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St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
October 2023



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Dear Friends



Snow in winter, sunshine and soft refreshing rain...

As we enter the time to celebrate the harvest, we will sing with gusto “He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and sunshine and soft refreshing rain”.

We’ve certainly had all of those things. We briefly had snow and fierce cold for a few days in December; enough to damage established plants in our gardens. Then it was dry. So dry crops sown in winter struggled to get established. The sun shone; perfect conditions for early hay, silage and haylage crops. Then, just as the grain was ready, it rained, and it rained, and it rained and then some. Hopefully the hot dry days we are experiencing as I write will help, but for many it is too late.

God has sent the snow, the sunshine, the warmth... and lots and lots of rain, but not necessarily in the right order... but there is a harvest to give thanks for.

It is sometimes helpful to think of our lives as a harvest, which will one day be gathered and the quality assessed. It can also feel as if the equivalents of the snow, warmth sun and rain which crops need to thrive don’t quite come in the right order. It can feel as if we are overwhelmed, flooded by the circumstances of life, or parched because we’ve had to give so much of ourselves to support those around us.

The good news is that, like the harvest we celebrate at this time of year, when we trust God, especially in the challenging times, there will be a good harvest for Jesus to gather at the end of our lives.

Yours in the Lord of the Harvest,

Revd Anne

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 1st Oct 11:00 am Harvest, 6:30pm **Harvest at Wettenhall**
- 8th Oct 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 15th Oct 10:00 am Messy Church
- 22nd Oct 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 29th Oct 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall**
- 5th Nov 11:00 am Communion, 6:30pm Commemoration

Church Minshull

- 1st Oct 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 8th Oct 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 15th Oct 11:00 am Communion
- 22nd Oct 11:00 am Messy Church
- 29th Oct 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall**
- 5th Nov 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 1st Oct No Service
- 8th Oct 9:30 am Harvest
- 15th Oct No Service
- 22nd Oct 9:30 am Communion
- 29th Oct 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall**
- 5th Nov No Service

Wettenhall

- 1st Oct 6:30 pm Harvest Festival
- 8th Oct 11:00 am Communion
- 15th Oct 11:00 am All Age
- 22nd Oct 6:30 pm Communion
- 29th Oct 11:00 am **United Communion**
- 5th Nov 11:00 am Morning Prayer

St David's Church Wettenhall		
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers
1 st Oct	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs A Hignett and Mrs A Hancock
8 th Oct	Churchwarden	Mrs H Wilson and Family
15 th Oct	Brownies	
22 nd Oct	Informal	Mrs S Ward and Mrs I Drinkall
29 th Oct	Mrs M Sherry	
5 th Nov	Mr G Tucker	Mrs M Sherry
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Condolences

We offer our deepest sympathy to: **Ann, David, Shelagh, Andrew and Elizabeth**, following the sad passing, on the evening of 30th August, of their much loved mother **Edith Carr**.
Edith was a very long term member of St David's Church and had served the church in every way since she moved to Wettenhall as a young woman, attending services right to the end of her life. Most of all she was the focus of her large family, and our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this sad time.

All is safely gathered in

Our annual Harvest Festival service followed by supper is on **Sunday 1st October at 6.30pm**.
Everyone is very welcome.

Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on Thursday 5th October and 2nd November from 10-12 noon in Church.
Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.



Congratulations

Marjorie Sherry retired last year at the age of 75 and decided to take a course at Warrington and Vale Royal College to challenge herself. She studied GCSE Mathematics and has passed her GCSE examination this summer. What a brilliant achievement!
Congratulations Marjorie, we are so pleased for your success.

From the Register


Baptism
10th September 2023
Harry Oliver Ashley Walton
We welcome Harry into the family of the Church.



St.David's Church Wettenhall

"Big Night Out"

Saturday 14th October

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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

1 st Oct	Ena Furber and Gill Evans
8 th Oct	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull
15 th Oct	Tracey and Peter Foster
22 nd Oct	Chris and Christine Barratt
29 th Oct	United at Wettenhall
5 th Nov	Sandra and Mike Houlston
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Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

1st October 2023

5th November 2023

17th December 2023, the Christmas walk

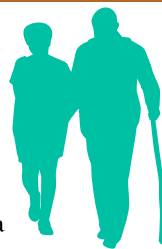
Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

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.



Hidden Angel

Someone once said that there are 'angels hiding in plain sight.'

It's true.

