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Letter from a Reader

How do you like your pancakes - savoury or sweet?



It's that time of year again! Pancake day followed by Ash Wednesday heralds the beginning of Lent. On the face of it, I suppose the season of Lent must seem to most people a rather peculiar time of year. For just at the time when the natural world is waking up out of hibernation and is celebrating the end of dark nights & barren coldness, Christians begin the strange tradition of 'giving things up for Lent'. Instead of joining with the natural world in celebrating the beginning of spring-time, the season of joy and hopefulness and new growth, Christians begin their rather bleak and austere practice of abstinence - usually from the good & tastier things of life! Yet Lent should also be about taking things on - not just giving things up. Perhaps taking part in the Lent Course on the Psalms would be a good place to start. It's a little bit like the business of spring-cleaning. You have to clear out the old stuff in order to make room for the new. In the same way the season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to take a good look at ourselves, to get rid of the old stuff in our lives and to make room for the new - to make room for God in our hearts, for new attitudes in our lives and for deeper love in our relationships.. Then, come the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter-time, we shall indeed be in a position to join with all nature in joyful celebration of abundant new life - in the world around us, in our own hearts and most of all in the risen Lord Jesus and the promise of eternal life to come.

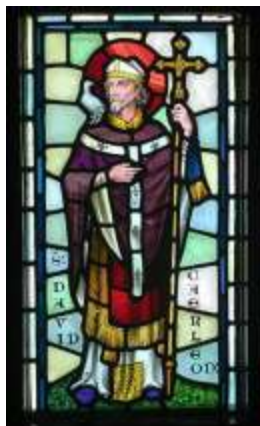
But first of all, enjoy your pancakes - however you like them!

The Psalms: Prayers for Today's Church

A Lent Course to be held
at Acton Vicarage at 7.30 pm on:

Wednesday 13 March	Psalm 100: Know That the Lord is God
Wednesday 20 March	Psalm 130: Out of the Depths Have I Cried
Wednesday 27 March	Psalm 13: How Long, O Lord?
Wednesday 3 April	Psalm 23: You Spread A Table Before Me
Wednesday 10 April	Psalm 127: Unless the Lord Builds The House

Additionally a scheme to read all of the Psalms during Lent will be available in the churches.



“..... Do the little things you have heard and seen me do”

St David 589 AD

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Sunday 3rd March

11 am **United Patronal Service** at Wettenhall
5 pm Evensong at Acton

Sunday 10th March

8 am Communion at Acton
9:30 am Communion at Worleston
11 am Morning Prayer at Acton
11 am Cafe Church at Church Minshull
11 am Communion at Wettenhall
5 pm Evensong at Acton

Sunday 17th March

9:30 am All Age service at Worleston
10 am Messy Church at Acton
11 am Communion at Church Minshull
11 am All Age service at Wettenhall
5 pm Communion at Acton

Sunday 24th March

8 am Communion at Acton
9:30 am Communion at Worleston
11 am Morning Prayer at Acton
11 am Messy Church at Church Minshull
5 pm Evensong at Acton
6:30 pm Communion at Wettenhall

Sunday 31st March Mothering Sunday

9:30 Communion at Church Minshull
9:30 All Age service at Worleston
11 am Morning Prayer at Acton
11 am All Age service at Wettenhall
5 pm Communion at Acton

Sunday Services

March 2019

Sunday 7th April

9:30 am Communion at Church Minshull
9:30 am Morning Prayer at Worleston
11 am Communion at Acton
11 am Morning Prayer at Wettenhall
5 pm Evensong at Acton

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Sidespersons

3 rd Mar	Mrs A Hignett
10 th Mar	Mrs A Brooks
17 th Mar	Brownies/Guides
24 th Mar	Informal
31 st Mar	Children

Cleaning & Flowers

# 3 rd Mar	Mrs M Sherry
# 10/17 Mar	Mrs K Noden
# 24 Mar/ 31 Mar	Mrs M Drinkall & Mrs B Brockbank

No Flowers during Lent

Farewell to Bishop Libby

Bishop Libby Lane was consecrated as the first female bishop in the Church of England and the eighth Bishop of Stockport at York Minster in 2015.

This year she moves to pastures new, as the next Bishop of Derby. Chester Cathedral are hosting a service of celebration for her ministry & saying farewell at the end of March. We wish her and her family every happiness in their new diocese and look forward to welcoming her successor as our new suffragan bishop in the near future.



Mothering Sunday

Please join us to celebrate Mothering Sunday or Refreshment Sunday on 31st March at 11am. There will be the usual abundance of flowers & cake! Everyone is very welcome.

