

WEEKLY NEWS

Thank you to all who donated to Christian Aid on Sunday. We're yet to have a final total, but we believe that we've raised over £500 from the plant sale alone! That's double what we raised from the sale last year – thank you so much to all who have donated.

This week we are looking at the beginning of John 17. Jesus is praying, and asks the Father to be glorify him, and then prays for his disciples.

Usual services on Sunday – 8:30am Communion at St Andrew's, 10:30am at St Michael's and Whitegrove for morning worship with children's groups.



Meals at the Vicarage

The sign-up sheet for Summer meals will be at St Andrew's and Whitegrove this week. There are still some spaces to sign up for to have a meal with Guy and Ruth!



St Michael's Cleaning Day

On **Saturday 23rd May**, we want to spend a morning cleaning St Michael's. Whilst our recent day in April at St Andrew's was focused on decluttering, here we are specifically wanting to **CLEAN** the church, and there is plenty to do! If anyone is willing to help mop, Hoover, dust, polish, etc – **please let us know by emailing admin@warfield.org.uk** so that we know how many people to expect and provide refreshments for.



Afternoon with Yuri and Plamy Valkov

The Valkov family are our mission partners in Silven, Bulgaria. Coming up is an opportunity to meet them and learn more about what they do! We would love everyone to join us on **Sunday 24th May, from 4pm in the Parish Rooms**, with refreshments provided.

Yuri is pastor of the Baptist church, and Plamy runs the "Blue House" where they provide social action. They have a vision to redevelop the Blue House into a Christian bookshop & coffee shop. Bulgaria is a poor country, where many people don't receive a state pension – the coffee shop provides a way for a few employed people and the church itself to increase income. Please join us next Sunday to hear more about their vision!



Pentecost Prayer Walk

Next Sunday (24th May) is Pentecost Sunday – the birth of the church. The Bracknell Christian Network are inviting all churches in Bracknell to take part in a prayer walk around the Town Centre at any time during the weekend. The suggested route and prayer topics can be found here: [Pentecost - Pray 'Your Kingdom Come'](#)

At 5pm on 24th May, there will be a joint worship event at Bond Square (near Waitrose / M&S) in the Lexicon. Come and celebrate the church's birthday with worship and cake!



Baptism by Immersion

On Sunday 26th July, we'll be conducting **baptisms by full immersion** during the morning service (which will be TOGETHER as we begin the Summer holidays). Would you like to be baptised? Or perhaps re-affirm your baptism vows? Please think and pray, and don't be afraid to talk to Guy or Ruth about this opportunity.



Alpha

We would **love** to run an Alpha course this Autumn – but to do so, we need leaders to run the course (it won't be Guy or Ruth on this occasion). We are hoping that a life group could step up and host the course. It could be a larger course with multiple groups, or just a small home group, and there are video resources available to use.

Would you be interested? Please let us know!



Flowers in the Graveyard

There has been a report of plants being removed from a grave in recent weeks. Obviously this is distressing for the family involved. If you are in the area and can keep an eye out to see that graves are being appropriately respected, we would be really grateful.

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 (primarily widows). Over the years they have built over 500 houses across 7 countries.

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

Please pray for them on the points below:

- 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 believe they have enough building partners to meet the target!
- Please pray for wisdom. *Hands on Houses* need to establish a trusting relationship with the building partners before the house can be fully funded, to ensure that the money is not being exploited. It is also complex to decide who receives the house. Different village cultures treat widows differently – so there is also a trust needed with local leaders and the community. There are potential opportunities to develop further in Zambia and the Philippines, and for the first time in Serbia and Ethiopia.
- And please pray for the health of Don and Margie. Don's back continues to give him trouble, and frequent travel around the world can be exhausting. 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.

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Coming up soon:

- **23rd May** – St Michael's Cleaning Day – 9am-12pm at St Michael's
- **24th May** – Afternoon with Yuri and Plamy Valkov – 4pm at St Michael's
- **24th May** – Pentecost Worship – 5pm in the Bracknell Town Centre
- **6th June** – Afternoon tea to thank and celebrate all those who serve in the ministry of Warfield Church – 3pm at St Michael's

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