St Mary's Acton
St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
October 2026



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

Dear Friends



In Winter's Chill and Summer Heat
... farmers work that we can eat. The endless rain of autumn and winter and the bitter cold and snow of early December have become distant memories in the light of record-breaking blistering heat this summer. As we've sheltered from rain, cold and heat, Farmers have worked through it all, simply so that we can eat.
If you've eaten today, thank a farmer.

That means we should be thanking a farmer at least 365 times a year. If we eat 3 meals a day we need a farmer somewhere in the world 1065 times a year to produce the food we so often eat without a thought.

The record-breaking temperatures of this summer, has made Harvest 2026 perhaps the most challenging yet. It wasn't all bad news. As the old proverb reminds us, a wet May brought forth abundant hay and good weather resulted in the earliest harvest in 20 years. It was also the most variable, with yields varying from field to field, let alone farm to farm and region to region. Farmers had to work through the night because grain was too dry to harvest in the day and cereal yields are generally below average. Livestock were eating the abundant hay in late July and August as grass withered away... but there is a Harvest for which we say:-
Thank you! To farmers and to God

If your potatoes are smaller than usual, your veg is wonky, something you eat regularly is in short supply and bread and other products containing wheat soars in price, please pause to remember that there is food to eat. A farmer has worked hard to produce it and God has faithfully provided us food to eat.

Yours in the Lord of the Harvest,

Canon Anne

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Sunday Services

Acton

4th Oct	11:00 am	Harvest
11th Oct	8:00 am	Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
18th Oct	10:00 am	Messy Church
25th Oct	8:00 am	Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
1st Nov	11:00 am	Communion

Church Minshull

4th Oct	11:00 am	Service of the Word
11th Oct	11:00 am	Cafe Church
18th Oct	11:00 am	Communion
25th Oct	11:00 am	Messy Church
1st Nov	11:00 am	Cafe Church

Worleston

4th Oct		No Service
11th Oct	9:30am	Harvest
18th Oct		No Service
25th Oct	9:30am	Communion
1st Nov		No Service

Wettenhall

4th Oct	11:00 am	Green Cafe Worship
11th Oct	11:00 am	Communion
18th Oct	11:00 am	All Age Service
25th Oct	4:00 pm	Informal Communion
1st Nov	11:00 am	Morning Prayer

Additionally there is Communion Service every Wednesday at Acton Church

St David's Church Wettenhall		Sidespersons	Cleaning and Flowers
4th	Oct	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs M Drinkall and Mrs B Brockbank
11th	Oct	Mrs M Sherry	Mrs A Howard and Family
18th	Nov	Brownies	
25th	Oct	Informal	Mrs M Sherry
1st	Nov	Mr G Tucker	
Find us on the A Church Near You website			

From the Registers

Funeral Service followed by cremation 24th September 2026 Katie Noden
We extend our deepest sympathy to Charles, Jayne and their families and friends at this sad time.

Congratulations

Frazer and Rhiannon Cooke who were married at Acton on 5th September. We wish them every happiness in their married life together (see pages 10 & 11).

Rev. Donald Brockbank who celebrates 45 years of Ministry this year. We held a small party to commemorate this occasion following Donald's service of Holy Communion at St. David's on 13th September. We are well-blessed in having Donald, and Brenda, amongst us and still ministering to us at St. David's.

Winter Service Times

Following various conversations concerning the changing of the clocks this month, the consensus of opinion is to change the Informal Communion Service time from 6.30pm to 4pm for the winter months. This will begin on Sunday 25th October. The safety of our parishioners on the Long Lane during the darkest time of the year is paramount.

Date for your Diary

The next PCC Meeting
Will be held on
4th November
at
7:30 pm
In
St David's Church, Wettenhall

Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on October 1st and November 5th from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.





Congratulations

Darnhall Brownies who celebrate 50 years with a party reunion on October 7th and a special service of Thanksgiving on October 18th at St. David's. It's hard to believe that Ann Hignett has led this pack from the very beginning and continues to do so every Wednesday evening in Darnhall Village Hall. She has been accompanied by many helpers along the way but the formation of this group was her inspiration and throughout these 50 years she has continued to inspire so many young people in our local communities. Congratulations and thank you for everything you do Ann!

Brownies

Calling all First Darnhall Brownies - Past and Present!

