



St Mary's Acton Dates and News

January 2022

Services during January

	Acton	Church Minshull	Wettenhall	Worleston
2 January	11.00 Communion 5.00 Evensong	11.00 Service of the Word	11.00 Morning Prayer	12.30 Baptism
9 January	8.00 Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Café Church	11.00 am Communion	9.30 am Communion
16 January	10.00 Messy Church 5.00 pm Evensong	11.00 am Holy Communion	11.00 am All Age Worship	No Service
23 January	8.00 Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 am Messy Church	6.30 pm Communion	9.30j Morning Prayer
30 January	11.0 am Plough Service at Reaseheath College in the Horticultural Building To be confirmed in the light of Covid restrictions and conditions 5.00 Communion			

Wednesday Communion Services take place at 10.30 am each week.

Bible Readings

	First Reading	Second Reading	Psalm
2 January	Ephesians 3: 1 - 12	Matthew 2: 1 - 12	Psalm 72: 10 - 15
9 January	Isaiah 43: 1 - 7	Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21-22	
16 January	Isaiah 62: 1 - 5	John 2: 1 - 11	Psalm 36: 5 - 10
23 January	Nehemiah 8: 1 - 3, 5-6, 8-10	Luke 4: 14 - 21	
30 January	5.00 Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44:4	5.00 Luke 2: 22 - 40	

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Ring out, Wild Bells.... The Year is Going

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

Those words were written by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, a son of the vicarage, and they provide food for thought as we say goodbye to 2021 and welcome 2022.

We will all have our own memories of 2021; some of those memories will be good, positive and affirming, and we will want to hold on to them. Some will be difficult, challenging, even painful and we may wish to use a new year as a time to let them go. Perhaps for all of us we remember the growing darkness as a new wave of Covid-19 began to grow over Christmas 2020 with the realisation that further restrictions and lockdown would follow. Surely our fervent hope was that 2021 would see the end of this dreadful pandemic. It is good that we did not know that, as Christmas 2021 approached yet another new variant, with the potential for yet another wave of Covid would arrive.

As we see out the end of 2021, weary of all that the pandemic has brought, and await with anticipation that 2022 will bring a return to some kind of normality where masks and sanitiser do not form part of daily life, the line from Tennyson's poem '*Ring out old shapes of foul disease*' is something we can all say with feeling.

Sadly, I cannot promise that 2022 will be a better year, either from the effects of Covid, or from the other, seemingly random, challenges which life throws at us... but we can all find a way which is more certain than the very human hopes contained in Tennyson's poem, however upbeat and encouraging they may be.

Far better is to do as Minnie Louise Haskins bids us in the poem which King George V made famous in his Christmas message of 1939, and put our hands in the hand of God; the '*man who stood at the gate of the year*'. To respond to Jesus who, in the words recorded in the Book of Revelation, '*stands at the door and knocks*', waiting for us to open the door of our lives and let him in.



Thank you

To Deana Emerton, Joyce Percival, Stephan Davies, Claire Lewis-Jones, Peter & Tracey Foster and the many, many people who helped make the Christmas Festival, Concert and Christmas Services such joyful celebrations.

Hospital Transport

The Patient Transport Service is operated by West Midlands Ambulance Service WMAS and covers Cheshire East

To arrange transport, please call direct on 0345 425 0050.

The booking line is 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

There is a high volume of calls so it may take a little while to speak to a team member.

You will need the following information:

- Name
- Date of birth
- NHS Number
- GP Name and Practice
- Date and time of appointment
- Details of medical/mobility needs
- Collection and destination address – ie home to Leighton, including post codes

You will be asked a few eligibility questions once you speak to the team

Subject to review in the light of Covid,

it is hoped that we will be able to return to Reaseheath College for the

Plough Sunday Service

11 am Sunday 31 January 2021

The Horticultural Building

Reaseheath College

The Horticultural Building is the new building in the area where the new buildings are going up off Main Road which can be accessed via Entrance 2 off Main Road, Reaseheath (the B5074)

Limited parking for the disabled is available immediately outside the horticultural building.

Soup Lunch in the Horticultural Building will follow the service.

All Welcome

Please keep any eye out on church websites and e-mails and texts sent via the parish communication systems nearer the time to ensure that this event is taking place.