St David's

Our annual Patronal Festival takes place on Sunday 3rd March at 11am. We look forward to filling the church with golden yellow daffodils and singing hymns to favourite Welsh tunes as we remember the Patron Saint of Wales and our local church. Everyone is cordially invited to join us for this United Benefice service.

Congratulations

To Louise & Paul Nicholas on the birth of their baby son Elliot Roger on Jan 26th 2019. A brother for Stanley.



Looking Ahead

Church AGM

followed by PCC meeting on 1st April at 7.30pm in church.

Maundy Thursday falls on 18th April when there will be a United Service and Supper at St. David's, to commemorate the Last Supper. Grants Butchers are providing a carvery (suggested donation £8). Please sign up at the back of one of the four churches if you would like to reserve your supper or vegetarian option.

Mobile Library

The Cheshire East Mobile Library van stops at Wettenhall Church every third Tuesday from 12.05pm-12.20pm.

Next dates are Mar 5th & 26th, April 16th May 7th & 28th.

Don't forget!

We put our clocks forward one hour at 1 am on Sunday 31st March.

Plough Sunday

Rev. Anne led a United Benefice service to celebrate Plough Sunday at Reaseheath College in February. The Preacher was Jerry Marshall, a former CEO of Germinate based at the Arthur Rank Centre. His text, from Matthew chapter 25 verses 14-30, encouraged us to put our faith & trust in our Creator God. The Principal, Marcus Clinton gave us a brief insight into the growing popularity of the College. Georgina Lamb, the NW Regional Manager of RABI explained some of the wonderful work her team do for those in particular need, involved in agriculture. Following the service, the College provided a delicious soup lunch and members of RABI had generously baked cakes for dessert. Grateful thanks to everyone involved. **£247 was raised for RABI thank you.**

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Happy Birthday This month to:

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Scarlett Swain	

Are we missing anyone? See page 23 to let us know. For children up to 18, though we will make an announcement of special birthdays of any age

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Darnhall Brownies

At Brownies on 6th Feb we had Mandy come back to thank us for raising £400 for St Luke's Hospice. She brought us pin badges and chocolate to say thank you. We also did a different agility course and skipping



Coffee & Cake

**The next meetings are on
Thursday 7th March & 11th
April. Times are from
10am-12 noon & everyone is
very welcome for as little or
as long as they wish.**

Darnhall & Wettenhall WI

The first meeting of the new year was a very interesting & emotional talk given by John Malam. He told us the true story of a First World War Corporal who started his working life at the age of 14 as a gardener. He then went on to join the army with the intention of looking after horses.

Flowers & refreshments were given by the committee and the competition was won by Ann Crate and the raffle by Ann Blockley.



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**Public Meeting
Monday 11 March 2019 at 7.30 pm
in Church.**



CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church of England requires that every six years a new Electoral Roll is prepared. Even if you are on the current roll you must re-apply this year.

Membership ensures that you may stand for office, that is, become a member of the PCC or church warden.

Forms are available in church or from any PCC member and should be returned by March 18th.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

ST OSWALD'S WORLESTON

Monday 15th April in church at 7pm.

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Monday 1st April in church at 7:30pm

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Worleston School News

We were delighted to have been able to open our brand new climbing equipment alongside the school playground In January. We had a grand opening ceremony when Mrs Todd cut the ribbon and declared the equipment open! The new equipment has been a culmination of a lot of hard work from the St. Oswald's School PTA who raised the funds to afford to buy the climbing equipment. This has had a huge impact on the children's lunchtimes and they are having so much fun playing on the new equipment.



January has also seen the start of a new cross curriculum topic which is entitled 'Here we are' and based on a book by Oliver Jeffers. The children have already started to have so much fun exploring their new topic in different ways. Reception have been learning about the 'Bog baby' in their English lessons and Year 5/6 class have been doing some Chemistry with Cabbage!





Cabbage Chemistry



St. Oswald's were lucky enough to welcome a professional footballer, Ricardo Fuller, to their school on Friday 8th February to officially open their climbing equipment. Ricardo used to play for Stoke City, Blackpool, Charlton Athletic, Southampton and has recently come out of retirement to help Nantwich Town FC in their current promotion attempt. He was so kind in spending the time to not only cut the ribbon on our new climbing equipment but also to sign autographs for the children, answer their questions and even to show off some of his football skills on the playground. He talked to the children about the importance of always trying their hardest in everything they do and giving their all as well as staying fit and healthy. It was a very memorable day that the children and staff won't forget for a long time.



