

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



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of
Acton, Church Minshull,
Wettenhall & Worleston.**

Dear Friends

I have just been looking again at a favourite book of mine. It is **The Lion Storyteller Christmas Book.**

It is for children of course, and has three sections - Christmas Stories from the Bible, Stories about Christmas Traditions, and Christmas Tales and Legends. Some stories in the second and third sections usually make children smile. There are naughty children with whom they can identify - and good ones too. A favourite, when I was teaching, was a story from Russia about an old shoemaker called Papa Panov. He was all alone by the fire on Christmas Eve and he read again the story of the first Christmas in his Bible. It was the story of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. He fell asleep and dreamed that the grown up Jesus came and promised to visit him on Christmas Day so that he wouldn't be lonely.

Papa Panov spent Christmas day giving hot food and drink to the street sweeper, a beggar girl with a baby, and then more poor people, but by nightfall Jesus had not come. Papa Panov, was tired, sad and even more lonely and he dozed off by the fire. Suddenly Jesus was there beside him, and he thanked Papa Panov. 'What are you thanking me for?' asked Papa Panov. 'What did I do for you?' 'You took in the hungry and poor and lonely and shared what you had. That is what my friends do' answered Jesus. 'Thank you.' And then he disappeared. Papa Panov was content.

The compiler of this book of lovely stories, Bob Hartman, writes of the privilege of sharing the story of Christmas with children. If you have children or grand children or there are any children you know, then make sure that they know the story of the first Christmas. Then this story gets passed on. A new generation will hear of God's love for us.

If you bring those children to church on Christmas Eve they will hear the story - the story of Mary and Joseph, shepherds and kings, and that special baby who came to be our Saviour.

Whatever anyone says, that story can never be cancelled! Happy Christmas.

Isobel



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Sunday Services December 2021

Acton

5 th Dec	11:00 am Communion, 5 pm Evensong
12 th Dec	8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
19 th Dec	10:00 am Messy Nativity, 5 pm Carol Service
26 th Dec	No Service
2 nd Jan	11:00 am Communion, 5 pm Evensong

Church Minshull

5 th Dec	11:00 am Service of the Word
12 th Dec	11:00 am Cafe Church
19 th Dec	11:00 am Messy Nativity
26 th Dec	No Service
2 nd Jan	11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

5 th Dec	No Service
12 th Dec	9:30 am Communion
19 th Dec	5:00 pm Carol Service
26 th Dec	No Service
2 nd Jan	No Service

Wettenhall

5 th Dec	11:00 am Morning Prayer
12 th Dec	11:00 am Communion
19 th Dec	6:30 pm Carol Service
26 th Dec	No Service
2 nd Jan	11:00 am Morning Prayer



St David's Church Wettenhall		
Sidespersons		Cleaning & Flowers
5 th Dec	Mr G Tucker	Mrs S Ward & Mrs I Drinkall
12 th Dec	Mrs M Drinkall	Mrs M Sherry & Mrs A Nicholas
19 th Dec	Churchwardens	
26 th Dec	No Service	Mrs K Noden
2 nd Jan	Mr M Moss	
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From The Register

Burial of Ashes

4th November 2021
Raymond Walter Chambers

Condolences

We were saddened to learn of the death of **John Hignett** on 10th November. John was a former Churchwarden for many years at St. David's. Together with Ann they were active members of the church family every week.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ann, Angela and all the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

Children's Society Boxes

Anyone with a Home Collecting Box for the Children's Society is welcome to return it to the Morning Prayer Service on 5th December at 11am.

Oh Come all ye Faithful!

Our annual Carol Service will be held at 6.30pm on 19th December. Please join us to celebrate with mince pies and mulled wine.

On Christmas Eve, the Crib Service will be at 6pm to enable all the children to have an early night! If you have a Shepherd, King (crown) or Angel costume please come along ready prepared to share in the excitement of this very special night!

