

St David's Wettenhall & St Oswald's Worleston December 2019



The Cross Country Parishes
of
Acton, Church Minshull,
Wettenhall & Worleston.

Dear Friends

Light Shining in the Darkness

I took my 'A' Levels in 1984. Such was the imagination of the London University 'A' Level Exam Board that one of the set texts for my English Literature exam was George Orwell's classic *Nineteen Eighty Four*. I didn't like the book then, and have never felt the need to re-read it since, but what I remember is a depiction of the world inhabited by the main character, Winston Smith, as a grey world afflicted by war, civil conflict and revolution. A world where living standards for the many were poor, people lived under surveillance and spent a great deal of their time underground, rarely seeing the daylight. Even today, in a society which is divided by so many things; a society used to being surveyed by ever-present CCTV cameras on our streets and by the scanners at the supermarket check-out; a culture in which people spend more and more time in front of screens and communicating by short messages by text of one kind or another rather than getting outside and meeting face to face, Orwell's vision remains a nightmare. Human beings are not designed to live without daylight. We know more now than ever before that being outdoors, and seeing trees and grass is essential for our physical and mental well-being.

That is not surprising. We were created by God whose light of love shone into the darkness at creation and whose light of love continues to shine in what can sometimes seem a dark world. The need to live in the light rather than the darkness is a basic need for those created in the image of the God of light.

At this darkest time of the year, we celebrate the coming of the light of the world. The arrival of Emmanuel, born into the darkness of a Bethlehem night so that the whole world could see that *the light shines in the darkness and that darkness can never overcome it*. As we come to worship at the manger again this Christmas, we need to remind ourselves again that we are not designed to live in the darkness. We were created to live in the light of God's love. A love which shines out afresh in a dark world. *The light shines in the darkness*. Why ever would we want to live in the darkness?

Yours in the light of Emmanuel,

Rev'd Anne

Light in the Darkness (Isaiah 9: 2)

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

The glory of God filling Bethlehem skies

Accompanied by angel song.

The glory of God bursting into the night.

The glory of God fills an animal dwelling

Radiating from a baby laid in a manger.

The glory of God bursting into the world.

The glory of God snuffed out on a cross

Eclipsing the light of the world.

But the glory of God bursts out of the tomb.

The glory of God has come into the world

It may be eclipsed, but never extinguished

Bringing pin pricks of hope in our darkness.



Wishing you all
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

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Acton

- 1st Dec 11 am Communion, **4 pm Advent Carols at Worleston**
 8th Dec 8 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer, 5 pm Evensong
 15^h Dec 10 am Messy Church, 5 pm Communion
 22nd Dec 8 am Communion, 5 pm Carol Service
 29th Dec **11 am United Communion**
 5th Jan 11 am Communion, 5 pm Evensong

Church Minshull

- 1st Dec 9:30 am Communion, **4 pm Advent Carols at Worleston**
 8th Dec 11 am Cafe Church
 15^h Dec 11 am Communion
 22nd Dec 11 am Messy Church
 29th Dec **11 am United Communion at Acton**
 5th Jan 9:30 am Communion

Worleston

- 1st Dec **4 pm Advent Carols**
 8th Dec 9:30 am Communion
 15^h Dec 9:30 am All Age
 22nd Dec 6:30 pm Carol Service
 29th Dec **11 am United Communion at Acton**
 12th Jan 9:30 am Communion

Wettenhall

- 1st Dec **4 pm Advent Carols at Worleston**, 6 pm Christingle
 8th Dec 11 am Communion
 15^h Dec 11 am All Age
 22nd Dec 6:30 pm Carol Service
 29th Dec **11 am United Communion at Acton**
 5th Jan 11 am Morning Prayer

Sunday
Services
December 2019

St David's Church Wettenhall

Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk

Sidespersons

1 st Dec	Churchwardens
8 th Dec	Mrs M Hollinshead
15 th Dec	Brownies/Guides
22 nd Dec	Churchwardens
29 th Dec	United at Acton
5 th Jan	Mrs M Drinkall

Cleaning & Flowers

1 st / 8 th Dec	Mrs M Sherry
15 th / 22 nd Dec	Mrs K Noden
29 th Dec / 5 th Jan	Mrs M Drinkall & Mrs B Brockbank

Christingle Service

Our annual Christingle Service takes place on Advent Sunday, December 1st at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming Calveley School choir and many of the pupils, as they enjoy making their own Christingles throughout the service. If you haven't made a Christingle before then do come along and find out what it's all about!. The collection from this service is donated to The Children's Society.



