St Mary's Acton St David's Wettenhall & St Oswald's Worleston December 2023



The Cross Country Parishes
of
Acton with Worleston, Church
Minshull and Wettenhall.



Dear Friends

God with flesh on

The story is told of a little boy away on a church weekend with his dad. Come the evening, the dad put the boy to bed, and told him not to worry, 'Daddy will be downstairs with the grownups.' The little boy was worried about being on his own in a strange place. Dad reassured him not to worry, because God was with him all the time. The little boy's response was that he knew that 'But just for tonight I'd like God with flesh on.'

Out of the mouth of children... that is exactly the point, and the good news of Christmas. Unlikely as it sounds, at Christmas, we celebrate the remarkable truth that in the baby in the manger, God has come to us with flesh on.

As I write, the world feels like a challenging place. We are living through a cost-of-living crisis which, despite promises of improvement, doesn't feel that way as many people struggle to make ends meet. War continues to rage in Europe between Ukraine and Russia, and vicious conflict is playing out between Israel and Hammas in Gaza. All this before we add the ever-present concerns of climate change.

The world feels less safe than it has done for a long time. If we feel like that little boy, scared of being left alone, we need look no further than the manger, and the baby lying in it. Despite all the uncertainty and insecurity in the world around us, nothing can change the truth that in Jesus, God has come to us with flesh on. He is Emmanuel, God is with us, not just for Christmas, but all the time.

Yours in Emmanuel,

Revd Anne

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 3rd Dec 11:00 am Communion
- 10th Dec 8:00 am Communion,11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 17th Dec 10:00 am Messy Church, 5:00 pm Carol Service
- 24th Dec 5:30 pm Christingle, 10:00 pm Midnight Communion
- 31st Dec 11:00 am United Communion
- 7th Jan 11:00 am Communion, 6:30 pm Christ in Quiet

Church Minshull

- 3rd Dec 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 10th Dec 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 17th Dec 11:00 am Messy Church
- 24th Dec 7:30 pm Sound and Light Carols
- 31st Dec 11:00 am United Communion at Acton
 - 7th Jan 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 3rd Dec 4:00 pm Advent Carol Service
- 10th Dec 9:30 am Communion
- 17th Dec 5:00 pm Carol Service
- 24th Dec 4:00 pm Crib Service
- 31st Dec 11:00 am United Communion at Acton
 - 7th Jan No Service

Wettenhall

- 3rd Dec 4:00 pm Christingle
- 10th Dec 11:00 am Communion
- 17th Dec 6:30 pm Carol Service
- 24th Dec 4:00 pm Crib Service
- 31st Dec 11:00 am United Communion at Acton
- 7th Jan 11:00 am Morning Prayer

	St David's Church Wettenhall				
		Sidespersons	Cleaning and Flowers		
3 rd	Dec	Churchwardens	Mrs M Drinkall and Mrs B Brockbank		
10 th	Dec	Mr M Moss	WIS WIDHIKAII AND WIS B BIOCKDANK		
17 th	Dec	Mrs M Sherry	Mrs A Howard and Family		
24 th	Dec	Churchwardens	Mrs A Howard and Family		
31st	Dec	United at Acton	Mac II Macc		
7 th	Jan	Mrs A Hignett	Mrs H Moss		
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Advent & Christmas Services

Christingle Service will be held on **Sunday 3rd December at 4pm**

Everyone is very welcome - especially the children of Calveley Academy and their families.

Carol Service on

Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Crib Service on **Sunday 24th December at 4pm** when we welcome Kings, Angels and

Shepherds from far and wide.

Come ready prepared or choose your character when you arrive. There are enough halos for everyone! All ages are welcome!



Children's Society Boxes

If you have a Home Collection Box for the Children's Society please bring it along to the service on Sunday 10th December at 11am. We are very grateful to those who work so hard to support this wonderful charity throughout the year - and for many years.

Cholmondeston & Wettenhall Parish Council

Next meeting Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm in St. David's Church

Merry Christmas and Happy Mew Year to you all From St Davids

Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on Thursday 7th December and 4th January from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.





WANTED

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cholmondeston and Wettenhall Parish Council is looking for new Parish Councillors because we have vacancies following the local elections earlier this year.

