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Dear Friends,



Over the last few years our news seems to have been dominated by the fear of Coronavirus, the war in Ukraine, rising prices and increasing mortgage payments. It's not surprising that many people become depressed and anxious.

As I write this, the sun is high in the sky, the birds are singing; the fields are cleared of their first crops and gardens are full of the vibrant colours of summer. Too often we can take for granted the simple things which surround us everyday and become bogged down in the misery of the media.

One of my favourite hymns from Sunday School days - (no longer in our hymn books!) 'Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done'. reminds me to do just as it says.

It's so much healthier to look to the positive in our lives, rather than listen to the negative. We will always experience our own low and desperately sad times but we don't need to add to them with the doom, gloom and scandal of daily newspapers and news reports!

We might think that this is a modern problem but on the contrary. At the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he had this to say -

'Do not worry about what you will eat or drink, or what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air - they do not sow or reap, and do not worry about what you will wear. See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet not even King Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these!'

If we are fortunate to have good health, a roof over our heads, and the love of family and friends, then we are rich indeed!

Let's enjoy the beauty of summer in the simple pleasures and count our blessings everyday!

Ann

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 2nd July 11:00 am Communion, 6:30pm Evensong
- 9th July 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 16th July 10:00 am Messy Church
- 23rd July 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 30th July 11:00 am **United at Church Minshull**
- 6th Aug 11:00 am **United at Worleston**, 6:30pm Songs of Praise

Church Minshull

- 2nd July 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 9th July 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 16th July 11:00 am Communion
- 23rd July 11:00 am Messy Church
- 30th July 11:00 am **United Communion**
- 6th Aug 11:00 am **United at Worleston**

Worleston

- 2nd July No Service
- 9th July 9:30 am Communion
- 16th July No Service
- 23rd July 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 30th July 11:00 am **United at Church Minshull**
- 6th Aug 11:00 am **United Communion**

Wettenhall

- 2nd July 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 9th July 11:00 am Communion
- 16th July 11:00 am All Age
- 23rd July 6:30 pm Communion
- 30th July 11:00 am **United at Church Minshull**
- 6th Aug 11:00 am **United at Worleston**

St David's Church Wettenhall		
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers
2 nd Jul	Mrs M Sherry	Mrs M Sherry
9 th Jul	Mr G Tucker	Mrs K Noden
16 th Jul	Brownies	
23 rd Jul	Informal	Mrs M Drinkall and Mrs B Brockbank
30 th Jul	United at Church Minshull	
6 th Aug	United at Worleston	Mrs A Howard and Family
Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk		

PCC Meeting

Parochial Church Council Meeting
18th July at 7:30 pm
In St David's Church

Best Wishes

We send our best wishes to all the leavers at Calveley Academy as they come to the end of their Primary school education this month. Every pupil will be presented with a copy of a 'Diary of a Disciple' to remind them of some of the Bible Stories they have learnt and as a memento of St. David's church. Our thoughts and prayers go with them as they prepare for the next exciting stage in their lives.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emma (nee Hancock) & Ashley Walton on the birth of their baby son Harry Oliver Ashley on 3rd May.

1st Darnhall Brownies

We offer girls exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them in a rural setting.

We take girls aged between 7 and 10
 At Darnhall Village Hall, CW7 4HA
 Wednesday evenings, term times
 6.15pm to 7.30pm

Our brownie pack has been a large part of the village for over 45 years with long standing leaders. We go on pack holidays away, as well as gardening, baking, crafts, sports and games.



For more information

Ann Hignett: 01270628311
 Val Mullaney: 07978879543
 Ruth Howard: 07729421335
 Or text Rachel Ward: 07900072998

Coffee and Cake

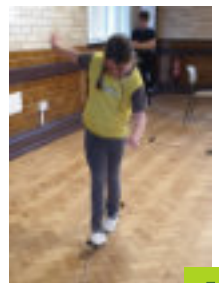
**The next meetings will be on
 Thursday 6th July and August 3rd
 from 10-12 noon in Church.
 Everyone is very welcome to pop in
 for as little or as long as they wish.**



Darnhall Brownies

We've all been very busy bees at Brownies. The girls have weeded our flower beds and have sown different seeds. They also planted sunflower seeds and have taken them home.

