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Growing Time



Dear Friends

Lent is a time to grow. In the northern hemisphere, that is obvious. The days lengthen (the very word 'Lent' comes from an old English word referring to the lengthening of days) and all around us, plants burst into life.

In the Church, Lent is also a time to grow in our relationship to others. Always this requires prayer and study of God's word. Frequently it requires either giving something up, ideally in order that the money we save by not indulging in alcohol or chocolate, or whatever the luxury is can be given to those in need, or that we devote the time we would have spent on an activity to spending time with God. Sometimes Christians might take something up, rather than depriving themselves of something. Sometimes that is spiritual, such as aiming to read all of the Psalms during Lent. Sometimes something life-giving. A few years ago, I aimed to walk for 30 minutes each day. I used that time to allow my mind space; to notice the awakening of the natural word; to talk with God in prayer as I walked. Not only did my physical and mental health benefit, but my relationship with God deepened too as I prayed, thought, pondered and mused, consciously walking in God's presence.

We live in a fast-moving, frequently frenetic society. Taking time out is not easy, even when we know that we should pause, and our bodies tell us we are tired, a 24/7 society which finds value activity makes it hard to stop.

In such a world, Lent comes as a counter-cultural call to pause. To take time to grow as human beings rather than human doings. To take time to grow spiritually, finding space to be with God so that our spirits can be refreshed.

How we choose to take that pause and refreshment will depend on our character and personality, our lives and our experience of God, but however we choose to pause the challenge of Lent remains. It is opportunity to pause; to be refreshed; to grow as people made in the image of God.

Yours,

Don't Forget

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day is on 25th February

On Ash Wednesday 26th February

There will be a United Service of Holy Communion at St Mary's, Acton at 10:30 am

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Sunday Services

February 2020

Acton

2nd Feb **11 am Plough Sunday at Reaseheath**, 5 pm Communion

9th Feb 8 am Communion,11 am Morning Prayer, 5 pm Evensong

16th Feb 10 am Messy Church, 5 pm Communion

23rd Feb 8 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer 5 pm Evensong 1st Mar 11 am United Communion at Wettenhall, 5 pm Evensong

Church Minshull

2nd Feb 11 am Plough Sunday at Reaseheath

9th Feb 11 am Cafe Church

16th Feb 11 am Communion

23rd Feb 11 am Messy Church

1st Mar 11 am United Communion at Wettenhall,

Worleston

2nd Feb 11 am Plough Sunday at Reaseheath

9th Feb 9:30 am Communion

23rd Feb 9:30 am Morning Prayer

1st Mar 11 am United Communion at Wettenhall,

Wettenhall

2nd Feb 11 am Plough Sunday at Reaseheath

9th Feb 11 am Communion

16th Feb 11 am All Age

23rd Feb 6:30 pm Communion

1st Mar 11 am United Communion at Wettenhall,

St David's Church Wettenhall

Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk

Sidespersons

2nd Feb United at Reasheath

9th Feb Mrs A Hignett

16th Feb Brownies/Guides

23rd Feb Informal

1st Mar Mrs A Brooks

Cleaning & Flowers

26th Jan / Mrs E Carr & 2nd Feb Mrs A Nicholas

9th/ 16th Jan Mrs H Moss

23rd Feb / Mrs A Brooks

1st Mar

* **Please Note**. Lent begins on 26th February. No Flowers until Easter Day on 12th April - except for St Davids Patronal Festival on 1st March

Cholmondeston & Wettenhall Parish Council

The Parish Council dates for 2020 are as follows:

26th February

20th May 7pm start

22nd July

16th September

25th November 7pm start

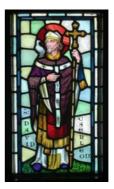
7.30pm start unless otherwise stated and all held in St. David's Church, Wettenhall

Plough Sunday

On Sunday 2nd February the Plough Service will be held at Reaseheath College at 11am.

St David's Patronal Festival

On Sunday 1st March at 11am, St. David's celebrates it's Patronal Festival. Please join us for a celebration of Holy Communion, including some rousing Welsh hymn tunes and followed by delicious refreshments. All are welcome.



Coffee & Cake

The next meetings are on Thursday 6th February & 5th March

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



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 4th February & 25th February & 17th March

Happy Birthday This Month to:

Herbie Major Louie Elliott Madison Warrington Missy Shaw Mollie Yarwood Niamh Ward Poppy Rowland



Special Birthdays

Special Birthday Greetings to **Nathan Moss** who celebrates his 18th birthday on February 26th.