Carol Service

The annual Carol Service will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd December. As usual, this will be followed by mince pies & mulled wine.

Come to the Manger

A short service beginning at 6pm. Join in the excitement of gathering around the crib on Christmas Eve. Everyone is very welcome to arrive dressed as a Shepherd, King or Angel to welcome the arrival of the baby Jesus.

Remembrance Service

We gathered to Remember along with the rest of the nation on Sunday 10th November. Graham Tucker & Adrian Burrows laid the wreaths and Phillippa Moss lit the candle of Hope for future generations. The collection taken at this service totalled £130 which has been donated to the Royal British Legion.

Mobile Library

The Cheshire East Mobile Library calls at St. David's Church, Wettenhall on a three weekly cycle: Tuesdays 12.05-12.20pm. The next visits are on 3rd December, 24th December & 14th January

Arthur Wilkinson

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Arthur on the day after he celebrated his 90th birthday in September. Arthur & Bridget were much loved members of St. David's congregation until ill-health prevented them from travelling from Elworth. Arthur dearly missed Bridget after her death earlier this year. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Darnhall & Wettenhall WI

On the 5th November, the President Mrs Jean Hitchen welcomed everyone with 'Jerusalem' and after, we had the business followed by the AGM. Mrs Hughes was busy in the kitchen cooking hot dogs, followed by parkin etc. We had a very interesting meeting. The raffle was won by Brenda Bell.

Happy Birthday This Month to:

Daniel Alexander	James Brunt
Daniel Leather	Joseph Mason
Danielle Butler	Josie Cowap
Emily Drinkall	Monty Alexander
Emily Williamson	Nina Burrow
Emma Revill	Oliver Sparks
Finley Burrows	Romilly Tomlinson
Honor Nixon	Ruby Leather
Jack Latham	William Ablard

Special Birthdays

This month we wish **Edith Carr** 'Happy Birthday' as she celebrates her 90th birthday on the 13th of December.

Ruth Brooks celebrated her 90th Birthday at the end of October with her family & friends sharing a delicious Afternoon Tea. We wish her many happy returns.



Childrens Society

Thank you to all those who returned their home collecting boxes to the All Age Service in October. A total of £80-95 was raised for the Children's Society.

Coffee & Cake

The next meetings are on
Thursday 5th December
and
2nd January

Times are from 10 am-12 noon & everyone is very welcome for as little or as long as they wish.



Well Done James, Ben & Ed

James Brunt, along with his friends Ben & Ed took part in a sponsored 'head shave' at the end of October in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. James was inspired to do something when his mum Sally was diagnosed with the disease in June. A very successful cake sale and FIFA competition were also arranged at Tarporley High School with all proceeds going to fund the vital research needed to help find a cure. Our thoughts & prayers are with Sally, Patrick, Lizzie & James. You can learn more about James' fundraising on his just giving page https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-brunt27?fb_event=8908dd2&prompt_event=8f7c00c#.

Please use the QR code on the right or the link above.
Please note in the link the Hyphen after James IS part of the address



A Thank You from Ann Hignett

Ann would like to thank everybody who celebrated her 80th birthday by donating a total of £200 to St. David's church & £140 to the Air Ambulance. In return, we would like to thank Ann for her generosity and for all that she does in so many different ways for St. David's. We hope she enjoyed her birthday and wish her many Happy Returns.



Darnhall Brownies



The Brownies held a spooktastic night in November. They started off by catching hanging apples followed by the marshmallow game. Well done to Maisie for winning the fancy dress competition and to Poppy for the Pumpkin challenge. We finished off the evening by playing music bumps and musical statues,



Don Reid and Dave Chesworth – an amazing “Audience with...”

