St David's Wettenhall & St Oswald's Worleston October 2020



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I imagine that none of us, a year ago, imagined that words and phrases like 'pandemic, lockdown, social distancing, safety bubbles and quarantine' would be tripping off our tongues - but they are. We have all been thrown fairly quickly into a different way of working, shopping, travelling and making contact with others. Some of us have become quite proficient at using Zoom or Skype - again two more words hardly used except by a few, a year ago.

For people who have spent the last six or seven months in isolation, or on furlough or looking for another job, or waving outside a care home at family members who don't understand what's going on, or trying to get through the muddle of the exam results saga and get a place at college or university, then there must be a longing for 'the new normal'-yet another much bandied about new phrase. No one knows what will be normal life by this time next year and we all probably will have to adapt as we go along.

We are learning not to hug friends, to sit far apart at church, to wear masks as a matter of course and to queue patiently - most of the time. We are sad when our usual social groups have had to close, at least for a while. Those who most appreciate WI, choirs and coffee mornings have had to forgo these things, not to mention the people who faithfully attend live football matches, and other sporting fixtures.

This time last year at Worleston our church was filled to overflowing when the children from St Oswald's came to lead us in praise for the harvest. Of course we celebrated with a splendid supper afterwards and a similar feast was to be had at St David's. We didn't forget other people and a larger than usual donation was sent to the local foodbank. This year of course we cannot celebrate in the usual way. We cannot even sing Come ye thankful people come' which makes it all rather unreal.

However what is real and constant and normal is God's love and care for us. Almost at the beginning of the Bible we read his promise to Noah when he said

'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.'

When we remember that we can truly 'raise the song of harvest home' with thanks for his great love for us, whatever the circumstances.

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Don't Forget!

To turn your clocks back one hour at 2am Sunday 25th October

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Sunday Services October 2020

home, 5 pm Evensong

Acton	
4 th Oct	11:00 am Harvest
11 th Oct	8:00 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer
18 th Oct	10:00 am Messy Church at home, 5 pm Evens
25 th Oct	11:00 am Morning Prayer
1 st Nov	11:00 am Communion
Church Min	shull
4 th Oct	9:30 am Communion
11 th Oct	11:00 am Cafe Church
18 th Oct	11:00 am Communion
25 th Oct	11:00 am Messy Church
1 st Nov	9:30 am Communion
Worleston	
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11:00 am Morning Prayer

1st Nov

St David's Church Wettenhall			
	Sidespersons	Cleaning & Flowers	
4th Oct	Mrs M Drinkall	Mrs M Drinkall &	
11 th Oct	Mr M Moss	Mrs B Brockbank	
18 th Oct	Brownies	Mrs A Howard	
25 th Oct	TBA	& Family	
1 st Nov	Mrs A Hignett	Mrs E Carr & Mrs A Nicholas	
Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org			

Harvest Festival

The All Age service at 11am on Sunday 18th October will be a service of thanksgiving for the harvest this year. In spite of all the difficulties, God still provides a harvest!

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting & PCC Meeting

The Annual meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm in church.

Condolences

To Sue & David Kinsey on the death of Sue's Father Arthur Power earlier this year. Our thoughts & prayers are with all the family, especially Doreen his widow.

Also to Sue & Richard Langley on the sad news of the death of Sue's father John Bownes.

Our thoughts & prayers are with all the family.

Small beginnings......

As part of an All Age Service in 2019, a bowl of small, brown, ugly little bulbs was distributed by the Brownies to members of the congregation.

The theme for the day was Jesus' description of the Kingdom of Heaven. He explained to his disciples how something as tiny as a Mustard Seed could grow into something large enough to give shelter to the birds of the air.

In the same way the Kingdom of Heaven grows from very small beginnings to eventually encompass all mankind. No-one is excluded from it's love & protection.

As a reminder of this, the bulbs were planted in various gardens around the parish.

This year Brenda & Graham Tucker & Gillian & Peter Summers have reported that their tiny bulbs have produced the most beautiful Gladioli flowers. From something so small & insignificant, a burst of colour has lit up the depressingly dark, past few weeks. A reminder to us all that a lot can be achieved from very small beginnings......even the Kingdom of Heaven.







Antonia Adlington Olivia Palin **Emeilia Bond Thomas Ablard** Luke Jones Reuben Spencer Megan Farrell **Sophie Bowes** Oliver Latham Stanley Alexander

Special Birthday greeting this month to Mary Drinkall

Children's Society **Home Collection Boxes**

Anyone with a Children's Society box is invited to return it to the All Age Harvest Service on Sunday 18th October.

Mobile Library

Still no date for the return of the library.

