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



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

*Dear Friends*

**Holidays and Holy Days**



I'm writing this the day before I'm due to begin some holiday time. By the time you read this, the holiday will be a distant memory, but that does not mean the holiday has not been of value. We all do need a holiday from time to time.

Even if we can't 'go on holiday', we can take 'minute holidays', perhaps meeting a friend, going for a walk, taking time for a hobby, playing with a pet, spending time with grandchildren. Much as many people enjoy order and routine, we also need a break from the humdrum of daily life, if only for an hour or so.

You probably know that the word 'holiday' comes from 'holy day'. It stems from the time when the only break people had from work and the routine of life was on the Holy Days of the Church year; Christmas, Easter, Ascension (my father had vivid memories in the 1930s of going to a school service, and then being given the rest of the day off on Ascension Day), Saints' Days etc. The Church festival or holy day provided an opportunity for a break from work and daily routine but centred around the worship of God.

Including God in our holiday is a principle we've largely forgotten. Perhaps it's something we need to regain so that our holidays can become holy days; times of recreation as well as recreation in the presence of God, who longs for his people to rest.

**Yours in the God of Rest,**

*Anne*

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# Sunday Services

### Acton

- 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United at Worleston**, 6:30pm Songs of Praise
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 8:00 am Communion, **11:00 am United at Church Minshull**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 10:00 am **United Messy Church**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 8:00 am Communion, **11:00 am United at Wettenhall**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 11:00 am Communion, 6:30pm Evensong

### Church Minshull

- 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United at Worleston**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United Cafe Church**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 10:00 am **United at Acton**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 11:00 am Service of the Word

### Worleston

- 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United Communion**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United at Church Minshull**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 10:00 am **United at Acton**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep No Service

### Wettenhall

- 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United at Worleston**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United at Church Minshull**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 10:00 am **United at Acton**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am **United Communion**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 11:00 am Morning Prayer

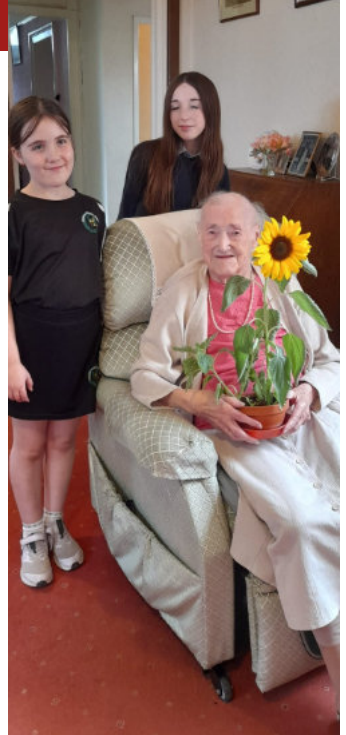
### Please note

The United Services at Wettenhall and Worleston are Communion, Acton is Messy Church and Church Minshull is Cafe Church.

St David's Church Wettenhall		
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	United at Worleston	Mrs A Howard and Family
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	United at Church Minshull	
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	United at Acton	Mrs H Moss
27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Churchwardens	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Mr M Moss	Mrs E Carr and Mrs A Nicholas
<i>Visit: <a href="http://www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk">www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk</a></i>		

## Blooming Lovely

In April, our All Age Service centred around God's wonderful creation and we planted a selection of wild flowers, sunflowers & dwarf sunflowers. It's been lovely to see some of the results!



## Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on **Thursday 3rd August and 7th September** from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.





## Darnhall Brownies

On Wednesday 21st June, 1st Darnhall Brownies went to the Royal Cheshire Show. The girls helped by taking the results from the show ring to the secretaries' tent. They also had time to explore the Show, try some tight rope walking, cuddle some chicks, and visit the Girl-guiding tent, as well as much, much more. The Brownies had a great day out and so did the leaders!



The Brownies have been doing an art project using natural resources from the local area. As you can see from the photos, they did an excellent job. Our final meeting was a bbq and games before the summer break. Brownies will return in September. Have a great summer girls.



