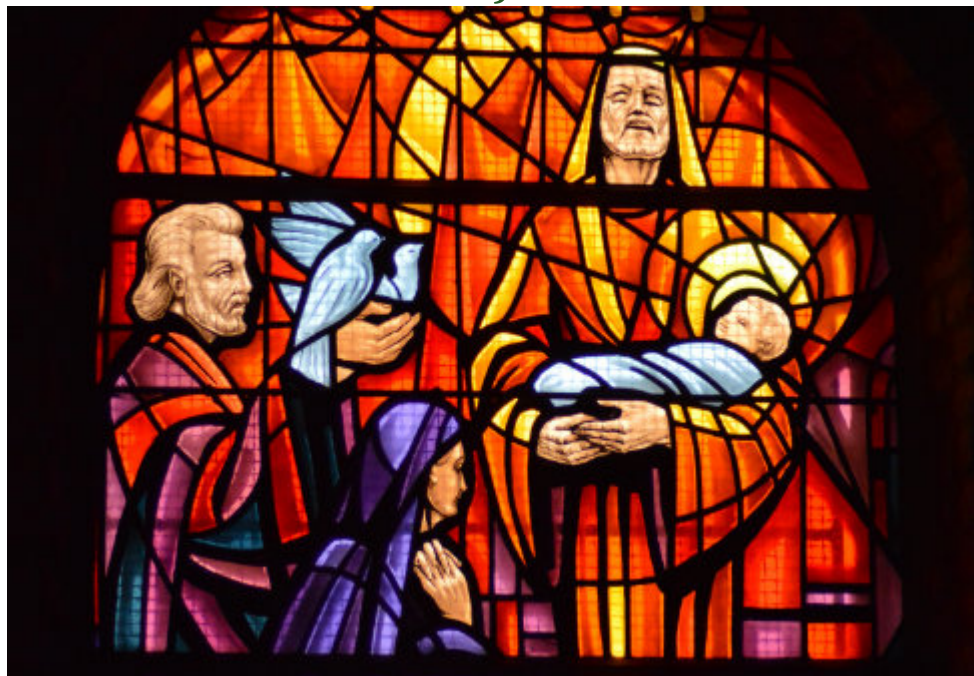


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St Oswald's Worleston  
February 2022



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Dear Friends,



At the beginning of February our churches celebrate the Presentation of Christ or Candlemas. It's documented in Luke chapter 2 verses 25-40 and tells of Mary & Joseph bringing the baby Jesus into the temple in Jerusalem. They were obviously not a wealthy couple as their offering was just two turtle doves - or the Offering of the Poor. However, they were greeted with great excitement by the old man Simeon, who recognised the baby as being a 'Light' to the world.

There is something truly beautiful about light. We see it reflected in the faces of children as they see Christmas lights for the first time.

We look forward to the changing of the seasons, bringing us more daylight hours. We welcome the dawn of each new day with all the anticipation and perhaps even the challenges it sets out before us.

If we thought that 2020 was a challenging and dark year for so many people, then 2021 promised much before delivering very little. We learnt that human beings can't control everything and are not invincible kings of the world. Infection, illness, bereavement, death & isolation can't be organised according to our convenience.

The Bible tells us that the child Jesus, was born into a land under oppression & fear. He was born into a family knowing the hardship of poverty and the discrimination created by His unusual birth. He was to suffer persecution and know the pain of loss and bereavement. Yet, Simeon knew that this child was to be the salvation of all people. Simeon realised that this was the long-awaited child promised to redeem the world. His description of Jesus as a light is a powerful metaphor.

When we find ourselves struggling through difficult times, we need to remind ourselves that however dark circumstances seem to be, the light of God's presence cannot be snuffed out.

May we keep the brightness of His light in our hearts, minds and in our lives as we journey through this coming year.

*Ann*



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## Sunday Services February 2022

### Acton

- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am Communion, 5 pm Evensong
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:00 am Messy Church, 5 pm Evensong
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall St Davids Day**, 5 pm Evensong

### Church Minshull

- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am Communion
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am Messy Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall St Davids Day**

### Worleston

- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb No Service
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:30 am Communion
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb No Service
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall St Davids Day**

### Wettenhall

- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am All Age
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am Communion
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00 am Special Service (For 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fall of Singapore)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 6:30 pm Communion
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall St Davids Day**

St David's Church Wettenhall			
Sidespersons			Cleaning & Flowers
6 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Brownies	Mrs E Carr & Mrs A Nicholas
13 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Mr N Moss	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs H Moss
27 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Informal	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mrs M Sherry	Mrs A Brooks
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## From The Register

### Funeral Services

21st December 2021 **Robert Edge** - followed by cremation.

22nd December 2021 **Margaret Hollinshead** - followed by burial.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all families and friends mourning their loved ones at this sad time.