You can be any age, from 18 years onwards, and must live in the Parish of Wettenhall and Cholmondeston. It doesn't matter what your political beliefs are [if any] we simply need people who are interested in making our villages better places to live. The time commitment is to attend a meeting at least every 6 months, and there are 4 meetings each year. You will not have to be elected to be a member, at this stage. Come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20th December 7.30pm at St. David's Church Wettenhall and request that you are coopted onto the panel of councillors. There will be an informal talk between you and the councillors, and the decision will be made at the meeting.

If you need any further information please contact:

John Woodward on woodwardjohn@hotmail.co.uk or 01270 528255
or Heather Pope on hclp@btinternet.com 01270 528755.
Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Darnhall Village Hall

Each year, for Remembrance Day on 11th November, the Darnhall and Wettenhall WI, and members of the Darnhall Village Hall committee, set out to show their regard and respect for all Service people who gave their lives to the cause of the First and Second World Wars. This year they have constructed a particularly beautiful display, both inside and outside the village hall.

The WI have made knitted and crocheted poppies, used poppy printed fabric, and large Royal British Legion poppies, to create fabulous indoor and outdoor features. There is a representation of a World War I soldier, an amputee, blinded and unknown. He does not have an artificial limb because few were available for the many thousands of surviving amputee servicemen after that terrible war. Fronting the road the poppy display forms the well-known words 'We will remember them'. Certainly, those brave men and women have been

remembered with honour in Wettenhall and Darnhall.





Darnhall Brownies

Darnhall Brownies have enjoyed a busy few weeks. In October the leaders took them to Pettypool Activity Centre, Sandiway. The girls had the best time. They did everything from sweet chestnut picking, climbing on the agility course, bird watching, decorating conkers to look like hedgehogs, making slime, going on the zip wire and making chocolate truffles. They finished the day off at the village hall watching a movie with pizza and popcorn.

The next day Orla and Anna did an amazing job at the All age service parading the flag at St. David's church. They especially enjoyed looking at Heather's MBE and hearing about her visit to Windsor Castle.

Our annual Halloween party was a great success with party games, a disco and a pumpkin competition. Thanks to Mrs. Audrey Howard for judging the Fancy Dress competition. It was a difficult task with costumes ranging from zombies to witches and black cats to bats!.













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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons		
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10 th Dec	Gill Evans and Elizabeth Bull	
17 th Dec	Tracey and Peter Foster	
24 th Dec	Susan and Charles Hull	
25 th Dec	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull	
31 st Dec	Philip Percival and Fred West	
3 rd Jan	Ena Furber and Gill Evans	
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Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

17th December 2023, the Christmas walk

7th January 2024

4th February 2024

Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from $2:30~\rm pm$ - $4:30~\rm pm$. On the above dates there is a guided walk departing the church at $12:45~\rm pm$. Nick organises circular walks varying between $3~\rm to~5~miles$, 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.

Light in the Darkness

Christmas is not always easy, especially if life is challenging or painful.

Prefer a quieter, more reflective Christmas Service?

You are warmly invited to Light in the Darkness

A Blue Christmas Service for the Longest Night

to be held in St Mary's Church, Acton at 7.00 pm on Thursday 21 December

ALL WELCOME



Another busy weekend in Acton Church

16th and 17th December 2023

The Grove singers will perform the traditional story, Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, at an hour-long concert in Acton Church on Saturday night, 16th December.

Then, at 10.00 am on Sunday morning, the Messy Church team will retell the Nativity story of Christmas, with the help of all the children. Tea and toast will be served to angels, shepherds and all their supporters.

There may be time to go home, but not for a Sunday roast, before the walking group leave for a Christmas Walk from the church at 1.45 pm. Wander through the grounds of Dorfold Hall, where Father Christmas may well be taking last minute orders.

The Tea @ the Tower team will be ready to welcome you from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm on Sunday, whether you have been on the walk, have just popped in for a cuppa and to admire the Christmas trees or arrived early for tea before the Annual Carol Service.

At 5.00 pm we will share the real story of the first Christmas through familiar Carols and readings at the Annual Carol Service. Do come along and join in with some or all of our activities over this busy weekend in December.



Dates for your Diary

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 $4.30\,\mathrm{pm}$.

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 grounds. Santa Claus will be there to greet everyone!

