

# WEEKLY NEWS

We've entered the season of Lent, and we're beginning our journey of dreaming and praying.

Each Sunday, there will be a video testimony from one or two members of Warfield Church sharing what helps them to pray. Then there will be a related prayer activity during the service, and the prayer cabin will also be updated each week to reflect this – [book your slot](#) for the prayer cabin.

Our weekly themes are...

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Jesus had struggles like us.
- 1<sup>st</sup> March – Lord, help me to listen to you.
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Lord, help me to worship you.
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Lord, help me to see as you do. (Mothering Sunday)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Lord, bring me to life.
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Lord, keep me faithful to you. (Palm Sunday)

Our 10:30 services will be all-age this week.

This week we think about our struggles, temptations and worries, focusing on Jesus' time in the wilderness.

And it's not too late to start making the [Lent paper chain](#) – this is a family-friendly activity, with an idea for each day of Lent. Make (or break) the chain piece by piece (remember, not on Sundays, because they count as a “day off” in Lent!), with the whole chain being completed on Easter Sunday!

We've also scheduled additional prayer meetings, at Whitegrove and St Andrew's – find these dates on our [Lent leaflet](#), and you'll receive reminders of everything above by joining the [WhatsApp Channel](#).

The [dreaming survey](#) is open – we would love to hear your thoughts and dreams for Warfield Church. We also want to hear from children and young people – there will be an opportunity for this during their groups at the TOGETHER service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **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...



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](#).

Please pray for them on the points below:

- Pray for the finance needed to run Play Therapy training. There is increasing demand for Play Therapy training, but the courses are too expensive for many Filipinos. This also inhibits the course as there need to be enough students to make it possible to run. Becky is trying to find alternatives, or finance partial scholarships, but this is proving difficult.
- Give thanks that 4Freedom's projects are growing – particularly the Safe Families and Alongsiders programs, which brings families and communities together, and you can read more about this in [recent blog posts](#).
- Finally, please pray for Peter and Becky's next steps. Peter and Becky have been considering taking a sabbatical period back to the UK, maybe for a year, but with regular visits to the Philippines and the chance to bring some of their projects into the UK too. However, the timing of 4Freedom's recent growth, and eldest child Josh soon needing to take GCSEs makes the timing of this difficult. Peter and Becky want to explore the options to ensure they make the decision. They are confident that God is good and will lead them to the best path forward.

# 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:

- **25<sup>th</sup> February** – Prayer Meeting – 8pm at St Michael's
- **1<sup>st</sup> March** – TOGETHER Service – 10:30am at Whitegrove
- **1<sup>st</sup> March** – Worship Evening – 7pm at St Michael's

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