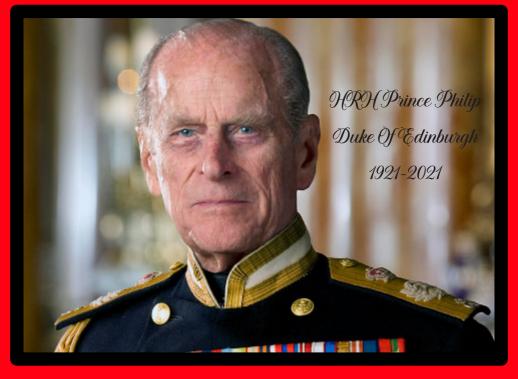
St David's Wettenhall & St Oswald's Worleston May 2021



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Dear Friends



"A remarkable life of public service."

Those were the words of Theresa May, Prime Minister at the time HRH The Duke of Edinburgh retired from public life in 2017. As I write, 24 hours after the death of Prince Philip was announced, we have heard a great deal about a quite remarkable life.

This was the life of a natural leader who willingly stepped back and supported the Queen in a remarkable and unprecedented way for 69 years as consort to the monarch, and for 73 years of marriage.

Always 2 steps behind the Queen, Prince Philip nonetheless put his leadership skills to good use, serving not only the Queen, but the Commonwealth, not only serving in the Royal Navy, but enabling countless ordinary people to fulfil their potential through his patronage of hundreds of charities, as Chancellor of a number of universities, and, perhaps, most of all, through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

It was indeed "a remarkable life of public service.". One which, in a very real way, mirrored Jesus' example on Maundy Thursday when, after taking the role of the lowliest servant, and washing his disciples feet, Jesus told his disciples: If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done for you."

As we have remembered and mourned the Duke of Edinburgh in recent weeks, we can certainly be encouraged by his example in our own acts of service. Beyond that, perhaps we can also reflect on the inspiration which Prince Philip found for his own acts of service in the example of Jesus, and seek to follow that example too.

Yours in our servant, King Jesus,

Revd Anne





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Sunday Services May 2021

Acton

2nd May 11:00 am Communion

9th May 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer

16th May 9:30 am Messy Church at Home, 5 pm Evensong

23rd May 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer

30th May 11:00 am Communion

6th Jun 11:00 am Communion

Church Minshull

2nd May 11:00 am Service of the Word

9th May 11:00 am Service of the Word

16th May 11:00 am Communion

23rd May 11:00 am Messy Church

30th May 11:00 am Service of the Word

6th Jun 11:00 am Communion

Worleston

2nd May

9th May 9:30 am Communion

16th May

23rd May 9:30 am Morning Prayer

30th May

6th Jun

Wettenhall

2nd May 11:00 am Morning Prayer

9th May 11:00 am Communion

16th May 11:00 am All Age

23rd May 6:30 pm Rogation

30th May 11:00 am Morning Prayer

6th Jun 11:00 am Morning Prayer

St David's Church Wettenhall				
Sidespersons	Cleaning & Flowers			
2 nd May Mr G Tucker	Mrs E Carr &			
9 th May Mrs M Drinka ll	Mrs A Nicholas			
16 th Apr Brownies	Mrs H Moss			
23 rd May Informal				
30 th May Mr M Moss	Mrs A Brooks			
6 th Jun Mrs A Hignett				
Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org				

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who has so generously donated towards the repairs and restoration of St. David's to reopen in time for Easter. Our thanks also go to the working party who eagerly dusted, hoovered and polished until they almost dropped! We have been touched by the kindness of the community at large and thoroughly appreciate all the help, both practical & financial. It has been a long but very successful project and ensures a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors in the future.



Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lil Langley, who along with her late husband John farmed in Cholmondeston. Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard, Sue, Jenny & all the family at this sad time.

Mobile Library

The Mobile library is due at St. David's on May 11th, Jun 1st & 22nd between 12.05 & 12.20pm. This information may be subject to change at short notice. For further information contact Alsager Library 01270 375325

Good Friday & Easter Sunday

It was an emotional start to the Easter weekend as we came together for the first time this year, in the churchyard, to remember the crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday morning we celebrated the resurrection with a service of Holy Communion in church and then joyfully sang outdoors in the beautiful Spring sunshine. Thank you to Audrey Howard for the delicious Easter eggs - a tradition begun many years ago by her mother Phylis.



More Photos over page

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Blake Nixon
Ethan Adlington
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Lily Molyneux

Olivia Mason Scarlett Jackson Stanley Nicholas Verity Smith

Parish Mobile SMS Service

The Parish Mobile provides a method of getting important information out quickly to parishioners. If you would like to be included in any parish updates please text your name to 07486 020084.



Parochial Church Meeting and PCC Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by a PCC meeting will take place on Sunday 23rd May at 5:30pm in church.

Good Friday & Easter Sunday (continued)









Darnhall Brownies

1st Darnhall Brownies are extremely grateful to have received donations enabling them to resume their meetings in April. They planted sunflowers seeds and enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in the woods. Thanks to everyone for their generous support.









