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



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Remember, Remember...

We are trying to remember so many things at the moment, chief amongst them to take our facemasks with us as we leave the house. Perhaps especially we are trying to remember to keep away from each other; something which goes against all our very natural, very normal, very healthy human instincts. Whilst it is necessary for the moment to keep everybody safe, I sincerely hope that we will always have to remember to stay away from people, and that it never becomes natural.

Which brings us to part of the purpose of remembering. We only need to remember things which are different. Once they become normal and natural, we have learned the new routine and no-longer have to think about it. But this is only part of the purpose of remembering.

For many of us, the words 'remember, remember...' trigger a memory of a rhyme we used as children at this time of year. 'Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.' A rhyme, originally taught to children so that they remembered the perils of committing treason as the activities of Guy Fawkes and his accomplices and would not repeat them.

Of course, Bonfire night is not the only occasion we remember in November. Most importantly, and certainly most obviously, we remember all those who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars, and in conflicts around the globe since that time, on Remembrance Sunday.

Remembrance Sunday is another occasion when we remember in order to learn. It is important that we remember the many acts of bravery and sacrifice which have been made by men and women as they have fought to protect the freedom which we have come to cherish in this country. Many were heroically brave and the sacrifices were very real, but we must do more than remember those brave and sacrificial acts. We must remember them in ways which help us to learn so that conditions which led to the need for that bravery and sacrifice never occur again.

It is right that we remember, remember the historic events of the past, but we need to remember in such a way that we do more than re-tell the stories. We need to remember so that we can learn from them too.

It is as we learn from our remembering that we are able to bring about the Kingdom of God; the ways of mercy; gentleness and peace which so many men and women have given their lives for.

Yours as we work together to bring about God's Kingdom on earth,

Revd Anne

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Sunday Services November 2020

Acton

- 1st Nov 11:00 am Communion
- 8th Nov 8:00 am Communion, 10:50 am Remembrance
- 15th Nov 11:00 am Messy Church at home, 5 pm Evensong
- 22nd Nov 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 29th Nov 11:00 am Communion
- 6th Dec 11:00 am Communion

Church Minshull

- 1st Nov 9:30 am Communion
- 8th Nov 10:50 am Remembrance
- 15th Nov 11:00 am Communion
- 22nd Nov 11:00 am Messy Service of the Word
- 29th Nov TBC
- 6th Dec 9:30 am Communion

Worleston

- 1st Nov
- 8th Nov 10:50 am Remembrance
- 15th Nov
- 22nd Nov 9:30 am Communion
- $29^{\text{th}}\,Nov$
- 6th Dec

Wettenhall

- 1st Nov 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 8th Nov 10:50 am Remembrance
- 15th Nov 11:00 am All Age
- 22^{nd} Nov 6:30 pm Communion
- 29th Nov 11:00 am Morning Prayer
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St David's Church Wettenhall				
	Sidespersons	Cleaning & Flowers		
1 st Nov	Mrs A Hignett	Mrs E Carr &		
8 th Nov	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs A Nicholas		
15 th Nov	Brownies	Mrs H Moss		
22 nd Nov	ТВА			
29 th Nov	Churchwardens	Mrs A Brooks		
6 th Dec	ТВА			
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Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance service will take place on Sunday 8th November at 10.50am. As part of our Remembrance, Mrs Gillian Summers will share some of her family's stories as the daughter of Brigadier Sir Philip Toosey. Sir Philip was the officer in charge of the bridge-building over the River Kwai. His courage & strength of character in the face of such horrific circumstances helped many service men return safely to their families at the end of the Second World War.

Mobile Library

The Mobile library is due at St. David's on Nov 3rd, Nov 24th & Dec 15th, between 12.05 & 12.20pm. This information may be subject to change at short notice.

For further information contact Alsager Library 01270 375325

Cholmondeston & Wettenhall Parish Council

Meeting in St. David's on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm.



Darnhall Brownies







Adam Rowland	Imogen Elliott
Alice Edwards	Maggie Harrington
Ava Robinson	Scarlett Heath
Edward Kinsey	Thomas Alexander

also

Belated birthday greetings to Freya Howells for last month also to Phoebe Presland In September.

1st Darnhall Brownies are now able to restart, but we must follow all Covid 19 regulations. The brownies have begun to make lanterns for Halloween and they should complete them this week.





Congratulations

To Dot Woods who was ordained as priest by the Bishop of Chester on 3rd October. Also to Sam Rylands who was made a Deacon on 27th September by the Bishop of London.

Reminder

Every Sunday Chris and Heather Pope provide a WhatsApp service at 11am. If you would like to receive this please contact Chris on 07771 684000 for details.

For those of you without a computer or smart phone or similar device, there is the Daily Hope phone service which is a freephone number.



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"With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are."

Archbishop Justin Welby



Cholmondeston & Wettenhall Parish Council

People living in our locality are, like everyone else, represented at their village level by the Parish Council [PC]. These are not party political councils, they exist to address concerns and issues raised by local people and to forward those concerns to the County Council if they cannot be resolved within the scope of the Parish Council.