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INGREDIENTS

1kg / 2.5lb shin of beef, trimmed of any sinew, cubed
2 tbsp plain flour, seasoned with salt and freshly ground black pepper
75g / 2.5oz butter
2 tbsp oil
500g / 1.5lb onions, roughly chopped
1 sprig fresh thyme, leaves only
3 bay leaves
2 x 33cl / 11.5fl oz bottles dark brown beer
250ml / 9fl oz beef stock
2 heaped tbsp redcurrant jelly
1 tbsp cider vinegar

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.

Dredge the beef in seasoned flour.

Heat the butter and oil in a large ovenproof pan with a lid over a medium heat. Add the beef and brown on all sides (you may need to do this in batches). Remove the beef and set aside.

In the same pan, cook the onions until browned, then return the beef to the pan.

Add the herbs, beer and stock to the pan, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom.

Add the redcurrant jelly and vinegar and stir well.

Put the lid on the pan and place in the oven to cook for two hours, or until the meat is tender and glutinous. **Serve with roasted root vegetables or chips, in true Belgian style.**



St Oswald's Church Worleston

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Sidesmen

3 rd Mar	Service at Wettenhall
10 th Mar	Mrs A Stokes
17 th Mar	Mrs P Haigh
24 th Mar	Mr A Jackson
31 st Mar	Mr & Mrs D Booth

Flower Rota

3 rd Mar to	No Flowers
14 th Apr	During Lent

Church Cleaning

March	Mr & Mrs Ablard
April	Mr & Mrs Kaufman

Coffee Rota

10 th Mar	Ann Fletton
17 th Mar	Jo Bailey
24 th Mar	Sue Kaufman
31 st Mar	Jill Alexander & Diane Darlington

Mothering Sunday

This is on March 31st when we have an All Age Service.

It is sometimes known as Refreshment Sunday and gives us a good excuse to break our Lenten Fast with something special to eat at the end of the service. Do join us and bring your mum, gran and friends.

Shirley Martin

We were sorry to hear that Mrs Martin died on 25th January 2019, in a hospice in Chichester.

She was the widow of the Rev Douglas Martin who was the vicar of Acton & Worleston from 1975 until 1991.

We send her family condolences and will remember them in our prayers.

Dates for your Diary

Ladies Lunch
Wednesday 14th March
at
The Badger,
Church Minshull
12.30pm - Cost: £10
(No need to book)
All Welcome including gents
who gather to enjoy a pub
lunch.

Ash Wednesday
United Communion Service
At Acton
6th March 2019
10:20 AM

Max and Keira's Law

We have been following the progress of Max's Law since Max Johnson had his heart operation and the Daily Mirror launched its campaign. The law, until now, has meant that organ donors had to opt in to allow their organs to be used after death. The new law means that people are deemed to be donors unless they opt out. On 1st February the new law passed the final committee stage in the House of Lords and so all it needs is the Royal Assent which will take only a few weeks.

It has been called Max and Keira's Law because Keira's parents agreed to donate the organs of their nine-year-old daughter who had been killed in a car crash. Their example has encouraged many people to think about what they could do in similar difficult circumstances. The former Prime Minister, Gordon Brown said 'There is new hope for thousands on NHS waiting lists for transplants.'



Well done Max!

Worleston Chamber Concerts

In 2018 we ran a wonderful and diverse series of eight professional chamber music concerts at Brine Leas School. We were entertained by African Soprano, Margaret Ferguson, Ryebank Piano Trio, Virtuoso Bass soloist, Leon Bosch, various wind players, such as clarinet soloist and Principal of the Royal Northern College of Music Linda Merrick, with large Ensemble music of Strauss conducted by Dr Timothy Reynish. Featuring Mozart, Beethoven, Hummel, Cole Porter, Gershwin, Ferenc, Poulenc, Zelenka, Bottesini, to name a few, culminating in a marvellous performance of the Schubert Octet which included some of our country's finest musicians. In fact nearly all the musicians previously studied at the Royal Northern College of music. Funding is still a problem so in order for these concerts to continue I have to put up the charges and reduced the amount. We hope you can attend and bring your friends.

Please purchase your tickets and share with your family and friends. £12, £5

<https://www.worlestonmusicsschool.co.uk/next-concert>

2019 Series is at St Mary's Church in Nantwich

7pm Saturday 22nd June 2019 Ryebank Piano Trio Jonathan Ellis Piano, Duncan Reid Violin, and Isabel Williamson Cello.

7pm Saturday 13th July 2019 Linda Merrick Trio Linda Merrick Clarinet (RNCM Principal), Andrew Bassey Bassoon, and Jonathan Ellis Piano.

