

# LOVING WHITNASH

HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday 10.30am

WORSHIP SERVICE @ CHURCH

Sunday 10am

CONNECT @ 4PM

Sunday 4pm

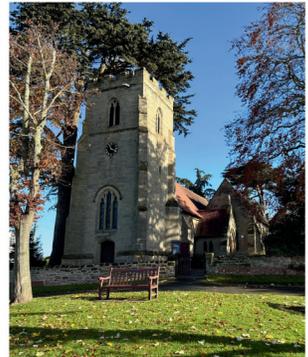
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Hello Whitnash! My name is Ben Cook, and I am the Rector of St Margaret's Church. We are a growing evangelical Anglican Church, and at Easter we celebrate a message of living hope. For many of us, hope can feel

fragile, something we cling to when life is uncertain or when the future feels unclear. We continue to live in challenging times, and it's easy to feel discouraged as we watch the news or face our own struggles. But Easter tells a different story. The resurrection of Jesus is the great declaration that death, fear and despair do not have the final word. Jesus is alive which means that hope is not wishful thinking, it is living, real and lasting. Through Jesus' victory over death, we are offered new life, forgiveness and a hope that carries us through every season.

**You would be so welcome to join us at St Margaret's this Easter to discover the living hope found in Jesus and in a growing church community.**



## Holiday Club 2026!



Last summer we hosted an amazing holiday club at St Margaret's Church Centre with 40 children and a brilliant team of volunteers from St Margaret's Church. We had such a good time, that we have decided to do it again! This

year our theme is... Deep Sea Divers and we'll be going on an ocean themed adventure! The cost is **£30 per child for all four days**, which includes a hot lunch. If cost is a concern, please reach out to us - we don't want cost to be a barrier.

**Who:** Children in years 1-6 (school year 25/26)

**When:** 4-7 August, 9:30am - 2:00pm

**Where:** St Margaret's Church Centre

**Places are limited - book at [www.smcw.org](http://www.smcw.org)**



The Bereavement Journey is a 7-week course exploring the impact and process of loss through films and discussion. People often feel pressured to 'move on' from grief, whereas the course helps one understand that we do not do that, but we can 'move forward with' our grief, enabling people to connect with others and giving people permission to express their

loss in a safe space.

**When:** Saturday mornings, 18 April to 30 May, 9.45 - 11.45am.

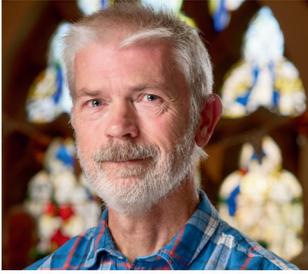
**Where:** St Margaret's Church Centre.

Visit our website for more information and contact the church office to sign up. We look forward to welcoming you.

Find out more at [ataloss.org](http://ataloss.org) or [thebereavementjourney.org](http://thebereavementjourney.org)

*"The Bereavement Journey course helped me understand myself and changed my life. It has also helped me forgive myself."*

*"This course has lifted me out of a deep pit. I came reluctantly as counselling had not helped me. Hearing other people's experiences and listening, as the process of grief was explored, rescued me."*



## Simon's story

My name is Simon. I have been a member of St Margaret's Church all of my life, having lived here in Whitnash for most of that time. I'm married to Tracey and we have two children; Emily and Nick. I am enjoying retirement and this year is special as we look forward to Emily's wedding.

I have been involved in various roles and activities at church over the years as there are so many opportunities to serve the church and the wider community.

I joined the choir in 1972 which gave me a passion for choral music (I sing in choirs to this day). I started bellringing in 1978 and was tower captain for 10 years. The redevelopment of the Church Centre and the works on the church tower roof kept me busy, and I have also served as a churchwarden. Now, I continue to work on buildings maintenance amongst other things!

*"I strongly believe that St Margaret's Church forms a crucial part of our community in Whitnash."*

I attend St Margaret's so that I can join others in worshipping Jesus and grow in my faith. However, my membership of church is more than that. Through being involved with church activities I have made, and continue to make, a wider circle of friends and I would therefore encourage and welcome anyone who wishes to be more involved.

## The Garden of Remembrance

Permission has recently been granted by the Diocese of Coventry for the creation of a Garden of Remembrance within the churchyard extension on Church Lane.

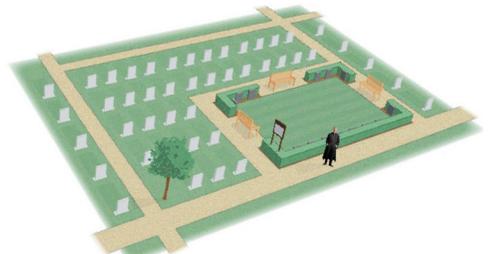
This space will provide an area for quiet reflection and will include a lawn designated for the interment of cremated remains (ashes).

Preparatory clearance work commenced in January 2026, and it is anticipated that the Garden of Remembrance will be available for interments

from autumn 2026. Those wishing to enquire about the interment of ashes in the new Garden of Remembrance are invited to contact the church office.

We are so grateful to the dedicated group of volunteers who take care of our churchyard, helping with

maintenance, including grass cutting and the emptying of bins. We host regular churchyard volunteer mornings, when a larger group come together to carry out more extensive clearance and general tidying. **The next churchyard volunteer morning is Saturday 18 April 2026.**





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## *Celebrate the miracle of Easter*

*This Easter, we hope you can join us as we experience the living hope that can be discovered in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

### **Ash Wednesday service - 18 February**

7:30pm Service of reflection as Lent begins  
@ church

### **Good Friday Walk - 3 April**

11am - A walk of witness with Christians in Whitnash starting at Whitnash Methodist Church. Finishing at the Plough and Harrow pub for refreshments.



### **An Hour at the Cross - 3 April**

2pm - An hour of reflection and worship.  
@ church

### **Family-friendly Easter Trail - 4 April**

1pm - 4pm - Starts at the Church Centre. Follow a map, find the clues and discover the story of Easter. Join us for hot cross buns and crafts after your trail!

### **Easter Sunday service - 5 April**

10am @ church. Join us as we worship Jesus and celebrate with baptisms - HE IS RISEN!

## Deep Sea Divers

**4-7 August 2026**

Join us for an ocean-themed holiday club with games, crafts and adventures.

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Book here!



We are running the Alpha course at St Margaret's Church in 2026 and we would love you to join us. Visit [www.smcw.org](http://www.smcw.org) for more information.