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ST MARGARET'S WHITNASH

NOTICES

Sundays 16th & 23rd February 2025

Our mission at St. Margaret's is:

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

Website: WWW.SMCW.ORG



Sunday 16th February

10:00 a.m. **All Age Worship**

Reading Ephesians 5:21-end 6:9

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

Thursday 20th February

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

Sunday 23rd February

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

Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20

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

Thursday 27th February

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, Alistair McFarlane, Hallie-Rose, Avril Baker, Roger Perrin, Fay, Shirley Simms, Stuart Forrest, Paul Yarwood

For the bereaved family & friends of: Joan Packman, Barbara Clemmey, Dawn Harris

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

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

18th February – AGM and Beetle Drive.

World Day of Prayer - is a women-led ecumenical movement (sometimes know as Women's World Day of Prayer).

Whitnash service is on Friday 7th March 2025 at Whitnash Methodist church at 10:30am, with light refreshments afterwards

This years' service has been written by the women of the Cook Islands in the South Pacific Ocean. The islanders have celebrated 200 years of Christianity in the group of 15 islands, which is spread over nearly 800,000 square miles in the ocean. Their first WWDP was held in 1971 on Rarotonga.

Based on Psalm 139, this years' service invites us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care and that we are all unique and special. It speaks of troubles and overcoming obstacles. But, above all, sharing the message in the title – "I made you wonderful"

This day is a great day of prayer that encircles the globe and is celebrated in over 120 countries, beginning as the sun rises over Samoa and ends as the sun sets over American Samoa some 36 hours later. Truly amazing.

This service is for EVERYONE – men, women and children of all ages are all very welcome, so please do come along and help us to mark this special day.

Lynn Barber, Whitnash WDP Branch Secretary

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Requests for Foodbank donations:

Long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, small jars of coffee, Cuppa soup, Shaving foam/gel, razors, deodorants (male and female) toilet rolls, nappies sizes 4,5,6 & 7...with thanks for your continued support. Ros

Mission Prayer Focus: Open Doors

*In Romans 8:35-38 we read:

Who then can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death. No in all these things we have complete victory through him who loves us, nothing can separate us from his love.

*Elmira knows this, she is the youngest in her family and the first to become a Christian. Her family want her to give up the faith, she has even suffered violence, but she is standing strong.

*Fatehmeh lives in constant fear due government persecution and frequent Police raids on house Churches. Her husband is imprisoned, and her daughter Shirin suffers from anxiety. Ask God to give them Courage and Peace.

*Mary's daughter Bilki was among those girls kidnapped from a school in Chibok in 2014. She still has not been released.

The message from our persecuted Brothers and Sisters is: Don't Pray for Persecution to be taken away, Pray that we will stand firm and Pray for the Persecutors.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

For more information go to You Tube "Open Doors World Watch List 2025 ." Esther Brown Open Doors Rep

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.

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Women's Breakfast - Saturday 8 March, 9:30am

Eric's Coffee Shop, Austin Heath Retirement Village

Come along for fun, fellowship and food on International Women's Day.

Sign up before 1 March here:

<https://forms.gle/9SGnVFctdnVd1dzq5>, or with the QR code, or by speaking to Claire Shepherd or Harriet Hallam.



Electoral Roll: Every six years the Electoral Roll is completely revised.

Being on the electoral roll is a way of demonstrating your willingness to help shape the future of the church and enables you to participate and vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Those who want to be on it or if you have any questions need to apply or reapply to the Electoral Roll Officer, Julia Davies.

Please fill in the form at church and give to Julia or contact

jlizlouise@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you.

Notices for newsletter: Please email Anne anne@horsley.uk

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