St MARGARET'S WHITNASH

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2026

LOVING WHITNASH

HOLY COMMUNION	WORSHIP SERVICE @ CHURCH	CONNECT @ 4PM
Thursday 10.30am	Sunday 10am	Sunday 4pm





Gifts

Hello Whitnash! My name is Ben Cook and I am the Rector of St Margaret's Church. We are a growing and lively evangelical Anglican Church, and this season we will be thinking about the gift of Christmas.

I wonder what comes to mind when you think about Christmas presents? Perhaps the excitement of giving something to someone you love, or the anticipation of receiving a gift yourself. Christmas is a time when we give and receive gifts, but at the heart of the Christmas story is a gift that is far greater than anything we could put under a tree. The Bible tells us that God gave us His greatest gift when He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. Jesus came to bring us hope, peace and forgiveness, and to show us how much God loves us.

Christmas is a reminder that God has not left us on our own, but has come to meet us in the person of Jesus. And that gift is for all of us. Whatever life looks like for you this Christmas – whether it is a time of celebration, or a difficult season – you are welcome at St Margaret's. ***Why not join us this Christmas? Come and discover again, or perhaps for the first time, the gift of Christmas — Jesus Christ, God's gift to us.***

Holiday Club 2026!

This August, St Margaret's Church Centre was transformed into an underwater adventure!
We had over 50 children join us for our Deep Sea Divers holiday club, along with a fabulous team of volunteers from St Margaret's Church. Together we explored the depths of the ocean, discovering fascinating creatures, tackling challenges and, most importantly, finding out more about God and His amazing love for us. Each day began with energetic songs, plenty of actions and some very enthusiastic chants from our three groups: Starfish Squad, Orca Odyssey and Dolphin Divers! We then headed into our different zones for a packed day of crafts, painting, games, challenges, sports and Bible teaching. We discovered some amazing stories in the Bible and learned that, even when life feels stormy or frightening, Jesus is with us and we can trust Him. Of course, no holiday club would be complete without some delicious lunches, plenty of snacks and lots of laughter!
We had an absolutely brilliant four days, and it was fantastic to have so many children from Whitnash and beyond join us.



A HUGE thank you to our wonderful team of cooks, helpers and volunteers who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to make the week such a success. We can't wait to do it all again!
Keep an eye out for details of our next St Margaret's Holiday Club – we'd love to see you there!

Garden of Remembrance now open!





What a privilege it was to officially open the new Garden of Remembrance in our churchyard on Sunday 27 September.
Thank you to all who came and all who helped to get it ready. We pray that it will be a blessing to our town for generations to come.
Anyone can visit the space to reflect and remember a loved one.



Arthur's story - responding to God's call



I came to faith when I was 16 years old, and it started with a quiet prayer in my bedroom to a God I wasn't even sure I believed in. I was going through some hardship, and He delivered me through it. I began to pray more often and read the Bible, until I felt a conviction to find a community and not try to tackle this journey on my own - I needed to go to church. I remember being so nervous that my dad had to come with me!

Everyone was so kind and welcoming, and I knew immediately that I had made the right choice.

My faith continued to grow, and I soon felt convicted to do more. I began helping with Bible studies and volunteered at this year's summer camp, both of which I really enjoyed.

My journey with God has led me into youth ministry, following the calling He has placed on my life.

This September, I started a degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission to equip me for this vocation, and St Margaret's is my placement church! This means that I will be working to pastor and mentor young people in the parish and I cannot wait to get started!

If you are aged 11-18 and want to know more about Jesus or ask questions - come along to church and say hello!



It's been a wonderful few months at Connect@4pm! Together, we've been exploring 'Unsung heroes' of the Bible, the book of James and this autumn we are pondering the Lord's Prayer. Holiday Club was the highlight of the summer as we saw over 50 children discover more about Jesus.

Looking forward, we are very excited about the Light Party for children on 30 October, which is an alternative to Halloween celebrations - details on the back page! And of course, we can't wait to celebrate Christmas with our Whitnash community!

We are a non-traditional, informal, relaxed church setting for all ages. There's Bible teaching, worship, learning, friendship, and there's a hot meal provided at the end of the service.

Come and join us – we'd love to see you at the Church Centre!

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas at St Margaret's Church

If you would like more information about any of our services or events, please visit our website or follow us on social media.

Saturday 21 Nov - Tree of Light switch-on
6:30pm - Raising money for Myton Hospice at St Margaret's Church.

Sunday 6 Dec - Alternative Carols!
7:00pm at St Margaret's Church Centre. Encounter-style service with modern carols.

Sunday 13 Dec - Christingle service
4:00pm at St Margaret's Church

Monday 14 Dec - Carols @ The Plough and Harrow
7:30pm - Carols and festive vibes!

Tuesday 15 Dec - Carols @ The Hodcarrier
7:30pm - More carols and festive vibes!

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Wednesday 16 Dec - A Quiet Christmas service
7:30pm at St Margaret's Church. A service for anyone who will find Christmas difficult.

Sunday 20 Dec - Carols by Candlelight
6:30pm at St Margaret's Church. A traditional carol service.

Thursday 24 Dec - All Age Crib service
4:00pm at St Margaret's Church. Family friendly - come dressed up as your favourite nativity character!

Thursday 24 Dec - Midnight Communion
11:30pm at St Margaret's Church

Friday 25 Dec - Christmas Day service
10:00am Friendly family service at St Margaret's Church.