You may not know your councillors, but they can be contacted via the Parish Council website if you cannot identify them personally. Councillors are all volunteers who are elected as part of the local election process or co-opted between elections when a vacancy occurs. This magazine has been used previously to invite interested people to apply to be a member of their local PC. As with any other committee, it will serve local people better if a wide diversity of people are represented within the group. So young or old, working, not working or retired, those with an agricultural, business, health and social care, or industrial background are all welcome to apply to represent their neighbours. When the group of councillors have been established they elect a Chair for their group. The councillors are all volunteers and are supported by an employed Parish Clerk who advises the councillors of the scope of their decisions, ensures that they act within the law and records the minutes of the meetings and prepares the necessary documents required throughout the year.

The Cholmondeston and Wettenhall PC meets guarterly at St. David's Church. Wettenhall. Meetings are open to the public, although sometimes part of the meeting is private while discussions take place between councillors. You can approach your representatives with any local concern and it will be addressed by the Council. The most frequent concerns locally are problems with traffic and vehicles, the condition of the roads and potholes, and planning applications for buildings or business developments. For example, the proposed housing development on the former Boot and Slipper site has been of great interest and concern for several years in Cholmondeston and Wettenhall. Many issues lie outside the scope of decisions for the PC. However, they can raise your concerns at County Council level even if the final decisions are not within their power. These concerns often include major housing, highway or business developments.

Some PCs have prepared local plans following consultation with people living in or around their boundaries. These address all sorts of things which local people find important, such as the need for affordable housing, leisure and family friendly facilities and protection and improvements in the local environment. However, local plans can be expensive and can be a prolonged process, so are not always prepared in every PC locality.

The Parish Council is here to serve you, although it can't sort out every local issue. Why not go along to a meeting to see local decision making in action and influence the outcome? Then, when a vacancy or election comes along, you might even be tempted to put yourself forward as a councillor!

Heather Pope

Where would you go?

On a recent TV quiz programme, a team was asked 'If you could be granted a super power, what would you like?' The favourite answer was to 'Time Travel'. Probably, at the moment, many of us would like to travel forwards to a time when we can relegate Covid 19 to the pages of our history books. It's not easy to dwell on the difficult times in our lives but some things must never be forgotten.

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of VE & VJ Day. Ceremonies have taken place at the National Memorial Arboretum to remind us of the huge sacrifice made by so many for all of us living today. Prince Charles spoke movingly of his gratitude to those who gave so mucheven their lives- for the freedom of their fellowmen & their Country. He ended his speech by saying 'May their stories be carried forward, not as a burden, but as an inspiration'. Undoubtedly many have been inspired by the resilience of generations badly affected by the horrors of war.

During the last few months comparisons have sometimes been made between the difficulties faced in the war years and the current health problems of our nation. Not all of them have been helpful. However for those who have faith in the God who promises to be with us, then we have hope that this challenging time will come to an end too. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says 'I will be with you always, to the end of time.' (REB) That's a promise to give us comfort and reassurance in the weeks and months ahead.

So, in your quiet moments, where would you like to Time Travel to? Let us know & we'll try and publish some in the magazine, anonymously if you would prefer.

Ann

Sacred Plants: The Apple

At this time of year many of our gardens, or those of friends and neighbours, contain apple trees laden with fruit. They grow in hedges and on allotments and may be eating, cooking or crab apples. All of these fruits are part of the family of trees known as 'malus', a word that appears to be the root of the mythology of the apple in the Bible and the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

The Garden of Eden is reputed to be in



Southern Mesopotamia [now Iraq] where the rivers Tigris and Euphrates flow into the sea. Many fruits were known and cultivated in

Biblical times in this area, including figs, pomegranates, grapes, apricots and citrons. All of these fruits have been used in early Christian art to represent the forbidden fruit eaten by Eve. Western art has firmly settled on the apple as the culprit, a fruit also originating in central Asia. Not surprising when the apple was so widely grown across the known World. The Bible does not actually specify which fruit was eaten by Adam and Eve, instead it tells us that they ate the fruit of the 'Tree of Knowledge'. The scriptures refer to God using the term trees to mean good and evil people, so we may be thinking of a tree of knowledge in a rather too literal way.

The apple was introduced into our beliefs when Jerome translated Biblical scriptures.

The word 'malus' is an ancient Greek word for tree fruit in general. When malus was brought into the Latin language it became the word for both apple and evil, paving the way for it's fame as the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge. Apples are also used as a symbol of love, knowledge and wisdom in art, as well as evil fruits of



temptation and original sin. In the Garden of Eden the evil side of the apple is at the forefront when Eve ate a bite of the apple, and then presented it to Adam to eat. He is said to have got a piece of it stuck in his throat, the origin of the term 'Adam's apple' for the enlarged larynx of adult men. The disorder of creation and the inheritance of sin for all humanity followed the eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, a huge outcome for a bite of that rosy apple.