7pm Saturday 5th October 2019 World famous Dr Tim Reynish conducts a large Wind Ensemble with possible soloist Virtuoso Flautist Wissam Boustani.

7pm Saturday 16th November 2019 Worleston Virtuosi Linda Merrick Clarinet (RNCM Principal), Ben Holland Violin (RNCM Professor), Leon Bosch Bass Virtuoso, Mark Sheridan BBC Symphony Cellist, Shirley Richards ex BBC Phil violin, Andrea Gilliatt ex Hallé viola, Peter Richards Chamber Orch of Europe Horn and Andrew Bassey Bassoon.

(7.30pm Saturday 30th November Bassoon and Piano Recital Middlewich chamber Music concerts - to be confirmed)



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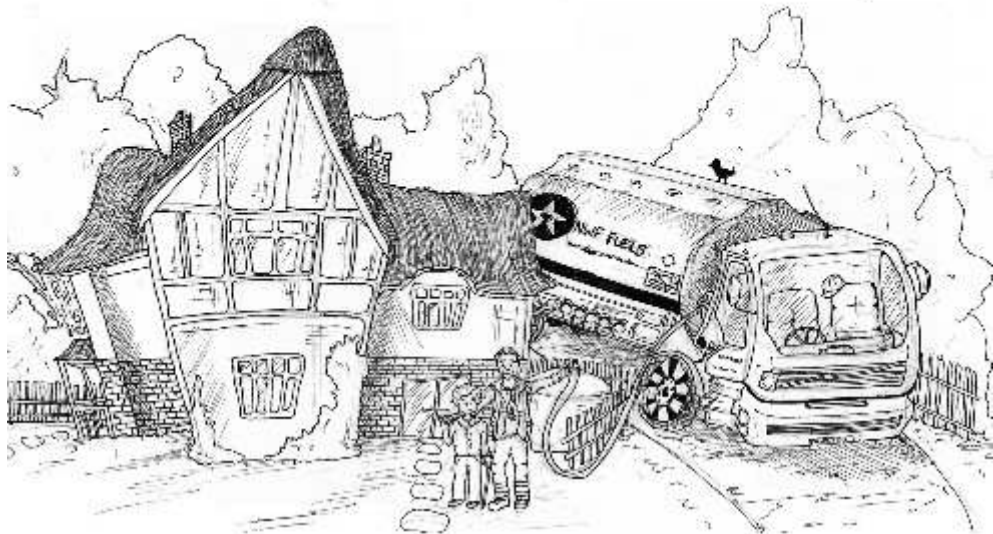
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Worleston WI

Worleston WI started the programme for the year with the Drama Group entertaining members and guests to a Murder Mystery play entitled 'Murder at the Pyramids'. The play was set in Egypt during the 1930's, with such characters as Sir Cophagus, Laura Cleft, Robin Graves and Mustafa Ganda. Members dressed according to their character,



with clues hidden within their dialogue to the identity of the murderer of the well-known archaeologist, June Digger. The audience had time at the end of the play to conclude who the murderer or murderers were and what was the motivation for this dastardly deed.

A team from Burleydam WI received a prize for guessing that Mustafa Ganda was the murderer.

It was a fun night for all concerned.



Calveley School News

It's been another extremely busy month in Calveley (although I feel I write this every time!). Class 4 have completed their business enterprise project, where children were grouped into teams Apprentice-style and had to create, design, advertise, manufacture and then sell their products. A superb amount of money has been raised and all that is left is the dreaded 'Dragon's Den' interview. As soon as that is completed, the winning team will choose a charity to donate all the money raised to. The products were fantastic: we had dream catchers, emoji biscuits, bubble bath and even smoothies!



It's also been a very busy month of sport too. We have participated in the Sportshall Athletics final for both Year 3/4 and 5/6 age groups, which is a phenomenal achievement for such a small school. Some of the schools we were competing against had more children in a single year group than we have in our entire school! The children tried their absolute best in every event and did their school proud. Overall, Year 3/4 came 3rd and Year 5/6 came 4th. Congratulations to all involved.

Class 2 have started their swimming lessons at Nantwich Leisure Centre and it has been amazing to see the level of improvement and increased confidence already. Year 6 have also begun their 'Water Survival' course at the same venue and are learning lots of new real-life skills.

Here at Calveley Primary we are also hosting a 'Cinema Night' for pupils. We are transforming the hall into a movie theatre by blacking out the windows, providing pupils with popcorn and drinks and using our large interactive whiteboard in hall to show *Wreck It Ralph 2*. I am certain that children and parents alike will thoroughly enjoy event although the salted v sweet popcorn debate will surely rumble on indefinitely!

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