## Darnhall Show

The Darnhall Show was held on a sunny Sunday 2nd July, right in the heart of Cheshire. This annual event attracts contributors and stalls from across the local area and has become one of the highlights of the year. Located on a field behind John Bownes Farm Equipment Suppliers on Swanlow Lane, Winsford, the show attracted thousands of visitors who enjoyed the various displays and activities as well as numerous stalls and food outlets. The crowds were entertained by the Air Cadets Drum Band from the 146 (Northwich) Squadron who provided a right regal accompaniment to the crowning of the Darnhall Rose Queen – Miss Ella Antrobus age 8 - and the crowds all waved Union flags in homage to the Rose Queen and her attendants. Horses and dogs played their part as is expected from a show in an agricultural region and there were tractors and steam engines all displayed and driven around the show-ground. A village show for the local community.

*Photos taken by our official photographer Mr Neil Adams.*







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13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	United at Church Minshull
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tracey and Peter Foster
27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	United at Wettenhall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Sandra and Mike Houlston
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## Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

**The next walks are:**

**There is no walk in August**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

1<sup>st</sup> October 2023



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.

## Thank You, Sandra

Our grateful thanks go to **Sandra Houlston** who, after 20 years, has 'retired' from heading up the cleaning team in Acton. One of the comments which I hear most about Acton is the fact that it looks well-cared for. This is in no small part due to the time and care which Sandra has put into organising the 'Holy Dusters'. Thank you, Sandra for all you have done, and to the team who continue to clean St Mary's.

**It is noticed and appreciated.**



### **Forest Church at the Royal Cheshire Show**

Members of the Acton Forest Church congregation joined with people from Forest Churches in Great Budworth and Oakmere to exhibit in "The Church at the Royal Cheshire Show" in June. People from all 3 groups spent time with visitors to "The Church at the Show" explaining the Forest Church activities which were available to try and talking to them about Forest Church. ***Pictures on Next Page.***





Ann Williams and Quinn Williams from Acton, together with Revd Christina Westwell from Great Budworth and Antrobus and members of the Forest Church at Great Budworth standing in front of the exhibition.



Bishop Mark Davies (Roman Catholic Bishop of Shrewsbury), Revd Alec Brown (Vicar of Great Budworth & Antrobus) Revd Beverley Jameson (Vicar of Lymm and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer) and Revd Anne Lawson (Chaplain to the Cheshire Agricultural Society) ahead of the Opening Service of the 2023 Royal Cheshire Show.

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## Cross Country Pages

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

this month to

Amber Spencer	Leo Haughan
Benjamin Glover	Maisie Rowland
Cerys Howells	Morgan Standeven
Conor Smith	Pheobe Corley
Emma Parkin	Quinn Williams
Hannah Corley	Scarlett Hyland
Harry Smith	Sienna Hyland

### Other Birthdays

Congratulations to **Pat Stalker** who had her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 31st.  
Best wishes from all your friends in the Cross-Country parishes.

Birthday Greetings to  
**Derek Plumbley**,  
who celebrates a big 'O' this month

### Milford House Farm

At the beginning of July, a wonderful afternoon was spent, wandering in spectacular gardens, orchard and meadows. It was rounded off with delicious cream teas in aid of St. Lukes Hospice. Heather and Chris opened their gardens for St. Lukes & then later in the month for the National Garden Scheme.

The magnificent sum of £490 was raised for the Hospice. Well done to everyone involved - particularly to **Heather & Chris**.

### Charity Table Top Sale

**At Henhull Hall,  
9am until 3pm  
on Saturday, 9th of September.**

Come and support local charities, family fun, games and refreshments on the farm.