## Childrens Society Boxes

Thank you to everyone who returned their Home Collecting Boxes for the Childrens society in December. The wonderful sum of £131.50 has been forwarded to further their amazing work.

## Church Cottage Apples

Thanks to Patrick, Sally and family for raising £40 for St David's. This was from donations given in return for their delicious apples displayed at the gate with an honesty box.. A brilliant result!

## Diary Date

Please make a note - St. David's Patronal Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 6th March at 11am.

## Special Service

We are extremely fortunate and honoured to welcome Julie Summers, granddaughter of Brigadier Sir Philip Toosey to speak to us at the Morning Service on 20th February at 11am as part of the 80th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Wettenhall Neighbourhood Watch is looking for a Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator to take over the running of the group. Interested? Want to know more? Contact Helen [wettenhallnw@gmail.com](mailto:wettenhallnw@gmail.com)

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## Coffee & Cake

The next meetings will be on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February & 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
from 10-12noon!

Everyone is very welcome to pop in for  
as little or as long as they wish.



## Christmas Celebrations

In spite of the gloom and doom of December, St. David's sparkled with the 'Tree Light Switch-On' ceremony on the 12th. Chris Pope produced a spectacular display which has been greatly appreciated by villagers and passing travellers too! Inside the church, the beautiful poinsettias, candles, window and wall decorations added to the joyful Christmas celebrations.

The annual carol service was followed by the customary mince pies and mulled wine. Thanks to all those who provided the delicious refreshments.

Our Christmas Eve Crib service produced a spontaneous and colourful Nativity Scene enjoyed by all ages!





## Remembering Archbishop Desmond Tutu



### St.Davids lit Purple to remember Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Desmond Mpilo Tutu OMSG CH GCStJ (7 October 1931 – 26 December 2021) was a South African Anglican bishop and theologian, known for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist. He was Bishop of Johannesburg from 1985 to 1986 and then Archbishop of Cape Town from 1986 to 1996, in both cases being the first black African to hold the position. Theologically, he sought to fuse ideas from black theology with African theology.



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## Darnhall Brownies

Georgia became the latest member of 1st Darnhall Brownies and was enrolled at the end of December.

At the beginning of January the Brownies began with a New Year Party. There was pizza galore, along with games, dancing and prizes. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous evening.



## St Valentine February 14<sup>th</sup>

We all know about the Feast of St. Valentine on February 14<sup>th</sup>, celebrated throughout the Western world. The hearts, flowers, cards and pink cakes brighten up a time of year which is often cold, dark and wet.

There are several stories about Valentine, but most say that he was a 3<sup>rd</sup> century Bishop or priest in Terni, in Italy. He supported Christians, and evangelized for Jesus, at a time when Christians were a persecuted minority.



He is said to have married Christian couples which meant that the men could not be conscripted into the pagan Roman army. At each marriage the couples were given heart shaped messages to commemorate the ceremony.

Valentine was arrested and put under house arrest with Judge Asterius, who had a blind daughter. After discussing Valentine's faith, the judge tested him by asking him to restore the sight of the girl in Jesus' name. Valentine did restore her sight and the judge, and all his household, were baptized into the Christian faith.

Valentine continued to evangelize and was arrested again and transferred to Rome, to the Emperor Claudius II.

The two men developed a friendship, but when Valentine tried to convert Claudius to Christianity he was condemned to death for his actions. Valentine wrote to Judge Asterius's daughter to tell her of his situation

and is said to have signed off his message with the words '.....from your Valentine', the inspiration for our own cards and letters each year.

Valentine refused to deny his faith and was beaten and beheaded on February 14<sup>th</sup> 269. He was buried outside the Flaminian Gate in Rome. It may be rather gruesome for Valentine's Day, but his skull is displayed in the Basilica of the Santa Maria in Cosmedin in Rome. It wears a crown of flowers. Nearer to home there are other relics of the saint in Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, a busy location every February.

Think about all the happiness, mystery and romance we would have missed every year if St. Valentine had never conducted those marriages in Rome in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century. If you celebrate his Feast Day with a special meal, raise a toast to his faith and martyrdom.



*Heather Pope*

## Calveley School

Children at Calveley have had an exciting start to the New Year. Children in years 3 to 6 have taken part in a Bike Ability workshop where they brought their own bikes and helmets to school. They learnt about how to stay safe when riding on the road and how to look after their bike.

In year 1 and 2 two children have started reading their new text "The Bog Baby". They had a lovely surprise when a woodland habitat mysteriously appeared in their room. Children in nursery and reception have also begun to explore their new book "Juniper Jupiter", looking at superheroes and superpowers.

The whole school enjoyed Maths Day. Children dressed up as maths rock stars and took part in lots of games and quizzes throughout the day, developing their number and times tables knowledge. We loved all the different outfits!