On 9th November St David’s Church was full, absolutely full of people! 90 people gathered for a night of comedy and song. Our own Don (Adrian) Reid entertained in the first half of the evening, interviewed by different members of the audience. Each question, carefully prepared, drew out an aspect of humour, places or people Don had worked in and with during his years as a professional comedian. Adrian gave us jokes, anecdotes and stories that made us laugh, think deeply and enjoy witty observations.

The second half featured songs by Dave Chesworth, another local professional entertainer. The music was swing and some featured guitar. All were great and after the legendary Wettenhall refreshments everyone was relaxed and enjoyed first class entertainment. The evening raised £1250 for St David’s Church. Book your table now for next year – we can promise a fabulous evening, excellent wit and music as well as a good look at the funny side of life. Thank you to Don and Dave for “an Audience with...” “we all had a great time.



Brenda Brockbank

Worleston Music School

Christmas Carols

19th December at Tesco in Crewe
4-6pm Orchestra and carols.
Anyone else that wants to join in is more than welcome. A shared event with Shires Ensembles.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IS LOOKING TO APPOINT THE NEXT BISHOP OF CHESTER

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?

Through August and September, the diocese ran a consultation which asked respondents to share their views on who the next Bishop of Chester should be and what qualities he or she should have. We're pleased to report that 430 individuals, groups and PCC's responded to the consultation. Following the consultation, a drafting group read all of the responses and began the process of producing the diocesan Statement of Needs - a brief description of the diocese and statement setting out the desired profile of the next bishop.

The document will help inform the Crown Nominations Commission - the body that will ultimately nominate someone to the role - as to the qualities the diocese hopes to see in the next Bishop of Chester. The Statement of Needs will be published on the diocesan website in November.

Because diocesan bishops have a variety of roles, not only within the Church of England but also in the local community and the nation at large, the choice of the next Bishop of Chester is not made by representatives of the diocese alone.

On 24 September, six diocesan representatives were elected to work with representatives of the Church of England as a whole, under the presidency of the Archbishops, to form the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC).

THE SIX DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

The Ven Ian Bishop

Canon Dr John Mason

Revd Rob Munro

Canon Betty Renshaw MBE

Mrs Deborah Woods

Revd Peter Froggatt

For further details on the representatives please refer to:-

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/yourbishlist>**<https://www.chester.anglican.org/yourbishlist>**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

November - The Diocese of Chester publishes its Statement of Needs

February 03 - The CNC meets for the first time

March 16/17 - The CNC meets again and agrees on the person it wishes to nominate for the role

Spring - Downing Street announces the name of the next Bishop of Chester

A prayer for the diocese

Almighty God,

who sent Jesus Christ

to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom

and to call us to follow him.

We thank you for Bishop Peter,

for his faithful service in building your Kingdom in the Diocese of Chester.

Guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit,

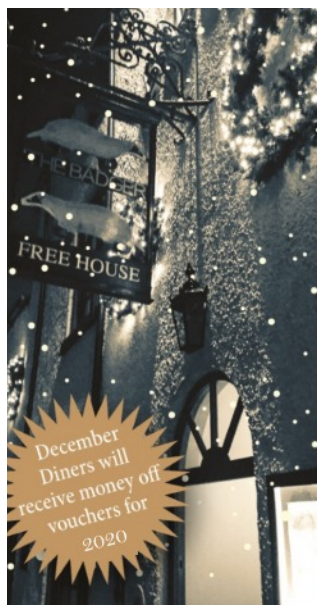
to show love and mercy as we build your Kingdom.

We pray for the person you are calling to be the next Bishop of Chester;

bles, guide and strengthen them to answer your call;

in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



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Worleston School News



As most of you may know, we had our 'Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools' (SIAMS Inspection) at St. Oswald's on Monday all day. This inspection happens once every 4 to 5 years and is aimed at inspecting both the academic provision and outcomes of the children as well as the spiritual development,

care, nurture and ethos of the school. Once the inspection report is published in the next 1 - 2 weeks, we will send a letter out to all parents to let them know our official grading from the inspection and be able to publish the report on our school website.