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Crewe and Nantwich Weaver Rotary, St Mary's Church Acton, Acton and Reaseheath WI, Acton CE Academy plus others.  
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### Ladies' Lunch

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

By kind invitation of  
**Philip and Joyce Percival at  
Henhull Hall, Welshmans Lane,  
Nantwich.**

**12:30 pm - Cost: £10.00**

For further details contact:  
**Heather 528755, Isobel (624521),  
Ann (528273) or Joyce (624158)**

### Mobile Library

Aug	Aug	Sep	Tuesdays	
8 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	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	Alraham		14:05	14:30
Aug	Aug	Sep	Thursdays	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre	Poole		11:00	11:25
Worleston Station				
Aston Juxta	Mondrum		11:35	11:45
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10
Aug	Aug	Sep	Thursdays	
10 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms	Ravensmoor		10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall	Faddiley		10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm	Gradeley Green		11:05	11:20



## Ladies' Lunch June

The Cross Country Ladies' Lunch met at Glebe House the home of Gerald and Deana Emerton for their first summer lunch party.

Having feasted on a beautiful quiche and salad lunch followed by Eton Mess the ladies were invited to view Deana's wonderful garden. It was a perfect day for wandering around the lovely garden, admiring the roses, clematis and hostas.

**Many thanks to Deana for hosting the lunch.**

It has become a recent tradition to hold the summertime Ladies' Lunch meetings at various gardens around the parishes. Somehow the weather has always enabled us to enjoy the gardens and often eat our lunches outside. Let's hope that it continues for future lunches. In August the ladies will lunch at Henhull Hall, Welshman's Lane, Nantwich. The home of Philip and Joyce Percival.



## Chance Changing Lives

Brenda & Donald Brockbank held a fabulous afternoon tea in support of this organisation, which is based in Crewe. It works with the homeless to offer safe spaces, a chance to get off the streets and access to a range of help including medical, food & clothing.

Assisted by Brenda's friends from Inner Wheel, the wonderful sum of £197 was raised!



## Ladies' Lunch July



**Heather & Chris Pope** hosted a delightful Ladies' Lunch in their garden marquee in July. An array of sandwiches, sausage rolls & cakes followed by tea & coffee set everyone up for a walk around the colourful gardens. We are extremely grateful to them both and to everyone who contributed to a lovely afternoon.





## Modern Martyrs; Esther John

Esther John was born into a Muslim family in British India on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1929, one of seven children. Her original name was Qamar Zia, and she was educated during her childhood in a governmental school. She moved to a Christian school when aged 17 years and was inspired by the faith of some of her teachers. While reading the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of The Book of Isaiah she felt the power of conversion to the Christian faith.



India was partitioned in August 1947 and the family moved into the new state of Pakistan. In Karachi, Qamar met a Christian missionary, called Marian Laugesen, who gave her a New Testament to read. For seven

years she continued to study the Bible and her faith deepened. She started to become afraid of the possibility of an arranged marriage to a Muslim man, so ran away from home and back to Karachi and Marian. Qamar changed her name to Esther John and worked in an orphanage. She remained in touch with her family and their relationship varied from calm and supportive to anxious and difficult. They still wanted her to go home and marry. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 1955 she moved to Sahiwal, in the Punjab, to live and work at a Mission hospital. She stayed with Chandu Ray, the first Anglican Bishop of Karachi, celebrating her first Christmas with him. She wanted to teach and evangelise and entered the United Bible Training Centre in Gujranwala in September 1956. By April 1959 her studies were complete and she moved to Chichawatni to live with a community of American Presbyterian missionaries. Her work involved travelling around villages by bicycle,

evangelising, teaching women to read and supporting them in their work in cotton fields.

Unfortunately, this life was not to last. In mysterious circumstances she was discovered brutally murdered in her bed on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1960. The Christian community buried her at the Christian cemetery in Sahiwal. A memorial was built in front of the hospital where she had worked. The Christian community in Sahiwal remember her with love even today. Another memorial stands to commemorate her life and death, a sculpted image above the door of Westminster Abbey as one of the ten Modern Christian Martyrs representing thousands of others in history.



*Heather Pope*

## Calveley School

Our first priority this month is to say a huge goodbye, well done and thank you to our year 6 leavers. We are so proud of their achievements, resilience and friendships; they are such a mix of wonderful personalities and talents. They celebrated their time at Calveley with a trip to London. It's hard to believe how much they packed in! They visited the London Eye, Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, the Natural History Museum and even found time to cruise the Thames and see the Lion King. In school, they have prepared a production for parents and will be presented with Diary of a Disciple - St. Luke's version from St. David's Wettenhall.