*Wishing you a
Very Merry
Christmas
And
A Happy & Healthy
New Year
From all at
St David's*



Coffee & Cake

The next meetings will be on
Thursday 2nd December & 6th January
from 10-12noon!
Everyone is very welcome to pop in for
as little or as long as they wish.



Darnhall Brownies

On Sunday 17th October some of the girls attended the All Age service at St David's Church, Wettenhall. They all did really well. At our October meeting, the girls continued their fire safety and First Aid, learning what to do in a house fire and how to use bandages.



In November we welcomed Maisy, Paisley, Alice and Roxy, when they made their Brownie promise and agreed to keep the Brownie Law.

The Promise "I promise that I will do my best, be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the Queen and my Community, to help other people and keep The (Brownie) Guide Law."

The Law "A Brownie Guide thinks of others before herself and does a good turn every day"

*In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone
Snow had fallen
Snow on snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter
Long, long ago
Angels and Arc Angels
May have travelled there
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air
But only his Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss
What can I give him?
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
But what I can I give him
Give him my heart
Give him my heart*

Christina Rossetti

The Garden of the Empty Tomb

The Garden of the Empty Tomb is said to be the place where Jesus' was buried after his death and where his resurrection took place. The tomb was empty when it was visited by Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Joseph, on the third day after the crucifixion. The site was discovered in 1867 and has been

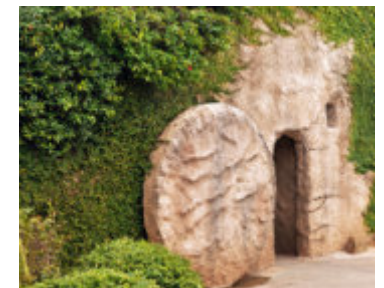
dated to 8th – 7th century BC, a time when tombs were frequently reused for burials over many years. However, the Bible says that Joseph of Arimathea purchased a new tomb for Jesus prior to the execution. [Matthew 27]. The Garden of Gethsemane has the Church of the Holy Sepulchre built over a site which is also said to be the tomb of Jesus. It is said by some scholars that the Garden of the Empty Tomb is the more authentic site of the burial and has not been damaged and altered over the centuries, unlike the Holy Sepulchre. The Garden of the Empty Tomb has a rocky area which is known as Golgotha, it's skull like appearance giving it its name [Golgotha is the Aramaic for skull] and from its situation the Temple, Mount of Olives and much of Jerusalem can be seen. However, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been regarded as Jesus' tomb since the 4th Century AD. Much of the discussion regarding these two sites is related to their ownership and maintenance. The Holy Sepulchre is related to the Catholic faith, the Garden Tomb to the Protestant faith.

The Garden Tomb lies within the city walls of Jerusalem and Jesus was said to have been

executed outside the city walls. However, Hadrian was said to have brought Golgotha into the city when he constructed new walls in the 2nd century AD. To confuse the matter further a Dr Edward Robinson argued in 1841 that Jesus would have been executed outside the city on the road to Damascus. The Garden Tomb lies close to this road and only 200 metres from the Damascus Gate. The rocky Golgotha area is also close to the Antonia Fortress, said to be the place of Jesus' trial.

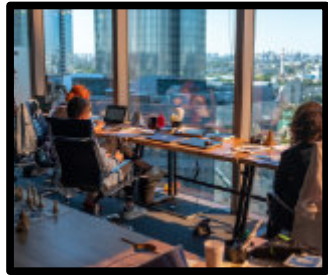


We will probably never know for sure exactly where Jesus was tried, executed and buried. In many ways these details are not the foundation of the Christian faith, it is the resurrection itself which is the Church's foundation and source of Christ's power and glory, wherever it took place.



Heather Pope

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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
this month to

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

Condolences

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of **Peter Bull** on the 26th October. Peter & Elizabeth regularly supported events across the United Benefice and they are much-loved members of Acton church family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth, Mark, Simon, Sarah, Philip and all their family and friends at this sad time.