Saturday 20th January 2024: - Battle of Nantwich

'Tea & Toast $\mbox{-}$ and Key-Note talk by Mike Lea (Historian) $\,\dots\,\dots$ followed by a walk to the battlefields

Remembrance



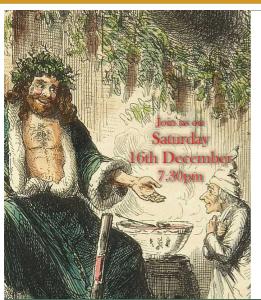


These poppy wreaths were made by the children at Acton School, and laid on the war memorial in Acton during a short act of remembrance on 10th November.









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Tickets are £10 and available from Stephan Davies (01270 624135)

Alternatively, why not collect yours with tea and cake at our Tea at The Tower every Sunday

Everything is Tickety Boo

I guess the clock at St Mary's Acton, has witnessed many happenings - both good and bad, over its lifetime.

Now, after a complete overhaul and the manufacture of a new escapement wheel it should be good for many years to come (hopefully!). Stuart, an engineer from the Cumbria Clock Company came to Acton on October 26th & 27th to re-install our beloved clock. With great care he carried numerous components of the clock up the tower steps to its rightful home - the 'clock cupboard'.

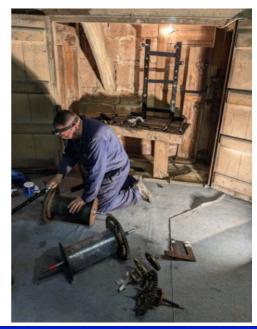
With skill and many years of experience, he re-assembled the components and our clock again became familiar. It is a joy to see the hands no longer resting at 12 o'clock but usefully engaged in keeping us on time as we carry out our daily tasks.

A huge thank you goes to David Allman (bellringer) for taking such good care of this important part of the fabric of Acton Church.



Stephan Davies





Buggingham Palace

Stephan Davies recited a thought provoking prayer at the grand opening of "Buggingham Palace" which took place on a wet afternoon on the 11th October with pupils from Acton School and members of St. Mary's'. The rain held off for a short period to enable the pupils to load the "Bug House" with twigs, pieces of wood and other suitable items.



We then retired to the church where the poem "The Church Mouse" was read by Sue



Hull and the children recited articles they had written about the importance of insect life. They painted stones with pictures of insects which will be placed around the Bug House and then enjoyed drinks and cup-cakes decorated with spiders and butterflies.

Finally Dr. Paul Griffiths gave a most interesting talk about insects in which the children and adults participated with searching questions.

A happy afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by us all and a big thank you to all who participated.

Sue Hull

Retirement

Karen Bedford retired from Burland and Acton Parish Council

Karen Bedford, former clerk to Acton, Edleston and Henhull Parish Council, was presented with a decorative planter by former Chair of the Parish Council Mrs Carol Mace.

The newly formed parish council of Burland and Acton said thank you to Karen Bedford for 17 years of loyal and continuous work for the former Parish Council. Her hard work as clerk has seen many changes in the locality which have all been handled professionally, sensitively and smoothly.

Merry Christmas and Flappy Mew Year to you all From St Mary's



Twins



Richard and Helen Harper (formerly the Parish secretary) are delighted with the latest additions to their family.

Their daughter Kate and husband Phil McDowell have recently been blessed with twin daughters Jessica Mary, on the left of the picture, and Clemmie Rose on the right.

They are sisters to James who has just turned two.

We wish all the family every blessing.



Acton United Charities at the Christmas Tree Festival

Acton United Charities held its Annual Meeting at the end of October. The charity trustees are responsible for two separate charities as follows:

The Acton Charity is in place to benefit what has been historically referred to as the poor of the parish of Acton. Grants can be made to individuals for a variety of needs.

The Huxley and Darlington Educational Charities are there to facilitate education within Austerson, Sound, and the ancient parish of Acton. Recent recipients have been Acton, Sound and Worleston Schools along with the Worleston Rainbows.

Local parishioners seem unaware of the charities and the options available to local people from the charities. We want to change this and raise awareness. With this in mind, this year we will be taking part in, and supporting, the Christmas Tree Festival at Acton Church. We want to publicise the charities and raise awareness of the grants that are available to residents from both funds.