During one of our Brownie sessions the girls took part in an obstacle course. They had to skip, hop, balance and catch all the way to the end. After all the girls had completed the challenge we finished the sessions off skipping with one of our Brownies learning to skip for the very first time. We are all proud of her!!



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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

2 nd Jul	Sandra and Mike Houlston
9 th Jul	Lesley and Peter Latronico
16 th Jul	Tracey and Peter Foster
23 rd Jul	Steve Davies and Kath Edwards
30 th Jul	United at Church Minshull
6 th Aug	United at Worleston

Visit: www.stmarysacton.org

Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

2nd July 2023

There is no walk in August

3rd September 2023

Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

On the above dates there is a guided walk departing the church at 12:45 pm. Nick organises circular walks varying between 3 to 5 miles, then returning to the church for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and a slice of delicious cake.

The pace of the walks is relaxed, and the routes generally involve canal towpath and lane walking. The footpaths should be good (also hopefully dry?) and only a small number of stiles are negotiated. Stout outdoor shoes or walking shoes / boots are recommended.

All are welcome including dogs on leads

For further information please phone Nick Harley, Lead Walker, on 01270-620612 or 07710983125.



Music at Acton Church

Music at Acton Church.....Play an instrument.....like to sing?

A group of us have been meeting on a Saturday afternoon monthly to play folk-based hymns and folk tunes. At the moment we have an accordion, viola, recorders, mandolin and pianica. It's all for fun with no specific aim (at the moment!) and if you would like to join us please get in touch.

Also on offer.... for those interested in singing, a short session following the morning service 2nd Sunday of the month, singing rounds, Taize, new worship songs....all for getting our voices going again!

Be good to hear from you

Peter Foster 01270 626802.



Messy Church

In May we “grew” a tree and learned that having “faith as small as a mustard tree can move mountains”. We heard about Esther from Malawi who has been helped by her strong faith and Christian Aid to make a better life for her family and community, all starting from the planting of the humble pigeon pea! We made bread in a bag (with ordinary flour, we couldn’t find any pigeon peas locally!) and sowed trays of peas which produced some tasty shoots in no time. We sowed our own seeds of love by sending £273.50 to Christian Aid.



Acton and Reaseheath WI

In May we discussed how encouraging designated Bathing Water Status for stretches of our rivers would help clean up our polluted inland waterways. Having this status legally obliges the Environment Agency to regularly monitor the water quality and test for bacteria. According to Surfers against Sewage it is an important step, a mechanism to shine a light on the massive problems of the untreated sewage and other contaminants destroying our rivers and risking our health. Following this serious business members enjoyed making bird feeders using old cups and saucers!

On July 10th at 7pm we are welcoming Lucy Witter of Cheshire Wildlife Trust to learn all about pollinators and how we can encourage them in our gardens – please join us! Contact Fiona Ross on 07791 171415 for further information. Visitors are always welcome.



Tea at the Tower

Weekly community café raises funds for Acton church

'Tea @ the Tower' takes place at St Mary's Church every Sunday afternoon (2:30-4:30pm) throughout the year. Hot drinks and homemade cakes are available with donations gratefully received. There is plentiful indoor seating (tables and chairs and pews) and some outdoor (weather permitting) seating available. 'Tea @ the Tower' began in March 2017 and is run by church volunteers to raise valuable funds for St Mary's Church, a Grade 1 listed building.

A representative from St Mary's Church, Acton said: "It's hard to believe that we've been running for so long! The church building provides a wonderfully relaxing atmosphere and our visitors are always so appreciative - we love doing it."