Shoebbox Appeal 2021



Thank you to everyone who so generously filled a box.

Christmas Shoe Boxes being prepared for their journey to Eastern Europe via Teams4U.

Ladies Lunch

Wednesday 8th December
at
Cheerbrook Farm Cafe
12:30 pm - Cost: £10
For Further details contact:
Joyce (624158) or Ann (528273)

Mobile Library

Dec	Dec	Jan	Tuesdays	
7 th	28 th	18 th	Arrive	Depart
Badger Church Minshull			10:20	10:45
Home Farm Park South Lea Green			11:10	11:20
Home Farm Park North Lea Green			11:30	11:50
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20
Station Rd Calveley			13:35	13:55
Tollemache Arms Alpraham			14:05	14:30

Dec	Dec	Jan	Thursdays	
2 nd	23 rd	13 th	Arrive	Depart
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25
Worleston Station			11:35	11:45
Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:50	12:10
Worleston Village				

If Only

A clergy friend of ours who is living and working in the church in Madagascar (look it up in your atlas) writes this week - November 8th 2021: 'There's not a whiff of Christmas in the air here as Christmas food and cards don't exist, and apart from Nativity plays and a few handouts to the children, Christmas in church is like a well attended Sunday.'
If it was like that here then it would save parents a lot of money. I.B.

Remembrance Day

Whole School Remembrance Service

The children and staff at St. Oswald's came together at 11am on Thursday 11th November to remember those that had made the ultimate sacrifice. We conducted a whole school assembly to remind the children what Remembrance Day is all about and why people choose to wear Poppies to remember. Mr Goodwin and the children of the school council, Head Girl and Head Boy then conducted a small act of remembrance at the War Memorial at St. Oswald's Church. A wreath was laid for Pte Edward Griffiths who was a pupil at the school when it first opened in the late 1800s before going on to serve with the Cheshire Yeomanry during the 1st World War and making the ultimate sacrifice in Palestine, where his war grave is. His name is written upon the War Memorial at St. Oswald's Church and one of his living relatives, Trevor Ray, his grandson, joined us to lay a wreath to remember Pte Griffiths.



Christmas Services 2021

Sunday 19th December

10:00 am Messy Nativity at Acton
11:00 am Messy Nativity at Church Minshull
5:00 pm Carol Service at Worleston
6:30 pm Carol Service at Wettenhall



Saturday 25th December

9:30 am Communion at Church Minshull
9:30 am Communion at Worleston
10:30 pm Communion at Wettenhall
11:00 pm Communion at Acton



Friday 24th December

4:30 pm Crib Service at Acton
5:00 pm Crib Service at Worleston
6:00 pm Crib Service at Wettenhall
7:30 pm Sound & Light Carols at Church Minshull
11:30 pm Midnight Communion at Acton



Worleston School

Owls Class:

The Owls Class have been learning all about pattern as part of our Maths. They have been exploring lots of different ways to make patterns and all had a go at making patterns using fruit to make our own snack!



Deers Class:

Deers Class have been conducting lots of fun Autumn learning and linking this to their English lessons.



Hedgehog Class:

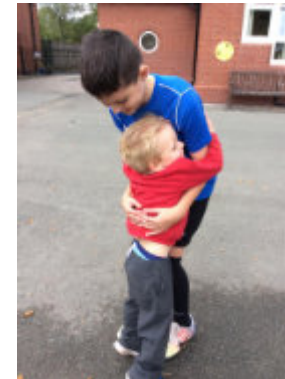
Our Hedgehog Class have been busy out and about gathering ideas for their Autumn senses poems where they had to describe how Autumn looks, feels, smells and sounds. They got their wellies on and went on a fun 'ideas-gathering' walk across the fields near school to get the ideas and inspiration they needed to write some beautiful Autumn poems that are now up on display in the classroom.