Darnhall & Wettenhall WI Centenary

In March we were hoping to celebrate 100 years of Darnhall & Wettenhall WI. Along with most other events this year, it had to be postponed. Finally on 30th August a small ceremony was held at Milford House Farm, where a crab apple tree - Admiration- was unveiled by Madam President Jean Hitchen & Ann Hignett, as one of the longest standing members. Thanks to Chris & Heather for hosting this event, complete with delicious Birthday cake & numerous cups of tea!



Manna From Heaven

Manna from Heaven is a term for a miraculous happening that occurs just when we need it most. But it was the Israelites escaping from Egypt who are said to have benefitted from manna in the story in Exodus in the Old Testament. They had been lead by Moses into the desert and the food that they had taken with them had run out. Hungry and despairing on the 15th day of the second month, they prayed for food. Manna fell from Heaven, a sweet, bread like food to sustain them for their long journey through the desert towards salvation. For 40 years they ate the manna, only for it to disappear as soon as they reached the

borders of Canaan and a chance to lead a settled life.

But what is manna? Does it actually exist? What does it taste like?

Manna is a naturally occurring, sweet tasting, white crystalline substance composed of two glucose molecules bonded together. This is trehalose, similar to the maple syrup that drips from sugar maples, and drips from various shrubs and trees native to the Middle East and

Mediterranean countries. The drips of resin dry to a white spongy mass when exposed to hot sun. The Bible records that it tastes of coriander seeds, or wafers

with honey. In Sicily there is an ash tree which exudes manna, while Turkey has the camel's thorn shrub and



France has the salt cedars or tamarisk trees. Manna can be eaten, although it is known to have laxative properties [!], and can be used in cooking.

Manna from Heaven demonstrates that God is a sustainer of life, rescuing those

who believe when all appears lost. The story of the flight of the Israelites is also recorded in the Quran, when Allah is said to have provided the manna in the Sinai desert. Believers still thank God for rescuing them in a time

of need, when a seemingly miraculous solution comes to their aid. They still say it was 'like Manna from Heaven', just like Moses and the Jews in their hours of need.

Heather Pope

Calveley School

All the teachers and staff at Calvelev Primary Academy were very excited to welcome the children back into school this September. We have missed you all! We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining us this year. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly and have had a busy first couple of weeks. Our Nursery and Reception children have enjoyed exploring their indoor and outdoor environments, making new friends and learning through play. We have been learning about our families. friends and local area through our topic "Marvellous Me."





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National Garden Scheme; Our first Open Garden

It had always been an ambition of mine to have a garden open day, with my own garden, as part of the National Garden Scheme. This charity invites people to open their gardens to the public, whether that is rolling acres or a courtyard. All that counts is that it is loved, gardened carefully, and has something to interest visitors as they wander around. The proceeds mainly go to health related causes and millions of pounds have been raised over the decades of the NGS.

Despite gardening since I was a small child [although Dad never gave in to the current trend for letting children do their own thing in the garden!] I felt that opening the garden wouldn't be a viable possibility while working.

Here in Wettenhall we have a garden which has been an endless source of hard work, pleasure and love. However it was never even remotely close to being 'weed free', and was always just on the edge of breaking free of domestic boundaries. That magical word, retirement, freed me up sufficient time to get the garden more under control and to tidy up the scruffy areas.In 2019 I worked to bring the garden up to a standard suitable for assessment by the NGS. It passed the test, with a few words about extra weeding! The lockdown and coronavirus did the rest, suddenly limiting holidays and socialising, creating opportunities to garden more than ever before. The first planned open day had to be cancelled, the second in September





limited numbers of visitors and a 'Covid secure' environment. It became an obsession to make the garden as beautiful as possible. despite storms, high winds and heavy rain. Neighbours, family members and other friends all



helped so much with kind words, baking and helping to put up the marquee, staff the gate, toilets & refreshments. The local MS Society provided a team of volunteers to assist on the day. [Thanks to Brenda Brockbank for marshalling the team] We even had a babysitter to look after Portia, our dog!

On the day of the opening the deadheading started at 7.00am and prayers were said to keep away the rain. The first visitors arrived at about 11.30am, and after 10 minutes I really started to enjoy the day. People were unfailingly kind about the garden, asking questions, eating monster amounts of cakes, buying cuttings. It was lovely to

speak to everyone and talk about gardening all day. The plants that attracted the most enquiries were acidanthera [known as Peacock Orchids], bulbs purchased very cheaply at the supermarket each year. They bloomed just in time, their white and maroon drooping heads attracting attention.

The open day sped along for us, although we were very tired by the time the last cake plate was washed. Again, we had so much help with the various tasks to safely close our first Open Garden session. A very early night was called for but proved sufficient to make me start planning NGS Open Gardens for 2021!



