would be great to be able to invite people over Christmas to find out about Jesus!

### **Tech Support Needed**

All of our congregations are in serious need of more volunteers to help with either sound or video tech. It may look complicated, but don't be afraid! There are always people able to teach and train new helpers on how to operate the desks, and it's a really satisfying job. If you would be interested, please let one of your congregational leaders know.

### THIS SUNDAY

#### St Michael's

This week we are beginning the "Good News is" series with an all-age service reminding us of God's love. We will also be welcoming Theo and his family as he is baptised!

### Whitegrove

We are looking forward to getting together this Sunday for our first in the series of 'The Good News Is...'. Kids and youth work will be happening and we invite you to read this letter to hear <u>all about our Sunday children's and youth work at Whitegrove this term.</u>

# MISSION PARTNERS: THE ADHIKARIS



Our prayers this week are for the Adhikari family in Nepal. We have supported Milan and Shusma and the Aanandit Church and Charity since 2002. Aanandit have planted many congregations in the Kathmandu area and have established several community projects.

You can find more about their prayer requests in the <u>Aanandit October prayer diary</u>. You can find more news about their recent work in <u>Shusma's update letter</u>.

Please pray for them on the points below.

- Pray for political peace in the region. In September, protests were carried out
  across the country against government corruption. Unfortunately, several of the
  protests as well as government responses turned violent which has led to injury
  and damage all over Nepal. Please pray for a peaceful resolution and one of
  justice.
- Pray for the children and young people sponsored and assisted by Aanandit. The
  girls hostel has recently taken in 3 new children (to a total of 17). A total of 128
  children are sponsored by Aanandit for education, including 6 who have just
  taken their A Levels. Please pray for the 4 students who passed, and the 2
  students who were unable to take the exams due to sickness and injury.
- And give thanks and pray for the small business support schemes, which have enabled people of all ages to create a stable income, in businesses including: a goat farm, 2 coffee shops, a tailor shop, a mobile repair centre, and more.

### MISSION PARTNERS: THE DOMINGOS



Paul & Rosie set off on Tuesday to begin their crazy bike ride in Italy, in support of the Domingos and the people of Tondo. We hope to share their progress over the next two weeks! Please consider donating to the cause, and motivating them to keep cycling!

Support Paul and Rosie.

## NOTICES

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### Coming up soon:

- 21 October Threads Craft Group 7:30pm in the Parish Rooms
- 22 October Prayer Meeting 8pm at St Michael's
- 26 October Worship Evening 7pm at St Michael's
- 31 October Light Parties (see details above)
- 2 November TOGETHER Service with Baptisms 10:30am at St Michael's
- 9 November Remembrance Sunday
- 9 November Winder Lecture, given by Joel & Fiona Kelling 7pm at St Michael's

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