Nevertheless, I can divulge that we are delighted with the inspection outcome. In fact, we couldn't be happier! The 'Caring Christian Family' Ethos of the school was something that the inspector commented on throughout her time with us. We are so proud of all our children,

staff, parents and whole community in helping to make St. Oswald's such a special place.

Sports for Champions

A massive thank you to Daniel Purvis for visiting us this week. Daniel a Scottish international elite artistic gymnast, and three-time British all-around champion in men's artistic gymnastics. He was part of the first British men's team to win a medal at a World Championships in 2015. The children loved having him in school and enjoyed taking part in his fitness circuits and they were particularly impressed with his back-flips and hand walks! Well done to all those children who managed to raise sponsorship money for the 'Sports for Champions'. The day was a HUGE success and a fantastic insight in to the life of a professional Team GB Gymnastic Athlete. He also commented that it was one of his favourite schools he has ever visited and was really impressed with how the children made him feel so welcome. They all said Daniel was welcome back to St Oswald's any time.



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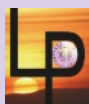
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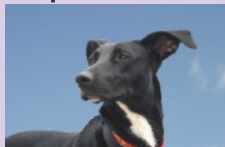
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Christmas Services

Sunday 1st December

4:00pm Advent Carol Service at St Oswald's Worleston

6:00pm Christingle at St David's Wettenhall

Sunday 22nd December

5:00pm Carol Service at St Mary's Acton

6:30pm Carol Service at St Oswald's Worleston

6:30pm Carol Service at St Davids Wettenhall



Christmas Day

9:30am Communion at St Bartholomew's Church Minshull

9:30am Communion at St Oswald's Worleston

10:30am Communion at St Davids Wettenhall

11:00am Communion at St Mary's Acton





CHRISTMAS CAROL

Christmas Eve

5:00pm Crib Service at St Mary's Acton

5:00pm Crib Service at St Oswald's Worleston

6:00pm Crib Service at St Davids Wettenhall

7:30pm Sound & Light Carols at St Bartholomew's Church
Minshull



Sunday 29th December

United Parish Communion at St Mary's Acton



ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH MEMORABILIA EXHIBITION 19/20TH OCTOBER 2019

A total of £550 was raised at the exhibition. After expenses and some gifts of appreciation a total of £350 was split between the four churches of the benefice and Nantwich Riding for the Disabled Association. A further £250 in cheques was handed to me before and after the event specifically for the Nantwich Riding for the Disabled - RDA. These were donated by Worleston Parish Council and two other individual donors.

Held in the beautiful church of St. Oswald's Worleston the exhibition was an outstanding success. Fascinating displays of artefacts included 1920's beaded dresses, fans and feathers, farming corner with calf, cockerel, milk churn, and shepherd, WW1 trench art, WW2 Tilley lamp, Nantwich Battle items, Cavaliers and Puritans, Roman coins found in Poole, 19th and early 20th century photos of local people, plough and horses and a film of the Swinging 60's. I have received wonderful feedback and praise on the convivial atmosphere, the stunning church, Geoff's piano playing of Ivor Novello and the welcome refreshments and glass of wine.

It would be impossible to name everyone who contributed with artefacts and help - around 30 people in all, but prominent among them were Dianne Darlington with her refreshments, Deana Emerton's energy and innovation, Chris Pope's wonderful film show, Harry and Trena Dutton's valued support from day one, Bunbury British Legion and the enthusiasm from church wardens Stephan Davies, John Headon and David Barrett.

The initial challenge was somewhat daunting, but the rewards were great. I think for me the most significant moment was when a young mother with her two year old little boy came and asked if he was too young to attend the RDA. I assured her he was not and would be welcome - this child was completely blind.