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Stay Aware, Stay Safe

Unfortunately in these already difficult times, staying safe is not just about observing social distancing, wearing masks and keeping our hands clean. We also need to be ever vigilant with regard to emails, phone calls & text messages. The unscrupulous out there see Covid 19 as just another vehicle to exploit, to steal from us.

I was reading an article last night saying that gmail, last week alone stopped 18 million Covid related scam emails from getting through. That is one email provider think about how many others there are. There have been reports of people being phoned and told they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive and that they need to be tested and put on the track and trace scheme, they are then asked to give card or bank details for a payment to get the necessary information pack, there is no such pack. Others have received text messages saying they are due a tax refund or some other form of relief payment, just fill in your bank details and the payment will be made. The only payment made will be them emptying your bank account in to theirs.

Simple Rules to Follow.

Don't click on links in emails or social media unless you are 100% sure it's genuine, even if the sender is 'known' to you (email addresses of friends and businesses are easy to spoof), check by a separate phone call, that the email is genuine.

Don't give bank or card details to someone who phones you.

Don't click on links in text messages.

Follow the mantra of Watchdog "If it's out of the blue, it's not for you".

Stay Safe



Recipe

Apple Pecan Pudding

Cook time: 45 mins

Ingredients

85g soft butter 85g sugar 125g SR flour 25g oats 1tsp ground cinnamon 1 heaped tsp baking powder 2 large eggs 3tbsp milk

1 Bramley apple, grated or diced 25g pecans roughly chopped



Method

- Heat oven to 180c/160c fan & lightly grease 20cmx16cm pie dish.
- Tip butter & sugar into a bowl with flour, oats, cinnamon & baking powder.
- Break in the eggs, add the milk & beat until smooth.
- Stir in the apple & pour into the dish.
- Level the top & scatter with pecans.
- Bake for 35-45 minutes until risen & golden.
- Enjoy!

St Oswald's Church, Worleston		
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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Monday 19th October**, in church at 7pm.

This usually has to take place before the end of April but all churches were given until the end of October in view of the lockdown earlier in the year.

This is the opportunity to hear reports on the fabric of the building, health & safety measures, the churchyard, the school, finance, and plans for the future.

At this meeting Church Wardens and PCC members are elected. The Wardens may be elected by anyone resident in the parish. The PCC (Parochial Church Council) is then elected by members on the electoral roll. After that the new PCC appoints its secretary and treasurer and lay chair, and representative on the Deanery Synod

TEDxNantwich tackles climate change at virtual event

TEDxNantwich is holding a virtual 'Countdown to Climate' event 10.30am on 11 October 2020 featuring five expert speakers. The independently organised event, licensed by TED, will bring people together from across Nantwich and the surrounding areas to learn how climate change is impacting the region and figure out what can be done to tackle it

Launched in 2009, TEDx is a programme of locally organised events that bring the community together to share a TED-like experience. Some of the best talks from TEDx events have gone on to be featured on TED.com and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

TEDxNantwich, which is free to all, will discuss the latest climate change insights and propose bold solutions that local residents and businesses can support to influence change.

Liz Boote, TEDxNantwich organiser, says, "It's easy to view climate change as a mammoth issue for world leaders to sort out, however every one of us must play a part in cutting greenhouse gas emissions and creating a cleaner and safer world. TEDxNantwich puts a local slant on a global crisis, proposing solutions that the Nantwich community can support to drive positive change."

Speakers at TEDxNantwich include:

- **Elizabeth Renski,** Executive Editor of leading publication 'CLIMATE CHANGE The New Economy'. Elizabeth will provide an overview of the global climate action scene and discuss what the UK has been doing to accelerate solutions to the climate crisis.
- Dr Christian Dunn, senior research lecturer in the School of Natural Sciences at Bangor University. Dr Dunn will pose the question "Are wetlands the superheroes of the natural world?"
- **Tim Boote**, Founder of Crewe-based Protein Rebel. Tim will question how will we feed everyone by 2050, discuss new sustainable proteins such as insects and plants, and argue that our food choices directly impact climate change.
- · Lily Bernadet, Business Developer from Northwich-based Storengy UK (part of ENGIE). Lily will question whether green hydrogen is the fuel of the future.
- **Simon Burgess**, Head of Projects, Research and Innovation at Reaseheath College, Nantwich. Simon will discuss the college's research into how biochar in livestock feed can reduce methane emissions by 6-15%.

TEDxNantwich 'Countdown to Climate' is supported by Studio One Photography, Nantwich.

For more information about TEDxNantwich 'Countdown to Climate' and to reserve a place, please visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tedxnantwich-countdown-to-climate-tickets-118071116889



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