Jonathan White



Joyce's Birthday

Churchwarden Joyce Percival celebrated her 70th birthday with friends and family on Pentecost Sunday.



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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Elizabeth Macay Emily Woodward
 Ellie Chapman Harry Kenwright
 Elsie Heler Sam Lister

Special Birthdays

Special Birthday wishes this month to
 Charles Drinkall and Phillippa Moss

Who both celebrate their 18th Birthdays

Other Birthdays

April who was eight on 20th June
 and
 Adam Hitchen who will be five on
 15th July

Congratulations

Congratulations to
Charles and Sue Hull who celebrate
 their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary**
 this month.



Ladies Lunch

Thursday 13th July
 By kind invitation of
Heather and Chris Pope at
Milford House Farm, Long Lane,
Wettenhall,
12:30 pm - Cost: £10.00
 For further details contact:
Heather 528755, Isobel (624521),
Ann (528273) or Joyce (624158)

Mobile Library

Jul	Aug	Aug	Tuesdays	
18 th	8 th	29 th	Arr	Dep
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 Alraham			14:05	14:30

Jul	Aug	Aug	Thursdays	
13 th	3 rd	24 th	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25
Worleston Station Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:35	11:45
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10

Jul	Aug	Aug	Thursdays	
20 th	10 th	31 st	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor			10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green			11:05	11:20



The Parish of Acton with Worleston

Over the last few years there have been three Public Meetings about the future of Worleston Church. This culminated in a Public Consultation, during April and May this year, about a proposed amalgamation of the Parish of Acton with the Parish of Worleston.

No representations were made during the Public Consultation period, and the Church Commissioners were able to make the Pastoral Measure necessary to form the Parish of Acton with Worleston on 31 May 2023. This was subsequently signed into being by the Bishop of Chester, enabling the Parish to come into being on 1 June this year.

Rev'd S Anne Lawson

Darnhall Show

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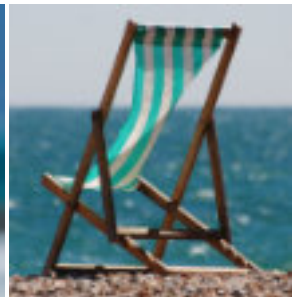


Thursday 3rd August 2023

Cost: £20 per Adult

£10 for children

Depart from Acton Church at 9am - Return at 5pm from Llandudno



Details from Joyce Percival 01270 624158

Modern Martyrs; Saint Oscar Romero

Saint Oscar Romero; Modern Martyrs

The statues above the West door of Westminster Abbey represent modern Christian martyrs from every continent. Saint Oscar Romero was born, and died, in El Salvador in South America. He was born in Ciudad Barrios, a mountainous area east of El Salvador, the second child of seven siblings on 15th August 1917. By the time he was 13 he had already decided to enter the Catholic priesthood and attended a seminary in San Miguel. He moved to the capital city, San Salvador, and then was ordained in Rome in 1942. In January 1944 he returned to San Miguel and became the secretary of the diocese, spending 23 years in this role.

Romero became known as a popular and inspirational preacher, reaching people in new organisations and via radio stations across San Miguel. He was broadly a supporter of the new Catholic church outlined in the document of Vatican II. In 1970 he was made the auxiliary Bishop of San Salvador and was known as a rather conservative administrator with religious and temperamental views to match.

However, in 1974 he became the Bishop of Santiago de Maria, and then archbishop of San Salvador in February 1977. That month, people protesting in the capital were attacked by soldiers and in March a radical priest, Rutilio Grande, who was known to Romero, was murdered in Aguilares. The lack of any enquiry or prosecutions resulted in Romero realising that power had moved to the soldiers and death squads operating throughout the country. Those with power and wealth were protected by the military and a fraudulent election process created a new government, leading to talk of a revolution.