Please come along and view our tree and everybody else's at the festival. It is a lovely event and a super start to the Advent and Christmas periods. It is enjoyed by all ages and a good opportunity to sit and chat in lovely festive surroundings.

If you would like more information about the two charities, you can contact the Chair of Trustees, Rev Anne Lawson at the Vicarage on countryvicar@outlook.com or 01270 628864; or Helen Sweeney who is the Clerk to the Trustees.

Helen can be contacted on spib88@gmail.com or 01270 618967.



















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Thank You

Jack Latham

At the end of the year it's appropriate to thank everyone who has worked so hard to support our churches in so many unseen and different ways. We are grateful to those who compile and deliver the magazines month by month; those who bake and provide refreshments at the end of the services; those who welcome parishioners; those who put flowers on the altar and decorate for the festivals; those who hoover, dust and polish with increasing regularity! We are always grateful for extra help so if you think you could help in any way, please contact any of the churchwardens who will be very happy

to hear from you. From the Editor

I would like to say thank you to the great team that work alongside me to put the magazine together. Also the people who get the magazines out there to you each month. Also a special thanks to those who sponsor the magazine by advertising with us, some every month and some just occasionally, it all helps to keep the magazine in production. Thank you to you for reading the magazine it makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you All

Ladies' Lunch

Wednesday 13th December Cheerbrook Farm, Nantwich 12:30 pm - Cost: £12.50 For further details contact: Heather 528755, Isobel (624521), Ann (528273) or Joyce (624158) Please book with Joyce

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The Twelve Apostles; Simon Peter

Many people are familiar with the Leonardo da Vinci mural painting of the Last Supper and its depiction of Jesus and his 12 disciples at a table the night before he was betrayed and arrested. Yet we often know little of the personal lives of those apostles, and what we know is a mixture of historical facts, legend, and tradition.

The disciples are the founders of the Christian church and Revelations savs that the foundations of the wall of the New Ierusalem will bear their names. Peter is known as their leader both before and after the death of Jesus, the Rock who is the foundation of Christian faith and culture. Both his names - Simon [Greek] and Cephas / Peter [Hebrew] can be translated as 'Rock' He was born and raised in Bethsaida, a village in Galilee, and was a married fisherman at the time that he met Iesus. At that time, he was living in Capernaum in Galilee, and the people of Galilee were said to be ready to innovate, keen to follow a leader and start an insurrection. Even the Talmud [a Jewish text to enable laws to be applied to daily life] said that they were honourable, impulsive, and loyal to the end. No wonder Jesus chose his first disciples from that area!

Peter became a disciple alongside his brother Andrew, but it was accepted by all the men that he was their leader and spokesman. He was the first of them to declare Jesus as the Son of God, the one most willing to ask Jesus the exact meaning of his teachings and to enquire about the rewards that would come to the followers of Jesus in the future. He saw Jairius' daughter raised from the dead and was there at the Mount of Transfiguration when Jesus became dazzling with white light to suggest his future in heaven. Yet, despite these

momentous events he was the one who denied knowing Jesus three times during the night, in the garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus was arrested and condemned to death. After Jesus died Peter was the first disciple to go and see the empty tomb and was the first to see the risen Christ.

Peter started his life of evangelism and missionary work immediately, speaking at Pentecost and serving as a spokesman for the other disciples at the Jewish religious court. He travelled across the Mediterranean area preaching about Jesus. He wrote, or partially wrote, the Biblical books of 1 Peter and 2 Peter. He is said to have reached Babylon, although this is perhaps a reference to Rome, rather than the city of Babylon itself. It was in Caesarea that he met the Roman Centurion Cornelius and converted him to Christianity, the first known Gentile in the faith.

There is a legend and belief that Peter established a church in Rome and became the first Pope of the Roman Catholic faith. However, this legend can only be traced back to the third century AD. Peter is said to have been martyred in 64 AD on Vatican Hill, crucified with his head facing downwards and beside Saint Paul. No evidence of his body or burial chamber has been found, yet it is said to lie deep beneath the altar of the presentday Church of Saint Peter. Whatever the truth of the matter he was strong enough to bear the weight of establishing the Christian church, leading those 12 disciples to bring the word to the whole World.

