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We all wish each other 'Happy New Year' as the clock strikes on New Year's Eve, and raise a glass, hug people we hardly know, sing loudly, eat too much and feel benevolent towards the whole world. Then in the following few days when life returns to normal, whatever that is, we face the reality of our own domestic situations and our communal and national problems and dilemmas.



I'm writing this in the week when the government will begin voting on the Brexit deals and I've heard people declare that we've never been in such a bad situation, we'll never recover, we'll be short of food and medicines, and the economy will collapse. 'And then' they say, drawing breath, 'look at the rest of the world - the leaders of Russia and the USA, the never ending situation in Syria and the Yemen. A happy New Year? Never.' There will be people reading this who know that the new year will not be especially happy as there may be problems of illness, problems with money or jobs, or wayward children or the many difficulties which come with old age. However, on the other hand there are families who expect a new baby this year, a wedding, or the prospect of an exciting and fulfilling new job, or the relief of retirement!

We all know that the new year will bring us joys and sorrows too, and that in the world beyond our small patch, it will be the same - some problems of war and famine and freedom and economies will be solved and others will linger on. How should Christians face the new year and tackle difficulties, challenges, changes, excitements, delights and wonders and all the things which will happen? Are we any different from anyone else? Only that we know that we can, in faith, ask for, and expect God's love, presence and guidance. Saint Paul knew this very well and his expectations came through experience of God's help during many difficult times. He wrote 'I am certain that nothing can separate us from God's love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord'. We can begin the new year confident that we are surrounded by God's love and for that we can be thankful.

What better way to start! Happy New Year!

Isobel

*Wishing you all
A happy, healthy &
prosperous
New Year*

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Sunday Services for January 2019				
Sunday	06-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan
Services				
Wettenhall	11 am	11 am	11 am	6:30 pm
St David	Morning Prayer	Communion	All Age	Communion
Worleston	9:30	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
St Oswald	Morning Prayer	Communion	All Age	Communion
Acton	11 am	8 am	10 am	8 am
St Mary	Communion 5:00 pm Evensong	Communion 11 am Morning Prayer 5 pm Evensong	Messy Church 5 pm Xian Unity Service Nantwich Churches	Communion 11 am Morning Prayer 5 pm Evensong
Church Minshall	9:30 am	11 am	11 am	11 am
St Bartholomew	Communion	Cafe Church	Communion	Messy Church

Sunday 3rd February United Service for Plough Sunday at Reaseheath

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Sidespersons

6 th Jan	Mrs M Hollinshead
13 th Jan	Mrs M Drinkall
20 th Jan	Brownies/Guides
27 th Jan	Informal
3 rd Feb	United Service at Reaseheath

Cleaning & Flowers

Jan 6	Mrs A Brooks
13/20 Jan	Mrs A Hignett & Mrs A Hancock
27 Jan	Mrs H Wilson & Family

From The Registers

Baptism

9th December 2018

Scarlett Ann Swain

We welcome Scarlett into the family of the Church.

Concert

On a dark & damp evening in December the students of Worleston Music School brightened everyone up with a delightful concert in aid of St David's Church. The retiring collection of £70 was gratefully received and our sincere thanks go to Andrew & Anne Bassey for all their hard work in producing such a wonderful event.

Nativity Play 1961

From the archives a photograph has emerged of St. David's Sunday School Nativity Play in 1961. If you look carefully, you might be able to recognise the two Churchwardens, Reader & other local parishioners!



Thank You

The beginning of the new year is a good time to thank everyone who has worked so hard during 2018 to support St. David's in so many unseen, different ways. We are very grateful to those who deliver the magazines month by month, those who provide refreshments at the end of services, those who welcome parishioners, those who put flowers on the altar and in the windows, and those who Hoover, dust & polish with increasing regularity!

We are always grateful for extra help, so if you think you could help in any way, please contact either of the churchwardens who will be very pleased to hear from you.

Christingle

On Advent Sunday the choir from Calveley Academy, along with Mr Torrie & Mrs Spencer, joined us to sing 'It was on a Starry Night' and 'Away in a Manger'. Toby & Magnus read the beginning of St. John's Gospel beautifully. Thanks to John & Ann Hignett for the amazing tree & to Chris, Robert, Nathan, Phillipa and all their helpers for decorating it. Thanks also to Mary Drinkall for the oranges & Emilia & Sophie for preparing the Christingles. The collection of £115 has been forwarded to further the work of the Children's Society.



Darnhall Brownies

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Fallon Ward	Sienna Palin
George Drinkall	William Herbert
Imogen Bond	William Jones
Hannah Boyd	

Dates for your Diary

**The next PCC Meeting
will be held on 21st January
at 7:30pm in church.**

**Ladies Lunch
Thursday 15th January 2019
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On 21st November we had Julia and Trevor visiting our school again who are the Grandchildren of Pte Edward Griffiths who was a student at St. Oswald's Primary School and who died in WW1.

Julia and Trevor were over in Jerusalem for Armistice Day which is where Pte Griffiths is buried but wanted to come and lay a wreath with our School Council and Ethos Team children once they returned. We held a small service where a wreath was laid, some prayers were read by the children and 2 minutes silence observed.



Our whole school trip to see the production of Wind in the Willows at the New Vic Theatre in Stoke on Tuesday 27th November.





