

# WEEKLY NEWS

Last week we began our “Good News” series with the warmth of God’s Love – we continue this Sunday by looking at God’s power, and why the Good News is **accepting a new king**. The first Christians understood the “gospel” as an announcement that God is in charge. Jesus is Lord, and I am not. It may sound threatening, but is actually a relief to our lives.

## **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 [guydc@warfield.org.uk](mailto:guydc@warfield.org.uk) 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 several candidates 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 [admin@warfield.org.uk](mailto:admin@warfield.org.uk).

## **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 deliver it to **The Entertainer** (in the town centre) 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 Samaritan’s Purse to [fill a shoebox online](#) on your behalf. It costs £25 and you can personalise 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 [guydc@warfield.org.uk](mailto:guydc@warfield.org.uk). It would be great to be able to invite people over Christmas to find out about Jesus!

# THIS SUNDAY

## St Michael’s

This week we continue to look at the “Good News”, with a focus on God’s power and authority – which can sometimes be challenging. There will be children’s groups running in the Parish Rooms.

## Whitegrove

We hope to see you at Whitegrove this week as we think about the rule of God’s kingdom and how he reigns over us. Also...

- Christmas (sssh) is getting closer. Would you like to join our fabulous band of planners to think through what events we run and get them going? This could be carols, wreaths, gingerbread houses, school fairs or something entirely different for 2025. To get involved email Vicky at [victoria.doherty@warfield.org.uk](mailto:victoria.doherty@warfield.org.uk).
- In case you missed the parents & carers letter last week, here it is again: [all about our Sunday children’s and youth work at Whitegrove this term.](#)

# MISSION PARTNERS: COMPASSION



Our prayers this week are for Compassion. They are a charity who believe that every child should have hope for their future. Warfield Church supports two children; Karielle in Brazil and Lloyd in Kenya.

Please pray for them on the points below:

- Pray for Lloyd, who lives in Shauri Yako in Kenya, by Lake Victoria. He is 15 and currently in Year 10 at school. His interests are science and sports, particularly football. [Letter from Lloyd 19 July 2025](#). Also see the end of our web page for [ongoing developments at Lloyd's church](#).
- Pray for Karielle, who lives in Goiabal in the North-East of Brazil. She is 18 and in her final year of school. Her interests are drawing/art, maths and technology, basketball and cycling. Please pray against the current corruption in Brazil, and that Karielle will be able to enjoy the remainder of her time at school as she looks towards adult life. [Letter from Karielle 28 January 2025](#)
- And please pray for the wider Compassion charity around the world. You can find other [news from Compassion on their website](#).

## PAUL & ROSIE'S ITALIAN BIKE RIDE



Rosie writes:

We started cycling on Wednesday 8th October with a team of 20 other cyclists from outside of Pisa to Santa Maria di Leuca in the heel of Italy. We have self funded this adventure but are also doing it to raise money for Ron & Joanna Domingo. As of Wednesday 15th we have cycled 513 miles of the 800 we have to do!

Italy is beautiful, the views are stunning & the little towns & villages sitting on top of high hills & mountains are really hard work to get to on a bike but are great to see!

The cycling has been really hard work but the team are great. There have been times when we have been tempted to get an early flight home we have been so tired but knowing we have committed to raise some funds for Ron & Joanna has kept us turning those pedals.

Thank you so much to so many people who have so generously sponsored us & sent us encouraging messages.

[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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