Recipe

Beef in Guinness with Horseradish Dumplings

SERVES 4-6 Ingredients

For the Stew

- 2 tbsp Plain flour
- 2 tbsp beef dripping or vegetable oil
- 2 Onions, thickly sliced
- 3 large Carrots, cut into chunks
- 3 celery sticks, cut into chunks
- 200g Celeriac, cut into chunks
- A large sprig of thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 500ml Guinness or Stout
- Flaked sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

For the Dumplings

- 250g self-raising flour
- ₫ 125g suet
- 1-2 tbsp freshly grated horseradish



Enjoy

Method

- Season the flour with black pepper and some salt. Toss the beef in the flour, dusting it off thoroughly
- Heat the dripping or the oil in a large flameproof casserole dish and brown the steak thoroughly in batches. Remove each batch with a slotted spoon and set it aside. Once all the beef is browned, add the onions, carrots celery and celeriac and fry them on a fairly high heat until they take on some colour.
- Put the beef back in the casserole dish, tuck in the herbs and pour over the Guinness or Stout. Bring to the boil, then turn down the heat, cover the casserole dish with a lid and simmer very gently for 1 1/2 hours.
- To make the dumpling, mix the flour, suet and baking powder, and season with salt and pepper. Add the horseradish, then gradually add the cold water 100ml 125ml stirring it in with a knife until you have a soft sticky mixture. Drop small handfuls of dough on top of the stew and then simmer for 20-25 minutes until the dumplings are well risen and firm.
- Alternatively, after adding the dumplings, you can finish cooking this dish in the oven. Preheat the oven 200c/ Fan 180c/Gas 6. Bake, with the lid on, for 10 minutes, then remove the lid and cook for another 10-15 minutes until the dumplings are nicely browned.

Serve with some green vegetables and you have the perfect supper.

IT and Tea at the Methodist Church

IT & Tea has been set up by AgeUK at our Methodist Church (Main Lounge) between 2 and 4pm on Nov 29, Dec 20 and thereafter on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon of the month to help over 55 year olds use IT with smart phones, I-Players and laptops. Participants can ask for advice on how to use the tech and do more with it etc. The sessions are designed for people to drop in and get one-to-one advice from one of the IT volunteers. eg I'm going to ask for help with my smart phone because I keep having to ask my daughter how to use the various functions! There is no need to book - just drop in and get a cup of tea as well!



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pudding and mince pies (including vegetarian option).

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afterwards

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to cater for everybody: Please telephone Mrs Sue

Piddock Jones on 01270 628419

Volunteers

If you would like to join our volunteers, without whom the lunch simply could not happen, please email nantwichchristmaslunch@gmail.com

Drivers, kitchen helpers, servers and reception duties are all covered by our volunteer helpers.

Christmas Services in the Cross Country Parishes

Sunday 3rd December

4:00 pm Christingle at Wettenhall

4:00 pm Advent Carol Service at Worleston



Sunday 17th December

10:00 am Messy Nativity at Acton

11:00 am Messy Christmas at Church Minshull

5:00 pm Carol Service at Acton

5:00 pm Carol Service at Worleston

6:30pm Carol Service at Wettenhall



Thursday 21st December

7:00 pm Light in the Darkness at Acton

A Blue Christmas Service for the Longest Night

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Crib Service at Wettenhall

4:00 pm Crib Service at Worleston

5:30 pm Christingle at Acton

Sound and Light Carol Service at 7:30 pm

Church Minshull

Midnight Communion at Acton (It will 10:00 pm be midnight in Bethlehem at this time)





Christmas Day

Christmas Communion at 9:30 am

Church Minshull

9:30 am Christmas Communion at Worleston

10:30 am Christmas Communion at Wettenhall

11:00 am Christmas Communion at Acton



Celebrating Harvest at Chester Cathedral

Milking cows and red tractors - yes, it's that time of year again! Harvest festival service at Chester Cathedral was a joyous and uplifting celebration of God's generous gifts and an opportunity to come together and share our thanks with the wider Cheshire community. Rev Anne, once again, thoughtfully organised the service and invited amongst other guests, Ray Brown, to share the story of his dairy, Bidlea Farm. This is a sobering example of the hardship and fortitude endured by many of our farmers and, in this case, through the grace of God, has a happy ending in a beautiful herd of Holstein-Friesians and delicious ice cream.