On Sunday 18th October at 11am we will hold a special All Age Service to commemorate 50 years of the First Darnhall Brownie Pack. If you are, or have ever been, a member of this wonderful pack of Brownies, then we would love to welcome you to this service. Darnhall Brownies have been an integral part of St. David's Church Family since their inception in October 1976. The girls have played major roles in the past, by acting as sidespeople, being lesson readers, helping with refreshments, taking part in Bible story re-enactments and even cleaning the brasses on occasions! If you have any photographs or any particular memories you would like to share with us then please let us know. There will be an opportunity to celebrate, give thanks and reminisce on 18th October.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Thank You

Peter Williamson has been producing the Parish Magazine for Acton, Worleston and Wettenhall for the last 8 years. The time has now come for Peter to retire after he has produced the October edition. We are extremely grateful to Peter for his work in producing a high quality magazine on time every month over this period.

On Sunday 23 August, Peter and his partner, Annie, attended the United Service at St David's Wettenhall when a presentation was made to Peter and plant was given to Annie.

Thank you, Peter, for all you have done for us.

Canon Anne



Eco Church at St David's

Eco Church at St David's Celebrates Creationtide
Exciting news! We have achieved Silver Award from A Rocha's Eco Church Award Scheme. How did we do it? Read on...
Last Lent, we used a Green Lent prayer cycle, which individuals followed in prayer, but also individual challenges to look at our lifestyle and how we can live in a greener and more just way. We have looked radically at our use of energy, with new electrical's and use of timed and phased use of electricity for our everyday use of energy. We also begun to use more of the areas of the graveyard for more eco friendly approaches, our pond, bug hotel, use of water butt and our practice of not cutting the grass in the whole of the graveyard so closely, while still allowing it to be kept neat and tidy have all helped us to move towards a careful and responsible stewardship of the land we have, the buildings and the way we use them. These changes and lots of other work and worship have brought us over the threshold for Silver Award.
Come to our next Green Café Church on 4th October at 11am. September and October bring Creationtide, for us to celebrate and value Harvest and the gift God gives us in all Creation. On October 4th we will celebrate St Francis, whose whole life was dedicated to the care for all creation, for animals, the Earth, all people in a just and fair way. Our prayer and lively worship will focus on celebration and as usual there will be activities instead of a sermon action, not words! Of course, there will be refreshments to celebrate the work of farmers and workers who put our food before us every day. Come and thank God for his great gift of Creation.
"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St Francis of Assisi

Green Café Worship

When: Sunday 4th October

Time: 11am

Where: St David's Wettenhall

Celebrate Creationtide and the life of St Francis in music, word and action



1st Darnhall Brownies
50th Birthday Party

On Wednesday 7th October 2026,
we are holding a 50th Birthday Party
at Darnhall Village Hall.

Coffee, Tea and Cakes
are available for everyone!

All ex brownies and leaders are welcome from all over the 50 years! And if you have any photos that you could send in this group that would be amazing!

If you would like to come
drop us a message and perhaps a few nice words too!

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Darnhall and Wettenhall WI

September 2026

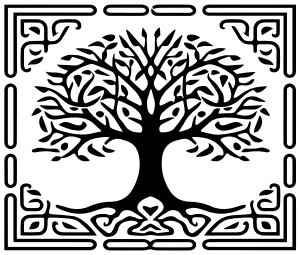
The September meeting was quite different from most other talks in that there was a magician at work! Peter Turner was our speaker, with his background as a close -up magician at weddings, parties, and on cruise ships. He started the talk with an amazing trick using a necklace chain, that somehow looped itself around a wooden ring right in front of the WI members. Other tricks were performed with cards, with Peter rolling up his sleeves to demonstrate that he hadn't hidden the cards in any way. All the way through the talk Peter was explaining the psychology behind being a successful magician, including dealing with difficult customers at weddings or other group events. If you have ever been tempted to carry out the '52 card pick-up' trick on a magician at a wedding, then be aware that you could live to regret your own tricks!! It was a most mystifying evening, very enjoyable, and provoking much discussion after the talk.

All of that was followed by a long list of diary dates to provide entertainment, exercise and friendship as the autumn and winter months proceed. Delicious refreshments and a few business items completed the evening. The next meeting is at Darnhall Village Hall on Tuesday 6th October at 7.00pm.