Thank you to you all for your help and contributions.
Sue Heap



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2 cloves of minced Garlic

2 cans Guinness beer

Fresh rosemary and thyme

Method

- In large pan, heat the vegetable oil.
- Season beef with salt and pepper and sear in pan on all sides, then transfer to plate.
- Add the onion and minced garlic to the pan and cook for 3 minutes.
- Transfer the onion and garlic to a large pot with 2 cans Guinness and 250ml water.
- Throw in a few sprigs each of rosemary and thyme, salt and pepper to taste and bring to the boil.
- Lower the heat and return beef to pot, cover and simmer on low for 2 to 3 hours.
- Serve with Jacket potatoes, or a crusty loaf and enjoy.

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Sidesmen

1 st Dec	Mrs J Alexander & Mrs D Darlington
8 th Dec	Mrs A Stokes
15 th Dec	Mr & Mrs G Kaufman
22 nd Dec	Mr M Alexander
29 th Dec	United at Acton
12 th Jan	Mrs A Stokes

Flower Rota

1 st Dec	Mrs K Alexander
15 th / 22 nd Dec	Mrs I Burnley
12 th Jan	Mrs J Foster

Church Cleaning

December	Volunteers Please
January	Mr & Mrs D Booth

Coffee Rota

1 st Dec	Mrs I Burnley
8 th Dec	Mrs K Alexander
15 th Dec	Mrs M Booth
22 nd Dec	Volunteers Please
29 th Dec	United at Acton
12 th Jan	Mrs K Alexander

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 4pm

Advent Carol Service led by the
St Christopher Chorale

Thanks

Many thanks to **Josie Foster and her family** who have given us the lovely Christmas tree and decorated it, in memory of Joan Grocott. Joan always decorated the Christmas tree, and we relied on her to make a wonderful job of it, so it is a fitting tribute. We are sure she would have approved.

Thanks too to an **anonymous donor** who had a Christmas tree delivered to us. You can see it in the chancel, beautifully decorated with thanks by **Kirsty Gray**. We have been blessed with gifts this Christmas.

Advance Notice

SERVICES at WORLESTON in JANUARY

Sunday 12th January 9.30am
Holy Communion

Sunday 26th January 9.30am
Morning Prayer

Christingle

You are warmly invited to join the children and staff of St Oswald's School at their Christingle service on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm.



St Oswald's Services

Service Pattern at St Oswald's

From January 2020, because of diminishing attendance, the PCC have decided to hold services once a fortnight, rather than every week. Initially this will be for an experimental period of 6 months. Services will continue to be at 9.30 am, but will be held only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Weekly services will continue to be held in the other churches in the Cross Country Parishes group as usual. In accordance with Church law there will always be at least one Communion service somewhere in the Cross Country parishes each Sunday. Special Services such as Christmas and Easter will continue to be held in St Oswald's even if these fall on a Sunday when there would not otherwise be a service. Please look on the website: www.worlestonchurch.org.uk for further details.

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Worleston Village Hall

The Worleston village hall committee is interested in supporting new community activities/groups & is keen to support a new community project. The project **must** benefit the Parish & its residents. Please contact the hall trustees if you are interested or have an idea to ask about free use of the hall for taster sessions & more information.

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Merry
Christmas
To you all



Remembrance



Julia Ray lays wreath in Jerusalem in honour of Pte.C.E.Griffiths who is honoured on our War Memorial and a former pupil of St.Oswalds, who was killed in action in Palestine in 1918.

Ladies Lunch
Tuesday 17th December
at

Farmers Arms, Ravensmoor 12.30pm - Cost: £10

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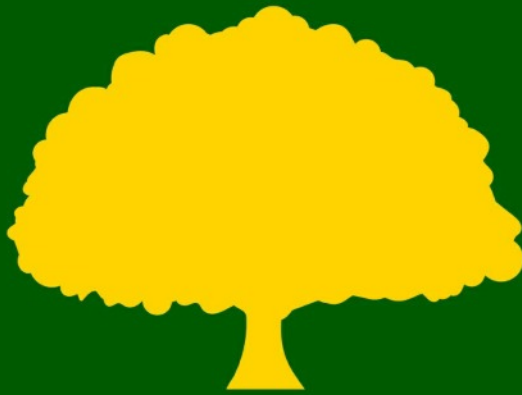
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