Madeline from Acton Academy delivered the reading beautifully and with confidence whilst Rev Anne's address linking tobacco smoke, chocolate and worms(!) was both humorous and thought provoking. Our favourite harvest hymns filled the Cathedral in praise and thanks for this year's bounty safely gathered in by our farming community, despite several hurdles throughout the year. And finally, wonderful news and congratulations to Rev Anne on being awarded Highly Commended in the national British Food Fortnight Community competition. A much deserved accolade for months of preparation and hard work. Rev Anne's harvest service is now a



permanent fixture for the 4th Sunday in September in Chester Cathedral's diary - what will 2024 bring? Watch this space!

Penni Doyle







Acton School

Acton CE Primary Academy NEWS

We have started the year successfully with already fully packed weeks. This has included a visit from an author who inspired the children, a beekeeper to explain the important role of bees in our ecosystems, a stone age workshop, an animal workshop and visits to York and Nantwich. The whole school also enjoyed LEGO workshops, kindly funded by Friends of Acton School. We are creating a School Parliament to work with teachers to make important decisions about our school – this has included opening a Polling Station to vote for our Year Group Ministers. This has been a great way to show democracy in action!

We have also been visited by Ofsted to inspect our school. With the outcomes yet to be made available to share publicly, we can say that we are very proud of the achievements that have been recognised. Of particular note, the children have been recognised as highly respectful, very well behaved and hard working – a credit to themselves and we are very proud of them.









Calveley School

During October all children invited their parents into school to enjoy a celebration assembly of what they have learnt so far this term and to take part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activity. Willow Class and Little Acorns (nursery and reception class) shared a task with their parents about the weather and rainbows. The assembly included songs about Harvest, scarecrows and pumpkins and was an accomplished performance, as well as slightly chaotic and very cute! Higher up the school, parents took part in activities to make spaghetti towers and parachutes. The children love hosting their parents in school and it seems parents really appreciate an insight into day to day life.

Our PTA, FROCS, organised a disco for the children to celebrate Halloween. There was fancy dress, mums dressed as mummies, beer pong (without the beer!) and crazy golf. We were really proud to see how well supported the disco was, not only to raise money for the school but also in the behaviour of the children and the community spirit of our parents and ex-pupils who returned to help.

Each class has an 'amazon wishlist' of books they would like to see in the new refurbished library. The library is well underway and two fabulous friends have purchased the books for Oak and Willow, A Big Thank You to you!





















Worleston School

The past month has been one filled with exciting opportunities and amazing achievements. The weather may have become colder and the nights may have become darker but that hasn't stopped the children at St Oswald's from letting God's light shine through them. This month, we have started looking at the value of compassion and how we can help others. One way we did this, was by supporting the 'Nantwich pyjama day appeal.' The children came to school in their pjs for a snuggly Friday to support the amazing charity. We were also overwhelmed by the amount of money raised and pyjamas donated. We hope that they make a massive difference this Christmas time.

At St Oswald's, we love finding exciting ways for children to gain new skills too. Our Y3/4 Hedgehogs class have been developing their design technology skills. They have been creating moving monsters using a range of different mechanisms. Meanwhile, in Y5/6 Foxes class, they have been baking delicious apple crumble which put their culinary skills to the test. Finally, our juniors battled it out in a Times tables rockstars competition and celebrated with a rockstar day. We are so proud of each and every one of the children at our school and how we can help them grow as lifelong learners.

Looking ahead, we are excited to get stuck into our Christmas productions and celebrate the amazing Christmas story. We are so thankful that every day is filled with new learning, new challenges and lots of fun along the way.





















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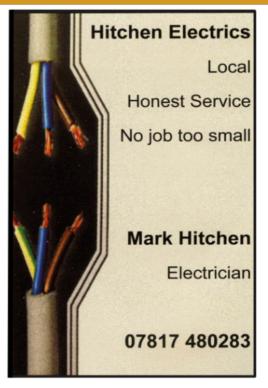
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Merry Christmas and Flappy Mew Year to you all From St Oswald's

Advent Sunday

On Sunday December 3rd,
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begin the Christmas season with
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A Huge Thank You from Worleston Village Hall



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