What is Life

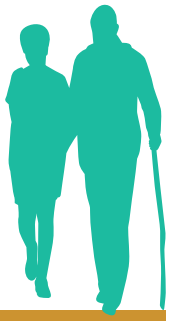
Life is a Challenge	*Meet it*
Life is a Gift	*Accept it*
Life is an Adventure	*Dare it*
Life is a Sorrow	*Overcome it*
Life is a Tragedy	*Face it*
Life is a Duty	*Perform it*
Life is a Game	*Play it*
Life is a Mystery	*Unfold it*
Life is a Song	*Sing it*
Life is an Opportunity	*Take it*
Life is a Journey	*Complete it*
Life is a Promise	*Fulfil it*
Life is a Beauty	*Praise it*
Life is a Struggle	*Fight it*
Life is a Goal	*Achieve it*
Life is a Puzzle	*Solve it*
Life is a Love	*Love it*



St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons	
4th Oct	Gill Evans and Philip Percival
11th Oct	Miriam Harvey and Steve Davies
18th Oct	Tracey and Peter Foster
25th Oct	Lesley and Peter Latronico
1st Nov	Sandra and Mike Houlston
Visit: www.stmarysacton.org	

Tea at the Tower and Guided Walks

The next walks are:
Next walks are 4th October and 1st November.
Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.
On the above date there are guided walks 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.



From the Registers

Baptisms
9th August 2026
Maeve Catharine Campbell
16th August
Arthur Alexander Wooton

Wedding
5th September 2026 **Frazer Edward Cooke & Rhiannon Ogden-Jones**
Photo on page 9

Wishing them every happiness for their married life together

Burial of Ashes
19th August 2026
Helen and Warwick Ross Davenport
Funeral
11th September 2026
Denise Marian Barratt (Aged 65) including Burial of Ashes of her late Husband Paul Andrew Barratt

Movie Nights

The village movie nights are a great opportunity to meet up with local friends and neighbours and to enjoy some excellent films. The Movie nights are hosted at Acton Parish Hall, where doors open at 7:00 pm and the film starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets £5 per person. Bar and refreshments are available. No pre-bookings - entrance on a first come first served basis only (so arrive early to avoid disappointment). Parking available on the village car park.

Funds raised go towards restoration of St Mary's Church tower and Acton Parish Hall.

Date: Friday October 16th ***The Old Man and the Gun 2018***: Certificate 12
Starring Robert Redford

Further information from: clairelewisjones@btinternet.com

All titles are subject to change. We have an email list and WhatsApp group for all Acton events including Movie Nights. If you wish to be included, please text your email and/or number to Claire Lewis-Jones (m) 07525054946

Thank You

Carole and Julie would like to thank everyone for their kindness following the loss of their mum, Zoe Sutton, and for joining them at her funeral. Thank you also for the donations received for Acton Church. Many thanks.

Bell-Ringing



Bell-ringing is an important part of the church and if you're interested is learning to ring, young or old, why not pop up the belfry on a Tuesday evening between 8 and 9 and watch us ring and maybe even have a try yourself !!
Please contact Carole on 07824 750307.



Frazer Edward Cooke and
Rhiannon Ogden-Jones

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Hollywood magic comes to Acton

Acton Operatic Society brought Hollywood glamour to St Mary's Church on Saturday 5th September with its spectacular 'Hooray for Hollywood' fundraising concert.

Performers delighted audiences with an entertaining mix of solos, duets and ensemble numbers spanning stage and screen classics, from Grease and Casablanca to The Sound of Music, West Side Story and The Greatest Showman. Highlights included powerful performances of Don't Rain on My Parade, Moon River, Pretty Woman and Tonight, before the full ensemble delivered a rousing finale with From Now On.

The concert, compiled by Rachel Willis with arrangements by Adam Whitehead, was enhanced by atmospheric lighting and included refreshments and a prize raffle.

The event was professionally filmed in 4K by 21-year-old Jessica Davidson of Light Larkspur productions.

Proceeds will be shared between St Mary's Acton and Acton Operatic Society, supporting church maintenance and the Society's future productions.











HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Antonia Adlington	Thomas Ablard
Freya Howells	Reuben Spencer
Oliver Latham	Stanley Alexander
Olivia Palin	

Special Birthdays

Belated congratulations to Pam Parton who celebrated a special birthday in September.

Don't Forget



The clocks go back 1 hour
at 2am
On Sunday 25th October 2026

On a lighter note

A Mormon acquaintance once pushed Mark Twain into an argument on the issue of polygamy. After long and tedious expositions justifying the practice, the Mormon demanded that Twain cite any passage of scripture expressly forbidding polygamy. "Nothing easier," Twain replied, "No man can serve two masters."