There is one in Wilbraham Road - **Kath Farrington**. For a long time, Kath has helped many elderly people in the road, and for the last five years or so she has kept a close eye on **Pauline Ash**. Pauline, who is now 97 has recently moved into Mayfield House, Mayfield Court, in Crewe, and of course she would welcome visitors.

Pauline's friends and family, especially **David**, would like to thank **Kath and Peter** for their love and care for **Pauline**. It is very much appreciated.





Tickets available from Stephan Davies 01270 624135 | 07731 800663

OPENING OF BUG HOTEL

11TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 1.45PM

Please feel free to join us all at St. Mary's, together with pupils from Acton Academy for the grand opening of our "Forest Church Bug Hotel".



Come and learn about the myriad of tiny creatures which abound around us and are a vital part of our complex eco-system.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Forest Church Team

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 1st October "Pollinators & Plants for Harvest" - Special 'Tea @ The Tower';
With live music, artwork and exhibits from Acton Primary School based on plants and pollinators; themed cakes and a warm welcome as always! The monthly guided walk will leave the church at 1pm and return to tea at the tower afterwards.

Sunday 12th November 2023 (6:30pm start) "The Proms at Acton"

will take place on Remembrance Sunday

A medley of rousing music will be performed by the highly acclaimed Nantwich Concert Band (<http://www.nantwichband.co.uk/>) and will feature talented soprano Jessica Thayer.

Tickets cost £10. Tickets are available from staff at the weekly "Tea at the Tower" community café, which takes place at the Church every Sunday afternoon (2:30-4:30pm). Alternatively, please call Stephan Davies on 01270-624135 or 07731800663. Profits from this Remembrance Sunday concert will go to the Royal British Legion (<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk>) who support the Armed Forces community and run the Poppy Appeal. They are the country's largest Armed Forces charity.

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December - Christmas Tree Festival. Theme: Nursery Rhymes.

Alison Phillips will lead a 'sing-a-long' with carols around the trees on Saturday afternoon until 4.30pm.

A folk band will entertain on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday 9th December (7.30pm) - "Christmas Concert" Acton Operatic Society.

Performing a wonderful medley of Christmas Favourites.

Saturday 16th December (7:30pm) - 'A Christmas Carol' performed by The Groves Singers.

Sunday 17th December (1.45pm) - Christmas Walk

The walk will start at Acton Church before heading to Dorfold Hall garden. Santa Claus will be there to greet everyone!

Saturday 20th January 2024: - Battle of Nantwich

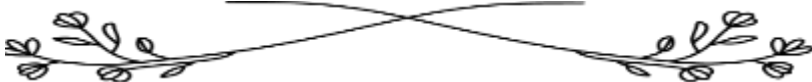
'Tea & Toast - and Key-Note talk by Mike Lea (Historian) followed by a walk to the battlefields

Food Bank Harvest

During last year's harvest festivities a large number of church members gave items suitable for the Food Bank. They were mounted on a ladder and plank construction in Church and seemed to overflow with generosity.

The same shelf construction will be set up in Church this year for you to place your donations for the Food Bank, ready for us to send them off for those who need the help following this harvest festival period.

We thank you in advance for your kindness.



Acton and Reaseheath WI

The end of June was a perfect time to admire the roses in full bloom at David Austin's Nursery. Two groups of us visited on different days and compared notes. It was a new experience for at least one member but Joyce Percival was very pleased that the rose named after her aunt Ann Dakin is still being propagated, obviously this one is a keeper! The arches in their beautiful garden at Henhull are festooned with several wonderful roses from this grower. While this nursery may be known to many, Wildgoose Nursery in Shropshire may not. This wonderful walled garden run organically with a wealth of perennial herbaceous plants and grasses is well worth a visit. This time Joyce came across another member of her family, not climbing a trellis but serving in their lovely café! There are wonderful Georgian curvilinear glasshouses which have been lovingly restored and stocked with produce used for their tasty lunches and they are a specialist grower of perennial violas.

Members were encouraged to declutter to stock our stall at Bag a Bargain in a Barn raising over £100 for WI funds.

We usually meet the second Monday of the month in Acton Parish Hall (winter months in the afternoon). If you would like a taste of our WI please get in touch with **Fiona Ross 07791 171415**. You will be very welcome.



Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Antonia Adlington	Olivia Palin
Emeilia Bond	Thomas Ablard
Freya Howells	Reuben Spencer
Luke Jones	Sophie Bowes
Megan Farrell	Stanley Alexander
Oliver Latham	

Don't Forget



The clocks go back one hour
at 2 am
Sunday 29th October 2023

Coffee
GETS ME
STARTED JESUS
KEEPS ME
Going

Ladies' Lunch

Wednesday 11th October
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor
12:00 pm - Cost: £13.00
For further details contact:
Heather 528755, Isobel (624521),
Ann (528273) or Joyce (624158)
Please book with Joyce

Mobile Library

Oct	Oct	Nov	Tuesdays	
10 th	31 st	21 st	Arr	Dep
Badger Church	Minshull		10:20	10:45
Home Farm Park	South		11:10	11:20
Lea Green				
Home Farm Park	North		11:30	11:50
Lea Green				
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20
Station Rd	Calveley		13:35	13:55
Tollemache Arms			14:05	14:30
Alraham				

Oct	Oct	Nov	Thursdays	
5 th	26 th	16 th	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre			11:00	11:25
Poole				
Worleston Station			11:35	11:45
Aston Juxta Mondrum				
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10

Oct	Nov	Nov	Thursdays	
12 th	2 nd	23 rd	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms			10:00	10:15
Ravensmoor				
Goodwill Hall	Faddiley		10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm			11:05	11:20
Gradeley Green				



Modern Martyrs; Lucien Tapeidi

Lucien Tapeidi was born around 1921 on the north coast of Papua New Guinea, his father reputed to be a sorcerer, who died at a young age, leaving his three sons to make their own way in life. Lucien attended Mission schools and became interested in Christianity through his teacher, Nita Inman, and Priest Rev. Edwin Nuagara. In 1939 Lucien entered St. Aiden's Teacher Training College and became a teacher and evangelist himself at Sangara Mission in 1941.

These were deadly dangerous times. World War II was engulfing the Far East, with Japan invading Papua New Guinea on 4th January 1942. The Anglican Bishop, Philip Strong, broadcast a message to all the Missions; -

“If we all left, it would take years for the Church to recover from our betrayal of our trust. If we remain — and even if the worst came to the worst and we were all to perish in remaining — the Church would not perish, for there would have been no breach of trust in its walls, but its foundations and structure would have received added strength for the future building by our faithfulness unto death.”

Tapeidi, along with 10 other people, escaped and reached a village of the Orokaiva people. The men of the village led them away and Lucien was separated, taken to a stream in the nearby village of Kurumbo and murdered by a man called Hivijapa. The others in the group were all killed soon after- six of them being murdered by the Japanese on Buna Beach. In all 333 Christians, of all denominations, were killed in Papua New Guinea during the War.

Despite everything, after the War, Hivijapa converted to Christianity and added Lucien to his own name. He built a church to commemorate Tapeidi

although it was later destroyed when Mount Lamington erupted in 1951 and rebuilt at Popondetta. A further church, dedicated to Tapeidi, was built at Six Mile settlement, near Jackson International Airport.

Lucien Tapeidi is buried at Sangara Station, alongside Mavis Parkinson and May Haymen, two Australian Christians who died in the conflict. The Christian Church survived in Papua New Guinea, just as Bishop Philip had predicted.

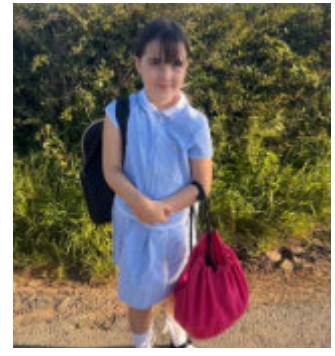


Calveley School

A huge welcome back to all at Calveley Primary Academy, and a special hello to all new starters and their families. Enjoy the happy back to school photos!

The action didn't stop at Calveley over the summer break. The school was awarded a Green Flag Eco Award and the ground source heat pump work has been completed. This includes some new windows and doors with the remainder due to be fitted this term. The car park has been extended and will be repainted and marked out in the half term holiday.

Come and see for yourself! Join us for Open Day on Saturday 7th October, 10-2. All welcome!



