

St. Mary's, Acton

Dates & News

October 2021



Public worship has now resumed. E-mailed resources are continuing for the time being as is WhatsApp worship in a reduced form. 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
3rd Oct.	Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12	Mark 10: 2-16	Psalm 8
10th Oct	Hebrews 4: 12-end	Mark 10: 17-31	Psalm 90: 12-17
17th Oct.	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Mark 10: 35-45	Psalm 91: 9-16
24th Oct.	2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5	John 5: 36b-end	Psalm 19: 7-end
31st Oct.	Hebrews 12: 18-24	Matthew 5: 1-12	Psalm 24: 1-6

Services in the Cross Country Parishes

(subject to change if Covid restrictions change)

Acton	Church Minshull	Wettenhall	Worleston
Sunday, 3rd October			
11.00am Harvest 5.00pm Songs of Praise	11.00am Service of the Word	11.00am Morning Prayer	9.30am Harvest
Wed. 6th Oct. 10.30am Communion			
Sunday, 10th October			
8.00am Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am Harvest Café Church	11.00am Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
Wed. 13th Oct. 10.30am Communion			
Sunday, 17th October			
10.00am Messy Church 5.00pm Evensong	11.00am Communion	11.00am All Age	No Service
Wed. 21st Oct. 10.30am Communion			
Sunday, 24th October (Bible Sunday)			
8.00am Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am Messy Church	6.30pm Informal Communion	9.30am Communion
Wed. 27th Oct. 10.30am Communion			
Sunday, 31st October (All Saints)			
11.00am United Communion at Church Minshull - Dedication of re-ordering			

Harvest Thanksgiving



The harvest season is with us again. We can delight in seeing ripened fruit in the orchards & hedgerows and wonder at the rich palette of Autumn colours.

For those who make their living on the land, it's a much more serious business, of course; when things go well,

relief replaces anxiety and hard work is rewarded with the satisfaction of another year safely accomplished.

In our churches, our Harvest Festivals give us the opportunity to gather together and thank God for all "Good gifts around us". If we're fortunate enough this year, we might even share in a Harvest Supper!

It's good to give thanks to our amazing Creator God, but I wonder if we only think about it at Harvest time? Writing this reminded me of a story I read many years ago ...

A man spent most of his life longing to go to Heaven. Eventually he died and an angel took him on a guided tour of majestic mountains, sparkling streams, fern-filled forests & green meadows. Children were laughing & playing, and music filled the air.

"So this is Heaven?" said the man. "How wonderful!"

"No," replied the angel, "this is the world you lived in - and never saw ..."

May God open our eyes and ears to the boundless riches that we experience every day and give thanks.

Ann Nicholas

Thank You!

I would like to thank Rev. Anne, The Churchwardens and everyone in the Cross Country Parishes for the beautiful Pink Orchid, Garden vouchers and cards I received at the joint Service at St. Mary's Acton at the end of August. I "retire" at the end of September from my job as Parish Secretary to have more time with my growing family. I have really enjoyed my job and working with such lovely people! Thank you again and I will keep in touch!

With love and best wishes,

Helen Harper

Harvest Festival

We celebrate our Harvest Festival on **Sunday, 3rd October** with:

11am Harvest Festival - speaker Claire Maxim, CEO of the Arthur Rank Centre

5pm Harvest Songs of Praise - a celebration of the Harvest with hymns chosen by parishioners who have particular reasons to be grateful for the Harvest. Please join us to sing and praise, then stay for light refreshments while chatting to friends.

Why not come earlier for Tea at the Tower or stay for a drink after the service

HARVEST

We would love to welcome you to an informal service giving thanks for the Harvest and Farming in our community

SONGS of PRAISE

Sunday 3rd October 2021
5pm

All Welcome

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

PLACE OF WELCOME

Please visit our website for more information: www.stmarysacton.org

Chester Cathedral Plough Service 2021



3pm on Sunday, 3rd October

All welcome.

No booking required

Bishop Julie (Bishop of Stockport) will bless the plough.

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Claire Maxim (CEO of The Arthur Rank Centre)

Richard Blackburn, County Chair of Cheshire NFU will also be speaking in the service



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

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Thursday, 14th October**, 12.30pm at The Barbridge Inn. Everyone Welcome.

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)

Volunteers needed to help with

- General Admin
- Drivers for deliveries & pick-ups

Can you spare a few hours a week to help us, please?

e: info@nantwich.foodbank.org.uk





A note

From Bishop Mark

Dear friends,

Welcome Services for Bishops Julie and Sam

At their installation service at the Cathedral on 5th September, Bishop Julie and Bishop Sam began their public ministries as the Bishop of Birkenhead and the Bishop of Stockport respectively. We are keen, though, to welcome them slightly less formally, to pray for them, and to begin to get to know them better, and so we are running a welcome service for each of them, and you are invited.

We will do this at two services:

Thursday, 14th October, 7pm at St. George's, Stockport

Monday, 18th October, 7pm at Christ the King, Birkenhead

These services are open to all to attend and we hope that the gathered congregation will reflect the diverse nature of our diocese.

I hope that these services will be well attended and so to help us manage numbers safely in this COVID season, if you wish to attend, it will be necessary to book a place through Eventbrite. For those who are unable to attend in person, the services will be streamed and links to these streams will be made available through the E-Bulletin and diocesan website. Please share this invitation with everyone in your churches so that word gets out about this significant moment in the life of our diocese.

We are, though, keenly aware of the bustling life of our diocese and the bulging nature of our diaries, so if you find that you are already committed to other events and services on these days, please still join with us by praying on these days for the ministry of Bishops Julie and Sam. Bishops are ordained, as you will know, to be shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom and leading his people in mission. As Bishops Sam and Julie begin this ministry, it is right that we commit to praying for them and ourselves as we yearn to see God's Kingdom come and grow.

With my prayers and my gratitude for yours as we continue to partner in Christ,

† Mark

Chester Cathedral Art Exhibition



ART EXHIBITION

Join YMCA Crewe for our very first art exhibition!

We will be displaying work from five amazing, local artists, each with their own unique style.

The exhibition will run from
6th September - 1st October 2021.

Come along to the GLO Café between
10am - 3pm Monday - Friday to view
the art and support the creators!



YMCA CREWE

GLO Café

The GLO Café provides more than just food and drink...

By choosing to use the GLO Café, you are enabling YMCA Crewe to provide valuable training and engagement opportunities to help people to thrive!

Open 10am - 3pm Monday - Friday

At YMAC Crewe 189 Gresty Road, CW2 6EL

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November 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, 6th October**.

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.