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# ST MARGARET'S WHITNASH

## NOTICES

Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Our mission at St. Margaret's is:

"To receive God's love in Christ and to share it with all"

New Website: [WWW.SMCW.ORG](http://WWW.SMCW.ORG)



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> January

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**

**Reading** Mark 4: 21-34

4:00pm **Connect @ 4** at the Church Centre

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January

10:30 a.m. **BCP Holy Communion**

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

10:00a.m. **Holy Communion**

**Reading:** Ephesians 4: 2-6

4:00pm **Connect @ 4** at the Church Centre

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

10:30 a.m. **BCP Holy Communion**

**COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES:** Please make your offerings on the wooden plates or on the ConnectTin machine, at the entry and exit doors to the Church, as we don't pass the offertory plate around during the service. Many thanks.

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**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**  
**Beverley Rye, Sophina Huggan, Alan Sperring, Ben Stafford, Julie Winup, Jeanette Oubridge, David Lloyd, Michael Roberts, Joan Packman, Alistair McFarlane, John Addicott, Hallie-Rose, Avril Baker, Roger Perrin, Fay, Shirley Simms, Barbara Clemmey, Stuart Forrest**

**For the bereaved family & friends:**

### **Camel Post 2024**

We would like to thank everyone who supported Camel Post 2024, especially the Camels who made it possible. You raised the magnificent amount of £434.20 for Myton Hospice, by allowing us to deliver 723 of your cards and by your generous donations.

We thank you all for your continuing support and look forward to Camel Post 2025.

Linda, Linda and Alan

### **Requests for Foodbank donations:**

Tinned cold meat, long-life milk, biscuits, jam, squash, long-life fruit juice, shower gel, washing up liquid...with thanks for your continued support. Ros

### **St Margaret's Circle 6th January 2025**

Happy New Year everyone & compliments of the season!

We kick off our first meeting of 2025, on Monday 6th January, in the Chapter House, with our annual Beetle Drive, always good fun, and also our popular (Surplus to Requirements) Christmas Gift Raffle.

All ladies very welcome, guests £4. Do come along & join in.

Lynn Barber, Leader SMC.

### **MOTHERS' UNION meetings at 2pm in the Chapter House:**

21<sup>st</sup> January – Speaker: Mandy Williams on 'Building a Refuge for women & children in Azerbaijan'.

(Reminder that **subscriptions are due** at January's meeting.)

18<sup>th</sup> February – AGM and Beetle Drive.

## **Mission Prayer Focus: Flourish**

- This term, our group mentoring helped 49 girls improve their wellbeing and 52 improve their self esteem. We've supported 43 girls through 1:1 mentoring, helping them understand their worth and equipping them with the tools they need to flourish now and in the future.
  - We have recruited a new Head of Services, Nic, to support our growing team, who will be starting in January.
  - Our Flourish Advisory Board (made up of girls who have received our support) has gone from strength to strength, with 17 girls now on board, helping us develop new resources and services for girls like Millie – Please pray for:
- **The girls we will support in 2025:** that we would be able to help them know their incredible worth and equip them with the tools they need to flourish now and into the future. Please pray that we would see all girls saying "My confidence has grown; I have hope for the future"
  - **That more women would join us in supporting girls as volunteer mentors:** that God would put it on the right women's hearts, that they would have the time to volunteer, and that God would enable them to draw alongside mentees well.
  - **Funding:** we face a significant shortfall for this financial year, and the fundraising environment is increasingly challenging. Please pray that we would be able to raise sufficient funds to continue being there for girls now and in the future.
  - **Our new Head of Services, Nic,** that she would settle in quickly and help our team thrive.

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### **Growing together in Christ - Small Group Training**

We have two sessions coming up that will help us to explore why we have small groups and what they might look like. The sessions are designed for people to reflect on an existing small group or explore a potential group. These sessions will be led by Anna Naish (Lay learning and training lead)

#### **Monday 27th January**

This session focusses on why small groups are important

#### **Wednesday 5th February**

This session focuses on how we create the environment and relationships for growing in faith.

Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Venue: St. Margaret's Church, 2 Church Cl, Whitnash, Leamington Spa CV31 2HJ

Please speak to Ben or Rolene for more information or sign up via our website.

**TRY ALPHA** - Alpha is for anyone interested in exploring questions of life and spirituality. The course involves considering some of the big questions in life. Join us, share your thoughts and explore the meaning of life...

The next Alpha course will begin on **Monday 3rd February 2025** at St Margaret's Church, Whitnash – please sign up via our website.

**CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT** – The quiz night will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at St Margaret's Church Centre 6.30pm-9.30pm

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