Ladies Lunch

Thursday 13th October
Tollemache Arms
Alpraham
At
12:30 pm
£13.00
All Welcome
077033292900
For further details contact:
Joyce Percival 01270 691315,
Heather (07887 760930), Isobel
(624521), or Ann (528273)

Mobile Library

Oct	Oct	Nov	Tuesdays	
6th	27th	17th	Are	Dep
Badger Church Minshull			10:20	10:45
Home Farm Park South Lea Green			11:10	11:20
Home Farm Park North Lea Green			11:30	11:50
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20
Station Rd Calveley			13:35	13:55
Tollemache Arms Alpraham			14:05	14:30

Oct	Oct	Nov	Thursdays	
1st	22nd	12th	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

`Oct	Oct	Nov	Thursdays	
8th	29th	19th	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor			10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green			11:05	11:20

Archbishops Of Canterbury: Matthew Parker

Matthew Parker [1504- 1575]
Matthew Parker was born in Norwich, Norfolk, to a wealthy worsted weaver family, with close connections to the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was educated at home until the age of 16, when he went to Ben't'sCollege Cambridge. He soon became the Bible Clerk there and was appointed a Fellow, enabling him to live in the College. He read the works of the German preacher Martin Luther and writings of married European clergy, leading him to publicly support marriage for priests. In 1525 he achieved his B.A. and was ordained as a deacon, and then priest, in 1527. Parker was prepared to support heretics to the Catholic faith, and in 1531 a cleric called Thomas Bilney was charged with heresy and burnt at the stake. Parker spoke up for him following the execution. Thomas Wolsey had formed Cardinal College, Oxford, in 1525, while in favour with Henry VIII. He invited Thomas Cranmer and Matthew Parker to join him, but both refused. When Wolsey fell out of favour with the King in 1529 the College was abandoned. [To be completed by Henry VIII and opened as Corpus Christi in 1546.]
By 1533 Parker was licensed to preach and was popular in Cambridge. He was made Chaplain to Queen Anne Boleyn and was appointed dean of the college at Stoker-By-Clare in Suffolk, remaining in that post until 1547. At the college he increased regular preaching, brought in scholars from Cambridge and improved pastoral care of the choristers, opening a free grammar school for local boys. Its excellent reputation saved it from the King's dissolution of the monasteries. When Queen Anne Boleyn was charged with treason she appointed Parker as a guardian to her daughter Elizabeth, a role he honoured all of his life. However, this did not prevent Henry VIII from making Parker his own chaplain in 1537. Henry also arranged Parker's election to the role of Master of the new Corpus Christi college in 1544. So well did he manage the finances that the college was able to build improved master's lodgings, new halls and student accommodation. He is considered to be the second founder of the College. In 1545 Parker was elected Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University and was able to write a report two years later which saved the university from closure when the new King Edward VI came to the throne. The new King dissolved the Stoke deanery, but also allowed Parker to marry before the necessary legislation went through Parliament. He and his wife Margaret had two sons who reached adulthood. As the Protestant faith rose in England, Parker rose with it, achieving a promotion to the wealthy deanery of Lincoln. The promotion was soon followed by demotion when the young King died and his Catholic sister Mary I came to the throne. Parker was able to avoid going into exile until Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne, and remembered her faithful guardian by appointing him the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1559, despite her strong objection to married clergy. It was not a comfortable role for Parker, he did not agree with the wider public being involved with the development of the Protestant Church, believing it was for the clergy and church leaders to direct significant changes. He died in 1575, still surrounded by political and clerical arguments around the new faith, being buried at Lambeth Palace. His name lives on in Matthew Parker Street near Westminster Abbey.

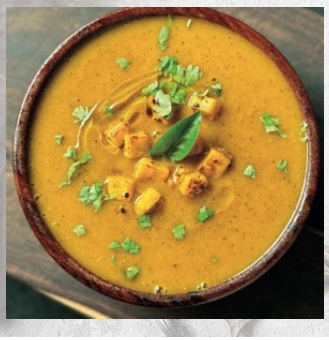
Heather Pope

Recipe

Souper Trouper Spicy Swede Soup
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 x medium Swede, peeled and roughly diced (feel free to substitute any other root vegetable)
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil - or butter if preferred, or both - why not?
- 2 heaped teaspoons of curry powder (mild/medium/hot - your preference)
- Salt. Pepper, Parsley (fresh or dried)
- 1 litre vegetable stock (fresh or from cubes)



Method

1. In a medium, non-stick pan, add oil, heat and add veg and saute for 5- 10 minutes
2. Add curry powder, coat veg to allow flavours to bloom, saute for a further 5 minutes
3. Add vegetable stock, bring to a slow boil and then lower heat, simmer gently for 20-25 minutes until veg is softened
4. Remove from heat.
5. Carefully add veg and liquid to liquidiser and process until it is as smooth or as rustic as you like it - or if you have a hand blitzer, blitz in the pan
6. Add salt and pepper to taste
7. Garnish with parsley, perhaps add a swirl of cream or crème fraiche and enjoy
8. (Generally serves four good-sized portions)

Enjoy

And There was Cake

Thank you to Canon Anne and Ann Nicholas for inviting Annie and Myself to the United Communion Service at St David's Church, Wettenhall on the 23rd August 2026 to mark my retirement from producing this magazine. Following the service Annie was presented with a plant, a lovely Orchid in a Glass and I received a generous gift voucher.