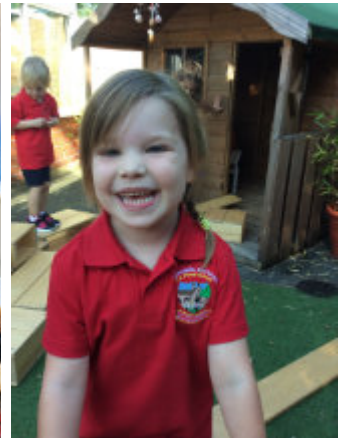
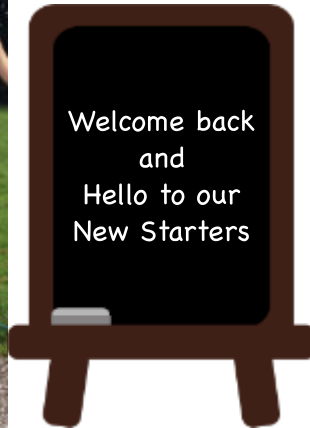


Worleston School

It's the start of a new academic year here at St Oswald's and we have really enjoyed welcoming back all our wonderful families on the 5th September. After celebrating a 'good' Ofsted at the end of the summer term, we are thrilled to be getting stuck back in to new topics. Down in our Owls class, we have welcomed many new children into both Nursery and Reception. They have had a fantastic week having fun and meeting new friends.

Across the school, we have been learning about our school vision 'let your light shine'. We have been considering what it means to let God's light shine through us and how we can encourage it in others. The children have produced their own unique stars of how they plan to shine this year.

We know that it will be another brilliant year and we cannot wait to see what it entails.



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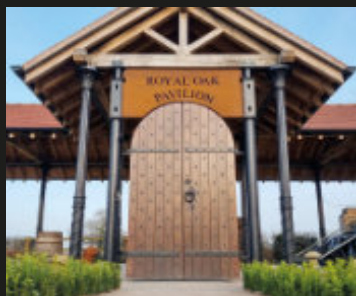
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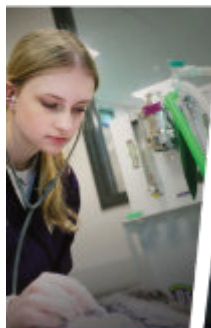
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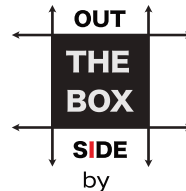
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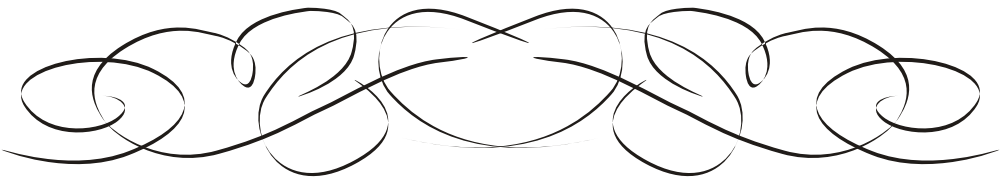
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For the topping halve and stone a pound of plums and place on the base cut side down, sprinkle with an ounce of Demerara sugar.

Bake for 30 minutes at 190 degrees centigrade.

Mix 1 tablespoon of honey with a little hot water and brush over the cake.

Delicious warm as a pudding or if there is any left over as a cake for tea.



Enjoy

St Oswald's Church, Worleston

Sidespersons		Coffee	
8 th Oct	Diane Darlington	Marilyn Booth	
22 nd Oct	Pam Haigh	Jo Bailey	
Flowers		Cleaning	
8 th Oct	Jo Bailey	Oct	Any Volunteers ?
22 nd Oct	Jill Alexander	Nov	Any Volunteers ?
<i>Visit: www.worlestonchurch.org.uk</i>			

All is safely gathered in



**The Harvest service at St Oswald's
 this year is on
 Sunday October 8th,
 at 9.30am.
 Everyone is very welcome.**



Help Wanted

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Coffee and Cake

Saturday 7th October 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

Worleston WI did not meet during August, as this is classed as their holiday month.

However, the September meeting on Wednesday 13th September was the 85th Birthday Meeting, as it was 85 years ago in 1938 that Worleston WI was formed. The Brereton Hand Bell Ringers came to entertain us. There was birthday cake and wine to celebrate our birthday.

Later in the month, on 19th September there was a WI Group Meeting in a function room at Nantwich Football Stadium. The speaker for the evening was Lesley Smith, Curator of Tutbury Castle who spoke about Nell Gwynne, the renowned mistress of Charles II.

For many people they believe that was all she was known for, other than for selling oranges! The real Nell Gwynne is a victory for English womanhood showing great courage and against all the odds became a star of the London stage and beloved of the King of England.

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