

WEEKLY NEWS

This week is Mission Sunday. As Warfield Church we support [Mission Partners](#) all around the world – but what is “mission”? Why do we support it? And how can we be praying for our Mission Partners? On Sunday we will try to answer these questions, and more!

We will be also be taking a special offering this Sunday as a Christmas gift to our Mission Partners. This is a **personal gift** that goes directly to them and their families. Many of our partners live in difficult circumstances, and some in communities that are frequently impacted by natural disasters. We would love to show our appreciation to them through this gift – every donation goes a long way!



Ruth's Licensing & First Sunday

There's just one more week until Ruth is joining us! **Make sure you've booked a place:**

- **Ruth's Licensing** – 30 November, 5:30pm, at St Michael's. [Please book online if you will be attending the service.](#)
- **Also on 30 November**, we're looking for volunteers to make tray bakes (to serve ~20 people each) which will be served after the licensing service. [Please either contact the office or sign up on a paper sheet at a Sunday service.](#)
- **7 December Buffet Lunch** – then, for Ruth's first Sunday we are meeting TOGETHER at Warfield School at 10:30am, and will have a buffet lunch (food is provided) after the service. This is both a welcome to Ruth and as a thank you to everyone who has helped during the vacancy. [Please book online if you will be staying for lunch.](#)

Christmas

After Ruth joins us, it won't be long until Christmas! Our website is now live with the details: [Warfield Christmas services](#). There will also be leaflets available on Sunday – here's [a printable Christmas leaflet](#) if you want more to give to your friends! At this stage we particularly want to draw attention to:

- **When Christmas Hurts** – a bereavement carol service for those suffering with the pain of loss this Christmas. Sunday 7 December, 3pm at St Andrew's.

- **Carol Services** – this year we are having **two** carol services on Sunday 21 December. The 4pm service is all-age and family friendly, while the 7pm service is our usual, more traditional nine lessons and carols service. Both services will still be done by candlelight!

You **do not** need to book for any of our Christmas services this year.



Alpha

We'd really like to start a new Alpha course in January 2026 – it would be perfect to invite all those who visit us over Christmas! However, since Guy and Ruth want to focus their time on getting to know people, they wouldn't be leading this particular course.

We are hoping that a few individuals, or even a life group, would be willing to step up and run the course – whether that's large-scale with multiple groups, or just as a smaller home group. If you have any interest, please let Guy or the staff team know.

Knickers November

Binfield Church runs a clothes bank with several giveaway days each year. They collect good quality, clean clothes all year, but in November they are asking for donations of NEW underwear - it's known as **Knickers November**! If you'd like to help, please buy some underwear for children, women or men (boxer shorts style for men) and drop it at: Binfield Church office (at St Mark's church during opening hours), Binfield Rectory or the Foxes' Den community cafe.

THIS SUNDAY

St Michael's

On Mission Sunday this week, we'll have a brief introduction to all our mission partners, and then focus on two: the Adhikaris (Nepal) and the Clemisons (Philippines). Guy will also be presiding over Communion for the first time at St Michael's! Some parts of the service will be all-age, and there also separate mission-related activities which our young disciples are welcome to complete.

Whitegrove

This Sunday at Whitegrove, we'll give some background to our mission partners, and then Vicky will be interviewing Ben Durbin about his recent time in Kenya and what he saw St Peter's Life-Line get up to. Usual children's groups are running and they will also be talking about our mission partners.

MISSION PARTNERS: HANDS ON HOUSES



The focus of our Mission Partner prayers this week is Hands on Houses, founded by Don and Margie Cook. They are a small non-profit organisation with global construction experience who build houses for people who need them most. Over the years they have built nearly 500 houses across 7 countries.

Please pray for them on the points below.

- Pray for the 2025 Christmas challenge! Each year, Hands on Houses challenge themselves to fund a number of houses in the month of December. Their goal is to fund 25 houses this Christmas (which will be built in 2026). Each house costs about £4500.
- Pray for Don and Margie's travels, which they call "fun(d) raising". They speak at conferences, churches, and to small family groups over coffee. In recent weeks they've been touring Western America – Hawaii, California, Arizona and are now in Colorado.
- And give thanks for the longevity of this charity and the people involved. Hands on Houses are projected to build their 500th house by the end of 2025!

NOTICES

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

Coming up soon:

- **23 November** – Worship Evening – 7pm at St Michael's
- **30 November** – Ruth Donegan-Cross' Licensing – 5:30pm at St Michael's
- **7 December** – TOGETHER Service – 10:30am at Warfield School
With a buffet lunch – please sign up to let us know catering numbers
- **7 December** – When Christmas Hurts – 3pm at St Andrew's

CHRISTMAS: Warfield Christmas Services

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