We have had a very busy run up to Christmas at St. Oswald's with not just one but with three Christmas productions: Early Years performing the traditional Nativity, KS1 performing 'The Inn Spectors' and KS2 performing 'Bethlehem the Musical'. All three were fantastic performances and the children have worked so hard to learn all of the songs as well as their lines. The St. Oswald's children have also taken part in the traditional Christingle activities of decorating the Christingle



orange before going across to church for the service in the afternoon. The challenge was



whether the children could go to church and back without eating the Dolly Mixtures off their Christingle! The school has also had a Messy Christmas which is based around Messy Church and a whole day of arts and crafts linked to the Nativity story. The last event was the Carols around the Christmas Tree in the school hall which is such a special way to end the calendar year at school.



Our pre school and Early Years: Owls and Little Owls classes performed the Nativity in St.

Oswald's Church on Monday afternoon to a packed audience of parents and family members. They did an absolutely fabulous job of learning their lines for the speaking and singing.



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3 rd Feb	United Service at Reaseheath

Flower Rota

6 th Jan	Mrs J Foster
13 th Jan	Mrs J Alexander
27 th Jan	Mrs M Booth
10 th Feb	Mrs J Astbury

Church Cleaning

January	Mr & Mrs J Booth
February	Mrs A Fletton & Mrs J Astbury

Coffee Rota

6 th Jan	Joan Grocott
13 th Jan	Jo Bailey
20 th Jan	Sue Kaufman
27 th Jan	Marilyn Booth
3 rd Feb	United Service at Reaseheath

From the Register

Baptism

On December 16th 2018
James Alan & Rose Elizabeth
Children of James & Jennifer Dillon.
We welcome them into the church family

Funeral

On December 21st 2018
Hilda Mary Lankuttis
We extend our deepest sympathy to all her
family.

PCC Meeting

**The next PCC Meeting
will be held on 28th January at
7pm in church**

Hilda Lankuttis

We were all very sorry to hear of Hilda's death on 10th December.
She had spent her long life living in this area - first at Cholmondeston where her parents kept a shop, and then in Worleston. She worked for Johnson's the printers, in Nantwich, and then was caretaker at Worleston School.
She and Rudi her husband, suffered the sadness of losing their only child, Rita some years ago. However, even after she lost Rudi too, Hilda was determined to be independent and she was able to stay in her own home until recently. She always had visitors to her home and lovely garden and she appreciated her many friends. She will be greatly missed.



School Messy Church

Children from KS1 were invited to the first Messy Church in school at the end of November.

Friends from St Bartholomew's, Church Minshull, led by Liz Boote kept the group busy with a story, singing, prayers and craft work, all with the theme of the Christmas story. We hope that they will come again next term.

Thank you

Many thanks to the kind, anonymous donor who has been leaving apples and then potatoes in a box at the churchyard gate for anyone to take.

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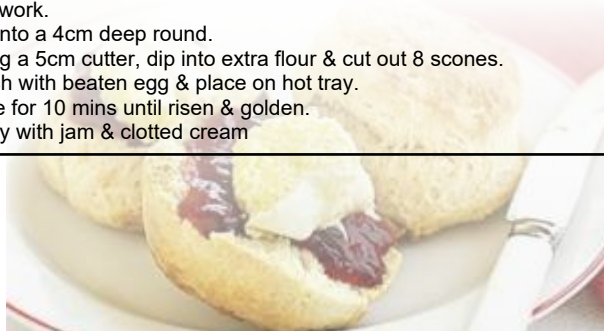
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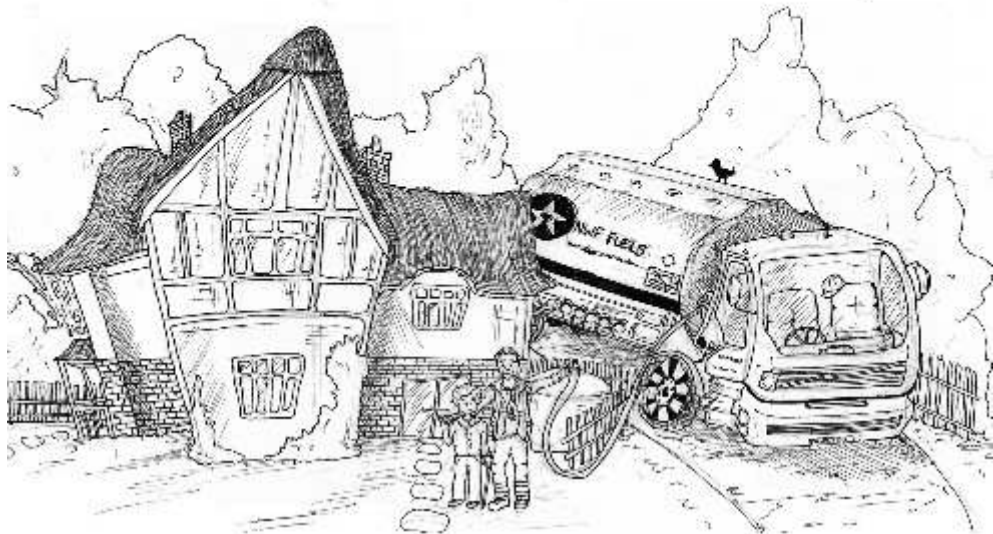
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Put baking sheet in oven
Make a well in dry ingredients & add milk, combining quickly with a knife.
Dust work surface with flour & tip out dough.
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Please note that there will be plenty of tables at which to sit and eat lunch and it will not be necessary to go outside to access lunch. The events staff have talked about how much they enjoy this event and have made their own suggestions about how to make this possible.

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All Welcome

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