

WEEKLY NEWS

We're halfway through our series on hope – but that doesn't mean that hope is about to end! This week we'll be considering that although evil is real, Jesus our King trampled it with the victory on the cross. Jesus has the last word!

The 08:30am service at St Andrew's will be followed by the monthly prayer breakfast, where we pray for the people of Priestwood.

At 10:30am we are meeting TOGETHER at **Whitegrove School, RG42 3QS**, and our usual children's groups are running during the service.

Lent

The season of Lent is approaching, and our focus will be on **Dreaming and Praying**. Instead of giving up something up for Lent, we want to encourage each other to go deeper in prayer.

- Our [Lent leaflet](#) has more details on what we are doing and why. Printed copies will be available on Sunday. You can also find the information [on our website](#).
- The Prayer Cabin at St Michael's will have some gradual changes week-by-week throughout Lent, linked to our Sunday sermons. The calendar remains open to [book a slot](#) during church office hours – it's a great space to spend time with God.
- On February 15th, we'll be opening a survey with the chance for you to share your dreams for the future of Warfield Church.
- There will be daily prayer ideas shared over our new WhatsApp Channel – see below!

All of the Lent events and activities lead up to Holy Week and Easter Sunday – information about Easter services is also in the Lent leaflet.



WhatsApp

We've set up a church WhatsApp Channel so we can send daily updates throughout Lent. (Your personal data will remain completely private and protected, and will not be visible to other members).

To join the channel, [follow the instructions on this page](#). Don't worry if this is new to you – it is also new for most of us! Talk to a leader if you are struggling. We are using a "Channel" because it is the **safest** way to communicate within WhatsApp on a large scale.

Women Together

Coming up in March is a chance for ladies to join together in a time of fellowship – the afternoon includes sung worship, cream tea, and a talk by a visiting speaker. On this occasion we're delighted to welcome Brenda Wray, a former Bible college principal and life ministry coach.

PLEASE BOOK by following the link: [Women Together](#)

The event is not limited to just those in Warfield Church – please invite friends and family as well. There is a cost of **£5 per person** which you can pay on the day.

Book Sale Fundraising – from Carol Logan (church member)

"I'm a granny fundraising for my grandson's volunteer school trip to Nepal in June / July 2026, by selling her books at discounted prices. My grandson Oliver hopes to go on the Kings Academy volunteer trip to Nepal this summer. He needs to raise a considerable amount of money towards the cost of the project. To help him, I am selling my books at reduced cost. I am getting the books at a discounted rate by asking the buyers to pay before I order them in. I will be available to take orders and payments at Whitegrove on the 1st February. You will be able to see a copy of each book on offer."



Calling on the Church to Support Biodiversity

As Christians we are called to act as responsible stewards of God's good and beautiful creation. The Church of England is a major landowner in the UK and has a fantastic opportunity to lead by example in supporting biodiversity. If you would like the church's governing body (General Synod) to take this role seriously then you can write to our Synod representatives and ask that they support a motion currently being proposed. It's really easy to do - visit <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/help-nature-bloom-again-on-church-land/> for more information, or if the platform isn't working properly you can find the information [here](#) instead.

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 over 500 houses across 7 countries.

Watch [a short welcome video](#) to hear from them personally.

- Pray for the 100-house target in 2026. In the last 2 years ('24 and '25), *Hands on Houses* have aimed to build 100 houses in a year – but have fallen short on both financial and practical resources (lack of building partners). For this year, they have enough building partners to meet the target...will 2026 be the best year yet for *Hands on Houses*?
- However, more funding will be needed to meet the target. Each house costs only a few thousand pounds. There are important meetings coming up with possible donors – one of them today! (Friday). And there are always ongoing conversations with more building partners; *Hands on Houses* need wisdom to know which are the right partners to build with.
- And please pray for the health of Don and Margie. They are not young, and lately, Don's back has been giving him trouble. Despite all this though, Don and Margie continue to work with extraordinary energy and spirit!

NOTICES

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

[Join the WhatsApp Channel](#) for regular updates and more details.

Info about Lent events can be found on our [Lent leaflet](#).

Coming up soon:

- **1st February** – TOGETHER Service – 10:30am at Whitegrove
- **1st February** – Worship Evening – 7pm at St Michael's
- **18th February** – Ash Wednesday – 8pm service at St Michael's

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