## Cross Country Pages

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
this month to

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

### Lest We Forget

Lest we forget.....

There will be special events and Commemorative Services during the middle of February for the 80th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore. Further details are available on the Far East Prisoners of War (FEPOW) website and the National Memorial Arboretum.

### Accession Day Service St Mary's, Nantwich

Sunday 6th February marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the reign of the Queen. While the Platinum Jubilee celebrations are focused at the beginning of June, this is a significant date, and the Book of Common Prayer includes an Accession Service for use annually, which on this day we will combine with a service of Choral Evensong at 6pm. The preacher will be **Canon Ian Davenport**, Chaplain to the Queen. The service will be followed by a glass of wine and light refreshments.

You are warmly invited to attend, If you would like to attend please notify Rev Anne Lawson so we have an idea of numbers.

All the best

The Revd Dr Mark Hart

Rector of Nantwich

### Ladies Lunch

Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup>  
at

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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 Alraham			14:05	14:30

Feb	Feb	Mar	Thursdays	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	Arrive	Depart
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25
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You will be asked a few eligibility questions once you speak to the team

I hope this is useful to you all please do feel free to share

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2oz/50g dried apricots  
1/4 pint/150mls chicken stock  
1 pint/570ml dry cider  
Juice of 2 oranges -4-6 tablespoons  
2 1/2lb or about 1kg lean pork, cubed  
1 clove garlic  
4 level teaspoons medium curry powder  
(according to taste)  
2oz/50g raisins  
2oz/50g plain flour  
1/2oz/10g brown sugar  
1 onion peeled and chopped  
salt & pepper  
4 tablespoons oil  
2 bay leaves

#### Method

- Soak apricots in cider overnight.
- Fry pork in oil until well browned. Lift out of pan and place in large casserole.
- Fry onion until brown. Sprinkle in curry powder and flour and cook for 1 minute. Add apricots, cider and stock. Bring slowly to boil and simmer until thick.
- Add other ingredients and pour over pork. Cover and cook
- 325F, 170C, Gas 3, for about 2 hours until tender

This recipe was first published in 'Smashing Grub' which was a recipe book compiled by members of SMASH, a women's group at St Mary's Nantwich. The proceeds went to the local organization for research into metabolic diseases. This organization is now called CLIMB. Thanks go to Angela Pugh who submitted the recipe (many!) years ago. I still use it - it's delicious!

Angela wrote that she used this recipe again at New Year as it's always popular. She got it from a magazine called Home & Freezer Digest - about 40 years ago!

*Isobel*

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**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.

### From the Register

#### Baptism

On 2nd January 2022

**Emilia Ava Shingler**, infant daughter of Lisa and Benjamin Shingler was baptised at St Oswald's.

We welcome Emilia and all her family.

### AlAnon

AlAnon

You have probably heard of AA but maybe not AlAnon.

AlAnon exists to help anyone who has been affected by alcoholism in a family member or a friend. There are no dues for membership and usually only Christian names are used so that anonymity is preserved.

There are 'live' or face to face meetings - Sandbach is one, but since the pandemic many meetings have been conducted over Zoom.

There is one such, based in Nantwich, on Saturday mornings, from 11am until 12.30pm.

If you would like any information then phone Isobel Burnley on 01270 624521

### Help Needed

Does anyone out there fancy a little job helping to produce this magazine?

It involves finding and collecting information about rotas, baptisms, the school etc and sending them, by email, to the editor.

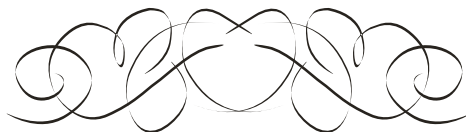
Then part of a morning is spent proof reading all the contributions.

The new magazines are later delivered to Worleston and have to be sorted into bundles and then taken to the people who kindly put them through your door.

Please let one of the Wardens know if you are interested. Thanks.

### Thank You

Sue Heap would like to thank everyone for the many kind messages, cards and letters of condolence she has received following the death of Geoffrey. They are very much appreciated.



### Coffee and Cake



#### St Oswald's Worleston

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Come along and enjoy a Coffee & Cake and a chat.

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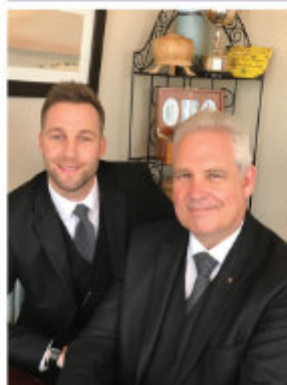




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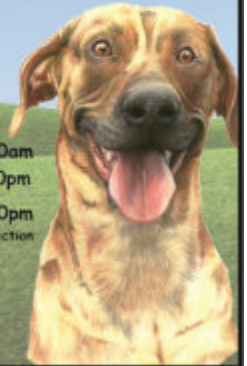
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