Elsewhere in school all children have been settling into their new classrooms and have met their teachers for September. There have been lots of art activities and team building games. Little Acorns nursery and reception class held a teddy bears' picnic and even made the jam sandwiches themselves. We hope to have made all the new faces feel very welcome, especially the four year olds beginning their school journey in Willow class.

Oak class (years 5 and 6) were thrilled to receive a letter this week from the King and Queen! They had written a letter in celebration of the coronation and received a reply from Buckingham Palace.

We hope the sun shines for a fantastic summer holiday and a well deserved rest all round.







Good  
Luck to  
all this  
year's  
school leavers



## Worleston School

We have had a truly exciting and rather busy month at St Oswald's. At the start of the month, our Key Stage Two children headed off on their fantastic residential to CMC in Wales. The Y3/4s took on wilderness skills, canoeing and rock-climbing whilst the Y5/6s went gorge-walking, kayaking and rock climbing on a larger scale. The children developed fantastic teamwork skills and were able to show just how courageous they are. For some, they were away from home for the first time whilst others were returning. As always, we loved our time away and cannot wait to return to CMC next year.

Since then, we have also undertaken many other projects around the school. One of the most notable projects was designing the school wheelbarrow for the Bridgemere show gardens. Mrs Pink (one of our fantastic teaching assistants) worked alongside children from across the school to create a beautiful piece of floral artwork.

We have loved celebrating all the fun we have been up to this year. We did this through our Star Day assemblies for our parents. We have still got some fantastic events coming up to end the school year from our Year 6 Leavers' trip, Sports' day and the Y1/2 seaside trip. We have once again had another fantastic year. We are sad to be saying goodbye to our Y6 children and some of our fantastic staff but know that they will flourish in their future ventures.

From all at St Oswald's, have a wonderful summer.







Good Luck to all this year's school leavers.





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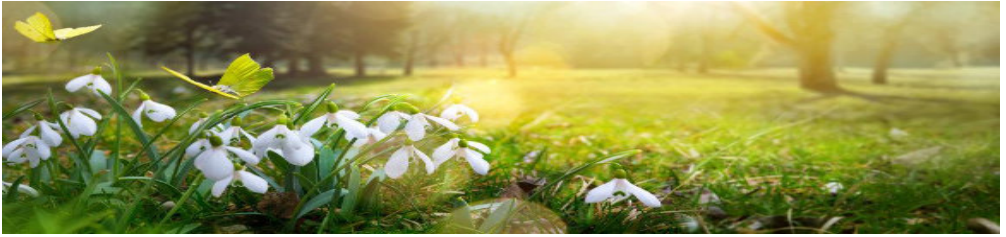
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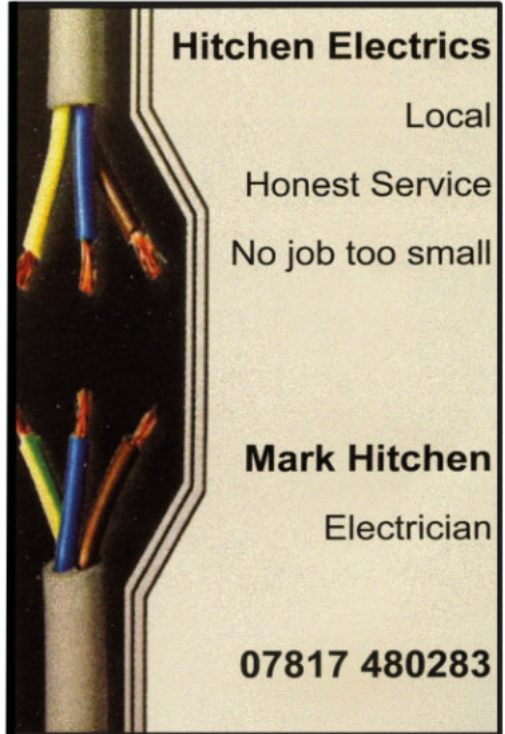
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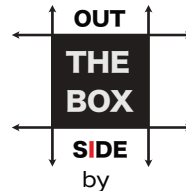
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## Recipe

