

WEEKLY NEWS

Happy New Year in 2026! We are excited to see what God has planned for Warfield Church this year.

A huge thank you to all who helped make Christmas happen this year – the decorating at St Michael's, volunteering to help with services, or even just inviting a friend or relative. Our Christmas services reach **hundreds** of visitors who don't usually come to Warfield Church and may not have heard the gospel before.

We also took offerings over Christmas for *The Children's Society* and *Pilgrim Hearts* – thank you for donating, as we will now be able to send **over £500 to each charity!**

This week we start a new sermon series – details under “This Sunday” below.

Meals at the Vicarage

Guy and Ruth would love to invite you for a meal at their house!

This is because we'd like to get to know our new church family.

There will be dates over the next months that you can sign up for – these will be available at the back at Sunday services. Don't panic if you don't find a date immediately, we'll keep going until everyone has had a chance to come.

Bishop of Oxford Consultation (Vacancy in See)

A few weeks ago, Bishop Steven announced his retirement as Bishop of Oxford in July. (*Mary, Bishop of Reading is our area Bishop and works under Bishop Steven*)

The *Vacancy in See Committee* are now seeking the views of churches across the Diocese, to put together a “Statement of Needs” about what people would like to see in the new Bishop (similar to when we made the Parish Profile to look for a new Vicar).

If you want to share your input, please [fill in the survey](#) which will take about 10 minutes. The Diocese also value the input of children and young people – there are separate questions in the survey tailored to those ages.

The survey closes on Wednesday 4 February.

*Finally, please note that the **church office will be closed** on Wednesday 14th next week.*

THIS SUNDAY

Last term, we asked “What is the good news?”. This week we begin a follow-on series aiming at encouraging and building up the body of Christ, shaped around how we get real, gritty, forward-looking hope in the midst of this world. The series breakdown is:

- Jan 11th – People can be chaotic, but God our Father is faithful to His world
- Jan 18th – Things can be bad, but God our Father works for good through all things.
- Jan 25th – Jesus and Bartimaeus (Bartimaeus had hope!).
- Feb 1st – Evil is real, but Jesus our King trampled it on the cross.
- Feb 8th – We don’t know the future, but Jesus is the Lamb who unlocks all of History.
- Feb 15th – We can’t control everything, but the Holy Spirit is God’s guarantee of the future.

We begin by thinking about just how chaotic our world is today. At the beginning of a new year, where do we stand?

At St Michael's, we have an all-age service and welcome Jude and his family as we celebrate his baptism.

At Whitegrove, we have our usual children's groups running.

This week is an exception, but from next week we have standardised our service patterns so that our Communion and All-Age services are consistent across both our 10:30 congregations.

MISSION PARTNERS: THE CLEMISONS



Our prayers this week are for Peter and Becky Clemison. They work in Cebu in the Philippines, with several initiatives to help struggling families and trafficked children, and have set up a charity called 4Freedom. Watch this video for an [introduction to their 4 projects](#). You can also find updates on the [4Freedom Facebook page](#).

There are lots of things to be thankful for from the end of 2025:

- As part of the Safe Families program, Becky led a parenting seminar to over 25 people – the room was full enough that people had to listen from outside!

- Peter has now completed 12 months of SBS (School of Bible Study) courses – with a 98% distinction! [Read Peter's blog post](#) to hear about his experience and how this has changed his journey in faith.
- And finally – the 4Freedom charity has officially received its CRLTO and NPSP statuses in the Philippines! These allow 4Freedom to legally conduct more activities and services nationwide, and opens more paths to develop local funding sources.
(CRLTO: Certificate of Registration and License to Operate)
(NPSP: National Public Solicitation Permit)

NOTICES

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

Coming up soon:

- **28th January** – Prayer Meeting – 8pm at St Michael's
- **1st February** – TOGETHER Service – 10:30am at Whitegrove
- **1st February** – Worship Evening – 7pm at St Michael's

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