Romero dedicated himself to the poor and defenceless and became the centre of

a radical moral group. Human rights abuses were documented and truth broadcast against a background of official lies. People started to 'disappear' and press attacks were made against Romero for his views, despite the fact that he insisted that his church was not a political movement. Several priests were murdered and Romero met the Pope in Rome with documented evidence of injustice in El Salvador. This approach led him to become more isolated both inside and outside the church. Danger was increasing and Romero said, 'I must tell you, as a Christian, I do not believe in death without resurrection. If I am killed, I shall arise in the Salvadoran people'. Yet on 24th March 1980 he was shot while celebrating Mass in the hospital where he lived. His life was over, but now he is celebrated and revered by people all over El Salvador. He was beatified by Pope Francis on 23rd May 2015 and became a Saint in Rome on 14th October 2018. A special Evensong of the canonisation of St. Oscar Romero took place in Westminster Abbey on 17th November 2018.



Heather Pope

Calveley School

It's been a great half term learning outdoors in the wonderful sunshine. In the outdoor classroom all class groups took part in a workshop with Mini First Aid, learning what to do in a medical emergency and deal with more minor injuries. Even the youngest children discussed the importance of knowing your postcode and how to call 999. The older children performed CPR and learnt about what that was doing to the body.

We're very grateful for the welly donations, you'll see Willow Class and Little Acorns using them for planting in the photos.

A friend of the school brought in her tortoise, Bob. Bob surprised us all for two reasons... Bob is in fact a girl, and was incredibly fast and strong. It was great for the children to see her up so close and stroke if they wished. They also learned that you can't tell the sex of a tortoise until they're roughly fifteen years old, hence the confusion with Bob's name!

In our final half term, Beech Class are looking forward to a residential camping at Alderford Lake. Sycamore are off to perform with the Hallé Orchestra and we have lots of fun planned in school too - including a new basket ball club on Mondays and meeting the teachers for the new academic year in transition week.



Acton CE Academy

180 Year Celebration Invite

Friday 14th July 2023 1.30-3pm at Acton CE Primary Academy



Acton CE Primary Academy is proudly celebrating 180 years as a school and you're invited to join us.

Whether you are an ex pupil/parent, a current member of our Acton family ,community member or prospective parent, we'd love to see you.

Come and see how the school has changed, join us for some tea and cake and an insight into the school's past including the old punishment book - perhaps your name is in there?

Take a look at our gallery of old school photographs in the school hall and see how school life has changed over the years. If you have any photos or memories you would like adding to the gallery, please share with us either by email admin@actonceacademy.org.uk or by dropping them off in the school office in a named envelope with a contact number so we can return them safely to you.

We will be conducting guided tours around the school between 2.30pm and 3pm and look forward to showing you around.

It is a great chance to reminisce for past pupils and a lovely opportunity for those new to the school to get a taste of what we are about.

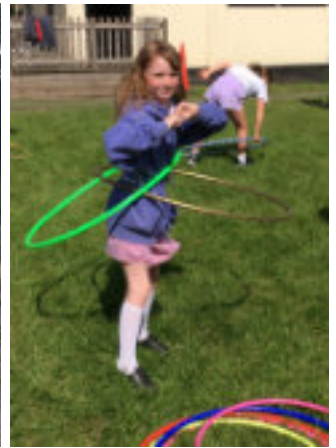


Worleston School

At St Oswald's, we have been diving into our class topics which are all linked to water. The Y1/2 Deers class are sailing on the sea, the Y3/4 Hedgehogs are exploring rivers and Y5/6 Foxes are learning how to survive a trip on the Amazon river.

One of the biggest highlights from last term was our circus workshop which was organised by the PTA. The children had the opportunity to learn circus skills including spinning plates, tight-rope walking and hula hooping. The children had a lot of fun and it really put both their co-ordination and balance skills to the test. We are really thankful for the amazing events our PTA put on throughout the year and the opportunities that the children get to have.

