

St. Mary's, Acton

Dates & News

November 2021



Public worship has now resumed. Please be aware that changes may, regrettably, need to be made depending on the Covid-19 infection rate. NB All services continue to be subject to change if the situation with COVID changes.



To access worship via WhatsApp you need a smart phone with WhatsApp installed. You can join the Cross Country Parishes WhatsApp by contacting Chris Pope (07771 684000).

If you would like to receive SMS Text Messages about Services and Activities at St. Mary's please send a message, including your name, to 07486 020084 and we will add you to the circulation list. As well as a way of receiving reminders, this is the fastest way of letting you know if any last minute changes to worship have to be made.

The Midweek Communion Service has now re-started on Wednesdays at 10.30am in St. Mary's and there is a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us. Things will be a little different, but we are able to sing and refreshments are possible.

Bible Readings

	First Reading	Second Reading	Psalm
7th Nov.	Hebrews 9: 24-end	Mark 1: 14-20	Psalm 62: 5-12
14th Nov.	Remembrance TBC	8.00am Mark 13: 1-8	
21st Nov.	Revelation 1: 4b-8	John 18: 33-37	Psalm 93
28th Nov.	1 Thess3: 9-13	Luke 21: 26-36	Psalm 25: 1-10

Services in the Cross Country Parishes

(subject to change if Covid restrictions change)

Acton	Church Minshull	Wettenhall	Worleston
Wed. 3rd Nov. 10.30am Communion at Acton			
Sunday, 7th November			
11.00am Communion	11.00am TBA	11.00am Morning Prayer	No Service
5.00pm Evensong			
Wed. 10th Nov. 9.00am Praise & Play at Acton 10.30am Communion at Acton			
Sunday, 14th November			
8.00am Communion			
10.50am Remembrance	10.50am Remembrance	10.50am Remembrance	10.50am Remembrance
Wed. 17th Nov. 10.30am Communion at Acton			
Sunday, 21st November			
10.00am Messy Church	11.00am Café Church	11.00am Communion	No Service
5.00pm Evensong			
Wed. 24th Nov. 9.00am Praise & Play at Acton 10.30am Communion at Acton			
Sunday, 28th November			
8.00am Communion			
11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am Messy Church	6.00pm Christingle with Calveley School Choir	4.00pm Advent Carol Service

Remember, remember ...



Dear Friends,

Have you noticed that recently special days have become special weeks, even special months? You can think of lots of examples: Red Nose Day, World Book Day, Christian Aid Week, Stoptober, Dry January, Carers' Week ... and many more. In the Church, November could be called Remembrance Month. It starts on 1st November with All Saints' Day, when we

remember those important people who have the title "Saint". 2nd November is All Souls' Day which is our day to remember people who have died and are significant even if we wouldn't call them saints. They are important and dear to us, family and friends. On 11th November, or on the Sunday closest, we have Remembrance Sunday to remember those who have died in war and conflict.

Possibly the one we forget about is every Sunday when a Communion Service takes place, when we hear those words, "Do this in remembrance of me". Remembrance in this context is special because it means bringing into the present what is important about the person, Jesus, we are remembering.

Of course, there is another act of remembrance, on 5th November, many people will celebrate Bonfire Night remembering the Gunpowder Plot. 5th November also happens to be a special day for me. It's the anniversary when I remember my last service as vicar of the Cross Country Parishes, at Acton, fifteen years ago. I always said I would go out with a bang! The last hymn of my last service was "In Christ alone my hope is found." The final lines are, for me the most powerful:

*"No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand."*

I think as Christians, that is a call to all of us to continue to stand, remember and make real the power of Christ in our world.



Donald Brockbank

Acton Music Group

A small group of us has been meeting recently at the Church to remind ourselves what a challenge playing live music can be, but also how enjoyable. We would like to invite any instrumentalists to join us, particularly if you have been learning or re-learning an acoustic instrument over the last year. This is not a highbrow group; we are all learning. The aim is to encourage each other in a friendly, informal setting. If you're interested, give me a ring.



Peter Foster (01270 626802)

Cross Country Ladies' Lunch

There was lots of laughter and a wide range of topics of conversation were covered when ladies of the Parishes met in October for lunch at The Barbridge Inn.

Why not join them this month for a soup and sandwich lunch on Wednesday, 10th November at the Farmers Arms at Ravensmoor where Julie, the new tenant, will welcome us. 12.30pm; cost £10.00.

Social Committee

Many thanks to all who helped with the Table Top Sale at the Civic Hall, we made lots of sales from your "treasures" and donated 4 boxes of books to Oxfam. £75 profit went to the Church funds. We will have another sale on Thursday, 25th November, with plenty of Christmassy items for sale, do come and support us. Items for the sale can be donated to Joyce Percival 01270 624158 or left in Church.

Coffee & Cake

You are warmly invited to call in for Coffee & Cake at Wettenhall Church on 4th November and at Worleston Church on 6th November, both 10am-12noon. Everyone very welcome.

CAP Money in Nantwich



CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money, sponsored by St. Mary's Church in Nantwich, is now offering face to face coaching, with Covid measures in place.

CAP Money is a simple, yet highly effective money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can save, give and prevent debt.

The first course session starts 26th October, followed by two further sessions on 2nd and 8th November, the location being Nantwich Methodist Church, Hospital Street, Nantwich, CW5 5RP. All sessions start at 10.00am. Numbers are limited to 8 to meet Covid distancing rules and to deliver an effective course to the delegates.

It is planned to hold 3 further courses over the next 12 months, the next course starting 25th January 2022 at the same location.

Delegates may register on line (preferable) at www.capmoney.org/ or by contacting capmoney.stmarys@gmail.com

Nantwich Street Pastors

Nantwich Street Pastors will resume their Friday/Saturday night patrols from October if current infection rates continue to fall. The project urgently seeks new volunteers for the roles of both street and supporting prayer pastors. Training for potential street pastors will be provided.

If you are interested please contact the Coordinator, David Maidment (01270 627170)

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December Newsletter:

Don't miss out! Please send your contributions to this newsletter: forthcoming events or reports and photos of recent happenings to acton.news@yahoo.com by **Wednesday, 3rd November**.

Contact Details during Rev. Anne's Sabbatical

The first point of contact during Rev. Anne's Sabbatical is the Churchwardens. You can find their contact details above. Alternatively contact details will be available on the Vicarage answerphone. The parish e-mail address: crosscountryparishes@outlook.com will be monitored.