

### **Church & School Links in the Village of Great Waltham**

Great Waltham School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school and as such there are good links between the Parish and the school. The governing body has several members from the local congregation, including the Vicar, who is ex-officio, and arranges with the Head teacher several special services for various Christian festivals in church throughout the school year, as well as a regular Community Worship, to which the whole school, staff, governors and members of the community are invited each half term. The highlight each year is the service for the Year 6 Leavers, when they are sent on their way with love from the school and their church family. There is an ordinand who is also available to help the school and with the help of others this has enabled the start of 'Messy Church' as an after school event.

The school has now been presented with over £1000 worth of Godly Play equipment, through a grant from the Archbishop's Council, which the Vicar applied for and this also paid for training for the staff and some congregation, and will continue to fund more training in the future.

There are regular services in the parish where the children's spiritual development is catered for.

'Bears & Biscuits' every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month 10am at Great Waltham {Pre school}

'Family Service' every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11am at Great Waltham

'Family Service' every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30am at Ford End

'Family Eucharist' every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1am at Ford End

'Sunday School' every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 11am at Great Waltham during the main service.