As we head into the summer, we have a very busy half term coming up with our Key Stage 2 residential, sports day and Y6 leavers' trips taking place. We cannot wait to have lots of fun especially now that the sun has come out.



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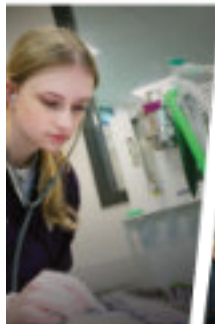
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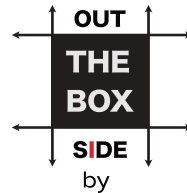
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Recipe

Summer Strawberry Posset

Serves 2

Ingredients

- ½ lb strawberries
- 2 tbsp sparkling white grape juice (or Prosecco!)
- 100 ml double cream
- 100 ml low-fat creme fraiche
- 2 tbsp caster sugar
- ½ lime -zest only
- Crumbled shortbread biscuit for decoration

Method

- 🥄 Set aside a couple of strawberries for decoration and blitz the remainder with grape juice or Prosecco.
- 🥄 Heat the cream and sugar in a saucepan over a medium heat until just bubbling, then simmer for 2 minutes..
- 🥄 Stir in the pureed strawberries and simmer for a further minute.
- 🥄 Remove from the heat and stir in the creme fraiche and lime zest.
- 🥄 Allow to cool before dividing into 2 ramekins and chill for 3 hours or overnight.
- 🥄 Before serving, decorate with remaining strawberries and sprinkle over crumbled shortbread.
- 🥄 Enjoy the taste of summer!



Enjoy

St Oswald's Church, Worleston

Sidespersons		Coffee	
9 th July	Mr & Mrs D Booth	Mrs S Parker	
23 rd July	Mrs D Darlington	Mrs M Booth	
6 th Aug	Mike Alexander	Anyone who can help please	
Flowers		Cleaning	
9 th July	Mrs A Fletton	July	Mrs L Gater & Mrs K Alexander
23 rd July	Mrs M Booth		
6 th Aug	Mrs S Adams	Aug	Mrs I Burnley

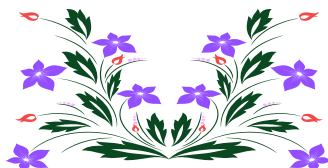
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Does anyone out there fancy a little job helping to produce this magazine? It involves finding and collecting information about rotas, baptisms, the school etc and sending them, by email, to the editor. Then part of a morning is spent proof reading all the contributions. Please let one of the Wardens know if you are interested. Thanks.

Best Wishes

We would like to send our best wishes to all the children who will be leaving St Oswald's school at the end of term. We hope that you have many happy memories, and have made friendships which will last a lifetime. We hope that you will enjoy all the new things in your new schools. We hope that you will remember us sometimes! We will remember you in our prayers. From your friends at St Oswald's church.



Coffee and Cake

Saturday 1st July from 10-12 noon in Church. Come along and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.



Worleston WI

May was a busy month for Worleston WI with an excellent speaker Julie Summers. Julie was the author of 'Jambusters', which was then, produced on television as the series Home Fires, filmed in and around Bunbury. It was a great hit and many more series were planned to be produced, however, cuts in the budget for drama meant that this did not happen. Julie kept the audience enthralled with her knowledge of what the WI ladies all over Britain did to help in the war effort. Among other things these included making jam to save all the fruit that otherwise would have gone to waste, knitting socks and balaclavas to keep soldiers and sailors warm at their posts. Julie has gone on to write a number of different books including one about her grandfather who was a prisoner of war and help build the bridge over the River Kwai. Her most recent book concerns wartime fashions and fashion houses in USA and she has been approached about making this into a television series. Over the Coronation weekend, on the Monday, Marilyn Booth, President of Worleston hosted, with her husband, an afternoon tea at their home. Because the weather forecast for the day predicted rain, it was decided to hold the event indoors. The rooms were decorated with bunting and all who attended had a great time.



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