Sacred Plants: The Cedar of Lebanon, Aleppo Pine and Cypress Trees

The Cross is the most recognised symbol of Christianity throughout the World and the wood from which it is constructed is subject to many beliefs, legends and cultural practices. Three trees mentioned in the Bible were possibly used for the Cross, these being the Cedar of Lebanon, Aleppo Pine or Cypress.

Cedars of Lebanon still grow in ancient forests in the Holy Valley. Their huge tiered branches were used for building ships, temples and palaces and in the purifying of leprosy. Psalm 104 calls it the Tree of the Lord, planted and watered by Him. The Song of Solomon says that it represents the majesty, strength and glory of Christ.

The Aleppo pine grows in the remnants of forests



across Jordan and Israel, including in Galilee. It can reach up to 60 feet tall and survives fires by regenerating from fire resistant seeds. The wood is

dense, hard and used in construction. The Mediterranean cypress is the tall, pencil slim, tree familiar across the whole area. It usually grows up to 115 feet tall and the scented, durable wood is used for construction and fine joinery, including the doors of the Vatican! Across it's range it is known as a cemetery tree in both Muslim and Christian countries. In the Book of Isaiah these trees come

sanctuary and I will make the place of my sanctuary and I will make the place of my feet glorious.' These words are said to signify these woods of the Cross supporting Christ where His feet were nailed.

In 1260 the Bishop of Genoa wrote The Golden Legend which brought together several



legends concerning the trees of the Cross. They grew together on Adam's grave, tended by Lot, the nephew of Abraham or they arose from the

> Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, from which Adam ate the fruit in Eden. The wood was felled by Solomon to build a bridge, which was crossed over by the Queen of Sheba. Recognising it's power she informed Solomon that it would lead to the breaking of the Covenant between God and the Jews. Fearing this, Solomon demolished the bridge and buried the wood, only for it to be recovered and used to construct the Cross 14 generations later. This legend is illustrated in a fresco on the walls of the San Francesco church in Arezzo. Around the World churches hold relics of The True Cross, although these are probably forgeries made around the 11th

Century, when the practice was widespread. Even so, the fact that these relics exist demonstrates the endurance of the wood and of the Christian faith.



Heather Pope

National Day of Reflection

St. David's was beautifully lit by Chris & Heather on the evening of the anniversary of Lockdown 2020 $23^{\rm rd}$ March.







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The Parish Council [PC] exists to help local people with local problems such as fly tipping, planning applications and other community issues. But how do you contact us if you want that help, or want to raise a local problem?

The Chair of the Parish Council is Keith Gilby, and the other members are Philip Hollinshead, Patrick Brunt, John Woodward, Helen Moss, and Heather Pope. The Clerk of the PC is Mark Bailey.

As you would expect there is a PC website www.cholmondestonandwettenhall-pc.gov.uk which contains all the current local issues being discussed by councillors. It has dates of the meetings, minutes, and other documents associated with the meetings and lots of local information.

All meetings are open to the public, although there may be a private section of the meeting for the councillors and the Clerk to discuss some issues. In usual times the meetings are held in St.David's Church, Wettenhall, but this past year they have been Zoom meetings. You can still attend these, and take part, by contacting the Clerk via clerk@cholmondestonandwettenhall-pc.gov.uk

If you want to contact us you can also phone Keith Gilby on 07909 926735 or email keithgilby@yahoo.co.uk.

Helen Moss can be contacted on helenmosscllr@btinternet.com

Heather Pope can be contacted on 07887 760930 or email hclp@btinternet.com We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Calveley School

The school planned a 1 mile walk around the grounds at the beginning of April in aid of the Stroke Association- but this was no ordinary walk!.

Four year old Orlah Maudsley, one of the Reception pupils had previously set herself a challenge of completing a virtual '3Peaks' 26mile Challenge after being inspired by Captain Sir Tom Moore. Orlah had suffered a stroke shortly after birth and had been shielding at home throughout the pandemic. The school decided to welcome her back in style and to celebrate her massive achievement the children were invited to wear something purple and walk with her on her final mile. In spite of her difficulties, Orlah, enthusiastically supported by all her friends and fellow pupils, managed to complete the final mile and raised over £1.970.

An amazing achievement by everyone, but particularly by Orlah!







WhatsApp Group Photo Challenge

A photographic competition was launched on the Cross Country Community WhatsApp group on the 21st March 2021. It was to encourage everyone to go out and capture the beauty of Spring and to share their images with the group – to bring the outside inside, especially for those unable to venture out due to the Pandemic. The categories were "Spring", "Sky", and "Creatures". We have since been amazed at the wonderful images displayed on the WhatsApp group – some truly beautiful views of our wonderful world during spring.

The competition was independently judged by **Rev Donald**, with the winners announced on the 9th April. The Judge's decision :-

Winners are 'Spring' by Sonia, 'Sky' by Roger and 'Creatures' by Phillippa. Honourable mentions' to Anne Lawson's night sky pic, Angie's nesting box birds and David's autumn tree. I liked this picture particularly, but felt it didn't meet the spring theme.