If you don't have an apple tree in your garden, or on your patio, there is an apple tree for every location. A family tree carries two or more varieties on one tree and various rootstocks allow you to grow a forest sized tree or one shorter than your own height. You could even grow an apple originating in Church Minshull, the Minshull crab, our very own forbidden fruit.

Heather Pope

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Calveley School

All children at Calveley took part in #HelloYellow this month. They dressed in yellow clothing and donated money to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day. There were some fantastic yellow costumes!

The children have been very excited about the new addition to our playground! The new obstacle course and climbing wall is very popular, and is helping all children stay active at lunchtime and playtime.

Elsewhere in the school, class 1 have been exploring autumn. They have collected autumn objects and investigated the changes in the environment. They have created autumn collages, watercolour paintings and self-portraits using autumn objects.





Worleston School

St. Oswald's was delighted to open its gates to all the children once again on the 2nd September and it has been lovely to have our school family back together after 6 months of closure. The school has once again been full of laughter, chatter, smiles and lots of fun learning. The children have adapted well to life in bubbles and we have been so proud of all of them for the positivity and resilience they have shown.

The first few weeks back in school have all been about helping the children settle back into life in school and making sure that their mental wellbeing was prioritised over everything else. We have now started lessons in earnest and a few weeks ago we launched our new whole school topic entitled 'changes' based on a lovely illustrated children's book (Changes by Anthony Browne). Each class from our youngest children in Nursery and Reception right up to our oldest members of St. Oswald's in Year 6 have all started with this focus. Then they have taken it in different directions and looked at all sorts of different changes such as: seasonal changes, changes to our bodies due to exercise and nutrition and changes in our solar system.

We have been unable to get together to do whole school worship in our school hall but we have still managed to do class sized worship and then Mr Goodwin has been doing a virtual whole school worship over zoom when we celebrate all the success from the week. We have been so delighted to have all our children back in school, with their friends and the St. Oswald's family back under one roof.













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Bishop Mark Tanner



Bishop Mark Tanner began his public ministry as the Bishop of Chester on Sunday 20 September.

The service of welcome for the new bishop had to be altered to conform with the coronavirus restrictions. This meant just 30 people were able to attend and witness the beginning of Bishop Mark's ministry. On a bright autumnal day, with the sun illuminating in multi-coloured splendour the almost empty nave, the scene was set for the special occasion.

Bishop Mark processed formally through the cathedral into the Quire with prayers at the door, the font, and the nave platform. He paused at the cathedra and reflected on the consequences of coronavirus before sitting with the College of Canons and Choir for Evensong.

At the end of Evensong, Bishop Mark received the Melanesian Crozier at the High Altar and delivered a sermon to the 30 people in physical attendance and the hundreds of others watching online. Bishop Mark brought the service to a close by praying a blessing over the city, county, and diocese.

In his sermon, Bishop Mark reflected on life's struggles and reminded us that people have worshipped at Chester Cathedral for centuries and have continually brought their burdens before God as "the one still peaceful point of calm in the midst of the storm."

"I can not tell you what the future holds, but, as the hymn writers put it, I can tell you who holds the future. And I can tell you that if we resolve even here and now, that, at this phase, indeed for every day of the life of this diocese, we will look in two directions: at Christ and at the lost. "He will shape and form us, that we continue to be his beautiful bride, ever fit for purpose however the world might change around us. Looking at Christ, in order that daily, as we feed on his word and join together in worship, we are shaped in his image and filled with love which goes far beyond our human capacity. "As we partner with people and agencies of peace and seek to serve those around us. particularly focusing on those who are most vulnerable, those who are abandoned and abused, overlooked and oppressed, we will find, that, as we serve them, we serve Christ, and that we are always shaped for relevant mission in this world. "We look at Christ and we look at the lost because that is what Christ himself did: 'I did not come for those who are well, I came for the sick'"



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Recipe

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Ingredients

1-2oz/25-50g butter 2lb/900g potatoes cooked and mashed 3 or 4 leeks, chopped 3 or 4 thick rashers of bacon grated cheese

Method

- Cook the leeks in the butter for about 10 minutes, and fry the bacon until it is crispy.
- Line a dish with the leeks and lay the rashers across them.
- Top the leek and bacon mix with mashed potato and cover with plenty of grated cheese.
- Place under the grill to brown.

Poppy Appeal

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, we are working hard with our members, staff, volunteers and partners to create a range of ways for people to get involved in this year's Poppy Appeal. From buying a poppy in your local supermarket or making an online donation, to doing your own fundraising with family and friends.

Like so many things this year, the Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of Covid-19. We're calling on the public to support us like never before, because every poppy counts.

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8 th Nov	Mr & Mrs M Alexander		No Coffee		
22 nd Nov	Mr & Mrs D Booth		will be served		
Flowers			Cleaning		
8 th Nov	There will be	November	Chrissie Black		
22 nd Nov	no flowers	December	Mrs S Parker & Mrs I Burnley		
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