Also Special Birthday greetings to **Helen Yarwood** celebrating her 40th on 21st February

Congratulations

to **Edith Carr** who celebrated her 90th birthday with a cake at the end of the All Age service in December.

Carol Singing for MND

A huge THANKYOU to the Carol Singers & to everyone who supported them in raising £130 for MND. Thank you also to the anonymous donor who matched this amount making a total contribution of £260.





Crib Service

Christmas Eve was filled with shepherds, angels, & wisemen being led to Bethlehem by the sight of an unusual star. The eagerness & excitement of the first Christmas was beautifully retold by Heather & Chris Pope, and re-enacted by lots of very excited children & grown-ups too!. Thanks to Heather for writing this especially for Christmas Eve.

Plants and Flowers in the Christian Faith

Sacred Plants ; The Olive Tree

The olive tree is a multibranched evergreen tree, with a gnarled trunk and smooth bark. It bears leathery, silver leaves and in May the trees are covered in sweetly perfumed white or yellow flowers, followed by green or black olives in late summer. The pressing of the olives yields oil, a task given over to blindfolded donkeys walking around a grindstone in ancient Mediterranean countries.

From the Ancient Greek culture the Olive tree has been a symbol of peace, reconciliation and friendship. It was the Greeks who first 'extended the olive branch' as a sign of peace. Last month outlined the Christian symbolism of the yew tree of Europe and how it's ancient sacred status was the foundation of it's place in Christianity; a similar story applies to the olive tree.

The olive grows all over eastern Mediterranean countries and first became a symbol of Israel, the promised land of the Jews. When Noah sent out the dove from the Ark, it returned with an olive branch

to symbolise God's gift of land and a new life for those people saved from the flood waters. The Psalms have numerous references to olive trees and the fruit and oil. Psalm 127 says that the fruiting olive tree is like a mother and her children within the household. Psalm 51 likens the fruiting tree to the enrichment of the lives of believers in God. The olive oil is even regarded as a symbol of joy in psalm 103 because, when smeared on the face, it makes the face shine! When Jesus began his ministry the sacred status of the olive was conferred upon him and his teachings. The title 'Christ' means the 'anointed one', olive oil being used at that time to anoint Kings and Rulers at the start of their reign. Jesus was baptised by John at the start of his ministry and still today olive oil is used in baptism services. The Gospels make reference to his preaching on the Mount of Olives and his time in the Garden of Gethsemane, site of some of the oldest trees on earth. The word 'gethsemane' is an olive press. Jesus and his Passion are symbolised by the olive fruit. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before he was arrested and put to death. The 'pressure' of his life and destiny bore down on him before he was beaten and crushed on the Cross. After his death and ascension into heaven the Holy Spirit was released to pour down onto his disciples and the new Church.

Olives and olive oil remain symbols of peace, health and reconciliation, so think of these when next pouring out the oil in the kitchen, especially if the food is to be shared with family or friends!

Cholmondeston & Wettenhall Parish Council; Vacancy

Cholmondeston and Wettenhall Parish Council have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. To apply please contact Helen Moss (Chairman) at helenmosscllr@btinternet.com Information on Parish Councils and the role of Councillors can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk

Cllr Helen Moss - Chairman Wettenhall Parish Tel: 07484 716 613

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Plough Sunday Service

Plough Sunday is an ancient tradition dating to the time when the Church owned the only plough in the village.

Together with the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, we have been invited to Reaseheath College again to celebrate Plough Sunday again this year. Donations will be taken for lunch and will go to RABI.

This event has become very important to the staff and students at the college, and they will be bringing their own ideas to the celebrations, although details were not available at the time of going to print.

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.

Plough Sunday Service
11 am Sunday 2 February 2020
The Horticultural Building
Reaseheath College
Preacher: Revd Claire Maxim

CEO of the Germinate: Arthur Rank Centre The Horticultural Building is the new building in the area where the new buildings are going up off Main Road which can be accessed via Entrance 2 off Main Road, Reaseheath (the B5074)

Limited parking for the disabled is available immediately outside the horticultural building.

Soup Lunch in the Horticultural Building will follow the service.

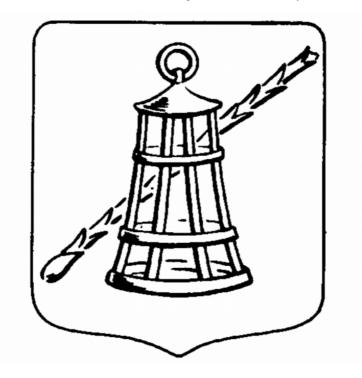
All Welcome



Choral Evensong with the St Christopher Chorale Sunday 9 February 5.00 pm in Acton

We are delighted that the St Christopher Chorale, with their Musical Director, Philip Crookall, will be singing Choral Evensong at St Mary's Acton.

