



WARFIELD CHURCH

Some 2025 highlights...



Goodbye...and hello!

We said **goodbye** to Rev David Brown on 26th April



and Rev David Chislett on 29th June as he moved on to become the vicar of Wargrave.

Worship highlights

The monthly service at the **Warfield Park Community Centre** on the second Tuesday of each month continued. **'Together'** Services On Pentecost Sunday (8th June), **the new Bishop of Reading presided. Worship Evenings** once a month at St. Michael's have been joined by people from other local churches as well as our own members.



Community blessings

Autumn Club ran a number of events throughout the year - fantastic hospitality for the young at heart! Warfield Church supported Cameo and Share Bracknell in St Andrew's each Friday. Volunteers collect short-dated food on Thursday evenings, and this is redistributed on Friday afternoons to those in need or anyone who would like to collect.

There have been two weekly coffee mornings running all year - C3 in the Brownlow Hall on Thursdays and C4 on Thursdays in St Andrew's.

During October and November, Warfield Church again hosted and ran a Bereavement Journey course, with 14 delegates and 5 volunteers, ably led by Ali Wilkins.



We said **hello** on 29th September to Rev Guy Donegan-Cross and on 30th November to Rev Ruth Donegan-Cross.



In February, Judy Ridell joined us as Children and Schools Pastor. This started on a 2 days per week basis and grew to 4 days per week in September.

In June Charlotte Rillie joined us as Little Starz leader.



Christmas!

We offered "When Christmas Hurts" a Bereavement Carol service, "Three lessons and Carols" service at St Andrew's, Two carol services at St Michael's, a Nativity Service at Whitegrove School and a Christingle Service at St Michael's

Mission Partners

We have nine mission partners around the world, and were fortunate to have visits from quite a few them, to meet with some of them on Zoom, and to receive video updates and regular prayer updates from others.

Following the Mission Partner Sunday in all three congregations in November, a special offering was taken towards personal Christmas gifts for all Mission Partners. A total of £2,600 was generously given, and gifts of £350 sent to mission partners with families with children under 18, and £250 sent to individuals / couples.



Children and Schools

Little Starz served 20 adults and 30 children on average per week.

Our new Children and Schools Pastor visited Warfield, Whitegrove and Meadowvale Schools through lessons, assemblies and running 'Prayer Spaces' and 'Christmas-in-a-box' events. Lambourn School hosted a carol service.

900 children connected with Warfield Church over Christmas through the various initiatives.



Discipleship

We studied 'Practicing the Way', the book of Ephesians, Ezra on a 'Living Water' series and had a 'Good News' sermon series. Lifegroups and Community Bible Study continued to meet and disciple people.

*"You can't follow Jesus alone. Not 'shouldn't'; can't. It's not even an option. Jesus didn't have a disciple; he had disciples, plural. He called people to apprentice under him in community."
— John Mark Comer. Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.*

Building developments

Our fab fabric committee oversaw the reinstatement of a permanent boundary fence between St Michaels and Templars, planning for the like for like replacement of the Toogood Fence/Gate at the entrance to St Michaels churchyard and repair of the broken stained-glass window in the South Transept



Keeping everyone safe

We have a new safeguarding provider (Verifile), and an Induction booklet for new volunteers for children's activities is now available.