

WEEKLY NEWS

This week is the last Sunday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – we’re halfway through February already! As we conclude our series on “reasons to be hopeful”, how has your view of 2026 changed? Remember...

- People can be chaotic, but God our Father is faithful to His world.
- Things can be bad, but God our Father works for good through all things.
- The crowd wouldn’t listen, but Bartimaeus had hope.
- Evil is real, but Jesus our King trampled it on the cross.
- We don’t know the future, but Jesus is the Lamb who unlocks all of History.

We know that God is in control and he is working through us today. We can’t control everything, but the Holy Spirit is God’s guarantee of the future. We can be hopeful because we know how the story ends – complete healing. God’s Spirit gives us a foretaste of that now.

We’ll be celebrating Communion at all of our services this week, and children’s groups will be running during our 10:30 services.

Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday, 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.

Don’t forget to check our [Lent leaflet](#) to mark important dates in your calendar. You’ll also receive reminders and prompts every week if you join our WhatsApp Channel. You may also wish to print and prepare the [Lent paper chain](#) for use starting on Wednesday. This is a family-friendly activity to count down the days of Lent. Make (or break!) your chain piece by piece, with the whole chain being destroyed on Easter Sunday!

The Prayer Cabin will begin to change from next week! We’ve decided to open the calendar to a larger range of hours, so please [book a slot](#) – but remember that outside of church office hours, the parish room facilities will be closed, and there may be no one else on site with you.

And finally – the [“dreaming” survey](#) opens on Sunday. You don’t have to answer straightaway, but we would love to hear your thoughts about your dreams for Warfield Church. Watch a short explanation from Guy:



WhatsApp

The WhatsApp Channel will see more usage starting this week – so don't miss out!

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.

Lighthouse – Children's Summer Holiday Club Opportunity

Churches across Bracknell deanery are hoping to offer a holiday club for primary school children this summer. There are lots of volunteer roles to fill, like running craft or sports sessions, behind-the-scenes paperwork or serving refreshments for the other volunteers. Come and find out more this Sunday (15th Feb) at Easthampstead church from 4pm. [More details here](#) or on the [Lighthouse Facebook page](#).

An opportunity to step down from a rota

Yes, you heard that right! We are all here to serve, but no one needs to do the same thing forever in church. It is also good if we know who needs to step down from something in advance so we can plan ahead. So, if you have been doing a job in church and feel you need or want to step back for a season, here is an opportunity to do so. It would be really helpful if you could let Guy, Ruth or the wardens know if you would like to step down later this year. If you can let us know your intentions by April, and aim to finish in June or July, this will help us to plan ahead. Then in May or June we can then give each other opportunities to take on new possibilities! Hope that makes sense, and feels like a chance to listen to God about where you get to serve...

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.

Click to [watch a short introduction](#) or read [their February prayer diary](#).

Please pray for them on the points below:

- Pray for the political situation in Nepal. After the “Gen Z protests” last September, a general election was called in the country for 5th March 2026. This is a historic moment for the country so please pray for wisdom for leaders and the people. Also, in recent years there has been a growing anti-Christian movement in some parties, which has been affecting Aanandit, so please pray that the outcome of the elections would allow for the return of greater religious freedoms.
- Please pray for the children sponsored by Aanandit. Some will be taking school exams later this term, so please pray for wisdom and peace. Milan and Shusma’s daughter Amishu has applied for an MA degree which she would study in the UK – please pray that she is granted the opportunity.
- And please pray for the health of all those who work for Aanandit, their families, and the sponsored children. Please pray for Shusma’s mother who has grown weak very recently.

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:

- **15th February** – “Dreaming” survey opens
- **18th February** – Ash Wednesday – 8pm service at St Michael’s
- **25th February** – Prayer Meeting – 8pm at St Michael’s
- **1st March** – TOGETHER Service – 10:30am at Whitegrove

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