### Orange Crumb Salmon

Serves 4

#### Ingredients

- 4 Salmon Fillets
- 85 gm (3oz) fresh white breadcrumbs
- 15ml (1tbsp) olive oil
- zest & juice of 1 orange
- 30ml (2tbsps) finely chopped parsley
- 15ml (1tbsp) chopped mint
- salt & pepper

#### Method

- 🥄 Mix together the breadcrumbs, herbs, orange zest & 30ml(2tbsps) of orange juice. Add seasoning.
- 🥄 Lay salmon fillets on lightly greased foil in a roasting tin.
- 🥄 Brush with olive oil & pour over remaining orange juice.
- 🥄 Press the topping mix onto the fillets so that it sticks.
- 🥄 Bake at 160C for about 20 mins until golden.



Enjoy



## St Oswald's Church, Worleston

### Sidespersons

6<sup>th</sup> Aug Mike Alexander

### Flowers

6<sup>th</sup> Aug Mrs S Adams

### Coffee

**Anyone who can help please**

### Cleaning

Aug Mrs I Burnley

Sep Mrs D Darlington

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## Patronal Festival

**Sunday August 6th at 11am**

This will be a united service for all the  
Cross Country churches

We will welcome as our preacher, the  
**Rt Revd Alan Winstanley.**

Bishop Winstanley was at one time  
Bishop of Peru and Bolivia.  
Everyone is very welcome!



## Farewell

We send our congratulations and best wishes to our Archdeacon, the  
**Ven Ian Bishop**, who has been appointed  
Suffragan Bishop of Thetford in the  
diocese of Norwich.

He will be consecrated in Westminster  
Abbey in September and then take up his  
new post.

## Help Wanted

Does anyone out there fancy a little job  
helping to produce this magazine?  
It involves finding and collecting  
information about rotas, baptisms, the  
school etc and sending them, by email, to  
the editor.

Then part of a morning is spent proof  
reading all the contributions.

Please let one of the Wardens know if  
you are interested. Thanks.



## Coffee and Cake

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 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 June and July Meetings

Peter Duncalfe, a Veterinary Practitioner from Nantwich Veterinary Practice attended our June meeting as speaker. He specialises in farm animals, especially problems with feet. He kept the audience enthralled with his stories and pictures of his time visiting farms in the local area. Afterwards the audience asked him a number of questions.

July brought a very different subject with a visit and talk from Claire Woodland of the Victory Belles Women's Institute, West Bromwich. Clare and a few of the members of the Victory Belles attended in their normal attire of 1940's clothing, which was very dramatic and interesting. A number of Worleston WI members also attempted to emulate the 1940's theme with 'Tea Dresses' and 'Land Girls' outfits. Great fun was had by all. Claire spoke on the Wartime WI History and The 1940's, which was very interesting to all members no matter their age. Some members remembered the Second World War era, so it brought back memories of the time. Most were too young to remember the war but it reminded me of stories told to me by my parents.

The July meeting was also a very special meeting for one of our oldest members Pat Stalker, who celebrates her 90th birthday later in the month. Members had

provided a birthday cake and birthday card, for her special day. Pat has been a member of Worleston WI for many years. She has been President, Secretary and served a number of times on the Committee. She always helps out, bringing her knowledge and experience to younger members of Committee. Pat also started the tradition of the New Year Meeting Entertainment, which she has taken part in many times.



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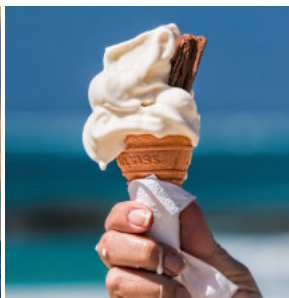


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