Prizes of Bluetooth digital Clock Radios were awarded to the three winners A huge THANK YOU to all those who have taken part and brought such wonderful images into our lives.



Creatures By Phillippa



Sky by Roger



Spring by Sonia

Prince Philip; Duke of Edinburgh RIP

As the magazine goes to press, we have all been informed of the incredibly sad death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. Our heartfelt condolences go to the Queen and all the Royal Family and their friends. It is particularly poignant that the Duke has died so close to his 100th birthday, which would have been celebrated in June 2021.

He will be remembered for his support and long years as consort to our Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has been a part of our community lives for decades. Many local people, of all ages, will have been inspired by this scheme to increase their confidence, knowledge and skills, while extending many benefits to their local communities.

May he Rest in Peace and may the Queen draw strength from her Christian belief and the love of her family, friends and the Commonwealth.



Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. Born 10th June 1921 Corfu, Greece Died 9th April 2021 Windsor Castle

Often described as the hardest working member of The Royal Family, it is estimated he carried out over 22000 royal engagements, delivered more than 5000 speeches and presided over 785 charities. On top of this he authored & coauthored many books about the environment, collections of speeches and sport.







What is Prince Philip's full title? In 2017, Prince Philip boasted 19 official titles to his name. There are an incredible 133 words in all his titles.

The full list of titles is: "His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth, Baron Greenwich, Royal Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Extra Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Member of the Order of Merit, Grand Master and First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Knight of the Order of Australia, Additional Member of the Order of New Zealand, Extra Companion of the Queen's Service Order. Royal Chief of the Order of Logohu, Extraordinary Companion of the Order of Canada, Extraordinary Commander of the Order of Military Merit, Lord of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Privy Councillor of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Personal Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty, Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom."

On the morning of his wedding in November 1947, King George VI bestowed on Philip the official title of His Royal Highness Duke of Edinburgh. He was made the Baron of Greenwich the Earl of Merioneth.





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Recipe

Cockeyed Cake

This recipe comes from a book called 'The I Hate to Cook Book' by Peg Bracken, which was popular in the 60s and 70s. The methods and ingredients she uses may seem rather odd at times but they work - and with little effort. She says that this cake is 'dark, rich, moist and chocolatey, and should take no more than 5 minutes to prepare.'

She even suggests mixing it in the greased cake tin that it will be baked in. However I use a bowl as the tin liners nowadays are very effective.

Ingredients

175g/6oz flour

5 tablespoons cooking oil

3 tablespoons cocoa

1 tablespoon vinegar

225g/8oz sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

half pint/275ml cold water

Method

- Sift flour, sugar and salt into bowl. Make 3 holes in the dry mixture. Into one pour the oil, into the next, the vinegar, into the next, the vanilla.
- Pour the water all over it yes, really!
- Beat with a spoon until its nearly smooth and you can't see the flour.
- Bake at 350/ 180/gas 4 for half an hour.
- It really is dark, rich, moist and chocolatey!

	St Oswald's Church, Worleston					
Sidespersons			Coffee			
2 nd	May	Mr & Mrs M Alexander		No Coffee		
9 th	May	Mrs A Fletton		will be served		
23 rd	May	Mrs Alexander & Mrs Darlington				
Flowers			Cleaning			
		There will be	May	Mrs A Stokes		
		no flowers	June	Mrs I Burnley		
Visit: www.worlestonchurch.org						

Flowers & Coffee

We are sticking to the rules governing Covid but will begin to have flowers in church and coffee after services as soon as we are allowed to.

Please Note

The scheduled services may be suspended if there are any changes to Covid restrictions. Please look out for notices around the village and on the website.

Food Bank

Supplies for Nantwich Food Bank are still needed. You can leave your contribution in the box in Worleston church porch. **Lisa Gater** picks them up every week, along with donations left in Acton vicarage porch, and she takes them all to the central collection point in Nantwich.

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Thanks

Our thanks to Canon John Malbon who came on Easter Sunday, with his wife, Janet, to take our Easter Communion service.

We were in the strange position of not being able to sing, because of the pandemic. However Canon Malbon had brought the wonderful Halleluia Chorus from Handel's Messiah for us to listen to. He explained that on first hearing this, King George II had leapt to his feet because he was so moved by its beauty and heartfelt praise. As it is bad manners to sit while the monarch is standing, the audience then got to its feet. It has become the custom ever since for the audience/congregation to stand to listen to the Chorus. We did too!

Our thanks for a memorable Easter Sunday service.

Worleston Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will take place on Monday 24th May at 7pm in St Oswald's.

At this meeting two Church Wardens are elected by anyone living in the parish. Then the PCC ie Parochial Church Council is elected by those on the Electoral Roll. After that it is usual for the new PCC to elect its chairman, treasurer and secretary so that the life of the parish can continue.



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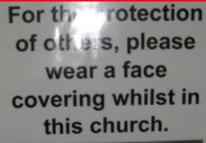




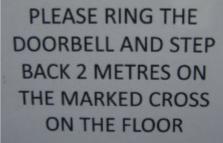


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