Foxes Class:

Foxes Class children are the oldest in the school being in Year 5 & 6 and they all have a buddy that they look after lower down the school in our Nursery and Reception foundation stage setting (Owls Class).

They love this responsibility and can often be found with their buddies in class listening to them read, helping and playing with them on the playground and even dancing with them at the recent whole school PTA disco.



Calveley School

This term Nursery and Reception have been on their first school trip. They went on an exciting trip to Delamere forest to learn about the forest habitat and create forest art. All the children were fantastic and enjoyed taking part in the Gruffalo trail. When they returned they found some mysterious footprints in the classroom. They were very large, much bigger than their footprints. The footprints were from.....The Gruffalo! The children have all been on the lookout for the Gruffalo around school.

Children in Key Stage 2 took part in a civil engineering workshop with Balfour Beatty. They learnt about the different careers available in construction, civil engineering and even got the chance to create their own structures and pyramids.



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Recipe

Autumn Beef Stew

Prep Time: 45 mins. Cook Time: 2 hours. Serves 8

Ingredients

¼ cup of white flour
1 ½ tsp salt
1 tsp cracked black pepper
900g Ash House Beef Chuck (diced into 1 ¼" chunks)
2 strips bacon (cut into ¼" strips)
2 medium onions (cut into ½" wedges)
4 cloves garlic (peeled & smashed)
2 tbsp tomato paste
1L chicken stock
800 ml beef stock
400 ml dry red wine
3 bay leaves
1 tsp dried thyme (or 1 fresh sprig)
1 tsp smoked paprika
450g potatoes (cut into 2" chunks)
450g butternut squash (peeled & sliced into 1 ½" chunks)
4 carrots (cut into 1" chunks)
2 celery stalks (cut into 1 inch chunks)

Method

- In a large bowl, combine flour, salt & pepper. Add the beef until coated evenly.
- In a large heavy pot, cook & stir the bacon over a medium heat until crisp. Remove the bacon & add 1 tbsp oil. When hot shake the excess flour from the beef and add to the pan. Stir occasionally till browned. Remove beef.
- Add the onions to the pot & stir till browned. Stir in the garlic & tomato paste for 1 min & then return the bacon, beef & any remaining flour to the mix. Stir till combined then add the chicken, beef stock, red wine, bay leaves, thyme & paprika.
- Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer & cover for 1 ½ hours or until the meat is tender.
- Add potatoes, carrots, celery & squash, then return to a boil. Reduce the heat & allow to simmer for 15 mins covered
- Remove the lid and allow to simmer for another 15 mins or until vegetables are tender & liquid is the desired consistency. Remove the bay leaves.
- Serve with rice, a fresh crusty loaf or by itself and enjoy!

St Oswald's Church, Worleston				
Sidespersons				Coffee
12 th	Dec	Mr P Haigh		Mrs D Darlington
19 th	Dec	Mr & Mrs D Booth		Mrs S Parker (plus Helpers Please)
25 th	Dec	Mr M Alexander		
Flowers				Cleaning
12 th	Dec	Mrs I Burnley	December	Mrs S Parker & Mrs I Burnley
19 th	Dec	Mrs J Foster		
Visit: www.worlestonchurch.org				

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.

Thanks

Mike Alexander would like to thank all his friends at St Oswald's who helped him to celebrate his 80th Birthday. There was a beautiful cake made by **Jill Alexander** and **Emma Basford** which was eaten on Harvest Festival Sunday.

Then, as Mike's birthday was in the middle of that week, we had fizz and more cake the following Sunday - just to make sure!

Mike thanks everyone for their gifts and cards and messages of goodwill especially as he has recently spent time in hospital.

Special '0'

On 7th December **Mrs Ann Ward** will celebrate her 80th birthday. Congratulations and best wishes from all your friends at St Oswald's. We hope that you have a very special day.



Coffee and Cake



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