The service will include the premier of *Magnificat* (music by Andrew Crookall; words by Anne Lawson)



Why not come to **Tea at the Tower** (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm) for tea and cake and stay for Evensong?

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Quiz night - Monday 10th February

Don't Forget to join us from 8.30pm. £1 per head, free Chips during half-time

Valentines Day - Friday 14th & Saturday 15th **February**

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Life Balance: Work, Rest and Play for Lent

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

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Plough Service at Chester Cathedral











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RECIPE

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This comes from an old book of Ambridge recipes. The weights were in lbs and oz. Younger readers may ask where Ambridge is.

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Ingredients

4 pork chops or pork steaks 225 gm mushrooms, sliced About 40 gm butter 1 tablespoon flour Juice of 1 lemon 4 sprigs fresh thyme 150 ml double cream

Method

- Brown the chops in the butter. Place chops on large individual pieces of foil.
- Sprinkle with pepper and place a sprig of thyme on each.
- Fry the mushrooms in the butter, sprinkle flour over them and stir well. Add lemon juice and mix thoroughly. Divide the now congealed mix between the 4 chops. Pour 2 tablespoons of cream over each chop. Fold the foil so that each chop is sealed in its own foil parcel.
- Bake for an hour at 170 C, 325 F or Gas mark 3.

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Alexander

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Church Cleaning

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Mrs J Astbury

March Mr & Mrs Ablard

Coffee Rota

9th Feb Mrs J Bailey

23rd Feb Mrs S Parker

8th Mar Mrs M Booth

Christingle

After our Christingle service with the school before Christmas we were able to send £50 to the Children's Society. Thank you

Plough Sunday

On Sunday 2nd February a United Plough Service will be held at Reaseheath College at 11am

Evensong

Evensong led by St Christopher Chorale Sunday 9th February at St Mary's Church Acton 5pm

Bereavement Group

Bereavement group support meeting on 19th February At St Mary's Church Acton 6pm

PCC Meeting

St Oswald's PCC
The next meeting is on
24th February
at 7pm
in Church





Comedy Night

Following the success of the comedy night at the village hall in February last year, it has been decided to host another night of comedy stand up on Saturday 8th February 2020. Come along and see some great comedians and have a laugh during those dark winter months - Tickets on sale in early new year. **See Back Page**

Coffee & Cake

St Oswald's Worleston
Saturday February 1st from 10 am - 12 noon
Come along to enjoy a Coffee & Cake and a chat.
Everyone welcome for as little or long a time as you wish.

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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Ladies Lunch
Thursday 20th February
at
Tollemache Arms, Alpraham
12.30pm - Cost: £10
(No need to book)
All welcome including gents who gather to enjoy lunch.

A Safety Reminder

Top Ten Cyber Security Tips

- 1. Limit the personal information given to online services and frequently monitor your credit score and bank accounts for signs of fraudulent activity. Report anything suspicious to your financial institution immediately.
- 2. Never send sensitive information in an unencrypted form. Look for the green lock in your browser on websites.
- 3. If you are storing sensitive data or information on a removable drive, use an encrypted drive or encrypt the files themselves.
- 4. Be aware of emails that you are not expecting that contain attachments; verify the validity of the attachment from the sender prior to opening it. If the message appears suspicious, do not open the attachment. Spear-phishing emails often appear to be from a colleague or corporation known by the target, but contain an attachment that is actually a virus or Trojan.
- **5.** Exercise caution when following links on social media sites or in emails, as they could be scams. Enable your email server so that it disables auto-clicking on links will protect against some phishing scams and other unsolicited emails.
- 6. Download trusted applications and limit the sensitive activities that take place on your mobile devices. While malware exists for all mobile operating systems, Android is by far the most vulnerable due to its susceptibility of system attacks and viruses. iOS products—such as the iPhone and the iPad—are generally more secure than their Android counterparts because Apple fully vets all applications before they are available on the App Store.
- 7. Be aware of your surroundings when at an ATM or other point of sale; always cover the number pad when entering PIN numbers during a transaction to prevent someone from recording your PIN.
- 8. Shred sensitive paper documents.
- 9. Sign up for a credit monitoring service that provides you with alerts. You can also lock your credit by contacting the credit bureaus.
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