Thank you to the congregation that day for a lovely warm welcome and of course with it being Wettenhall ..... There was coffee and cake!

All this was a lovely gesture of gratitude but the production of the magazine is not all down to me and I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the last eight years. The magazine representatives who collect the information from the creators of the articles, the Proof-readers, those who distribute the magazines either in central locations or door to door, the advertisers who make it possible to create the free magazines for you. Lastly you yourselves who read the magazine.

I wish you all well for the future.

Thank you all Peter






NATIONAL HARVEST

St Mary's Church Nantwich



The National Harvest is run by Love British Food. Each year the National Harvest takes place in a different place. Last year it was Westminster, this year, the celebration of food and farming will take place in Nantwich.

ST MARYS NANTWICH

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Sunday 11 October

10.00 am - 2.30pm Farm-to-Fork activities & demonstrations around Churchyard Side

3pm National Harvest Celebration led by Rt Revd. Mark Tanner, Bishop of Chester

St Mary's Church Nantwich

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

WHAT CAN GO IN MY SHOEBOX?
Please choose a selection of items from those suggested below (more ideas are available on our website) but please do not include anything from the 'NO' list.
Items should be new, however pre-loved items in good condition are acceptable.
For boys or girls:Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap & face cloth, stationery & paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date from June), a photo and message from yourself.
The Home box:
Candles, cooking utensils, plastic containers, t-towels, washing up cloths, hairbrush, small toiletries, bowls & cups, small decoration, soap, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks and underwear, jewellery, new makeup.

NO:
Food (only exception is sweets),
medicines, military themed items,
anything highly flammable, sharp items,
novels. No sanitary items in shoeboxes
although they can be sent out separately.
Looking for more ideas?

Finding all the bits to fill a shoebox is no small task these days so I wondered If you would like to support a joint shoebox (or 2). We could collect the bits together and give our offering from the 3 churches rather than from an individual. I will get some shoe boxes to put at the back of each church and if you have something suitable, pop it in. I'll sort things into age appropriate groups and get them to St Mary's. If you haven't got anything to put in the box but would like to help, a donation of £3.50 is asked for per box so a monetary donation would be gratefully received.



The Tale of a Shoebox

Last year was really exciting. It all began when I arrived in the Clark's shoe shop in Nantwich complete with a new pair of shoes inside. They were very nice shoes, and I was not at all surprised when the little girl chose them. I was a bit disappointed that she only wanted the shoes, and that I was left behind. But then a strange thing happened. A lady came into the shop who didn't want shoes, she only wanted empty boxes, and apparently I was just the right size, so off I went home with her.

I was even more surprised when the lady started to cover me in Christmas wrapping paper. But that was not nearly so odd as what she put inside me. In went a cuddly toy, a note book and pencil case, toothbrush and paste, soap and flannel. Then came a lovely warm hat, scarf and a pair of mittens. There was still room for a skipping rope and a pack of snap cards and then a really pretty necklace and bracelet, hair brush, some shampoo and hair clips. I was really full by this time, but there was more! Sweets! Then on the top went a little card with Happy Christmas written on it. My lid only just closed, but it stayed firmly shut with the elastic band that went right round me. You may wonder what all this was for, but all was revealed when I was taken into St Mary's Church, Nantwich and piled up beside many more jolly shoeboxes.

A large van took us to Wrexham where we were checked over and transported by lorry all the way to a country called Bosnia and then to a rather run down building which turned out to be a school. I was going to be a Christmas present for a little girl who otherwise wouldn't have received one. Imagine how happy I felt when I was handed over to her and saw her face when she opened me up to see all the little gifts. I couldn't help but think it was a very good job that the young girl in Clarks didn't want me after all. She may have just thrown me away!

The 2026 Appeal, Nantwich October 30 - November 12

These Shoeboxes have the power to turn children's lives right around by the message they carry that they are both worthwhile and loveable. They are well named as Love in a Box. We really can change lives, one box at a time. At St Mary's Nantwich we will be collecting the boxes from Friday October 30 to Thursday November 12. Will you help spread the love this year?

For more information visit www.teams4u.com

Thanks to Jill Warrener, St James', Meltham for the inspiration for the article.

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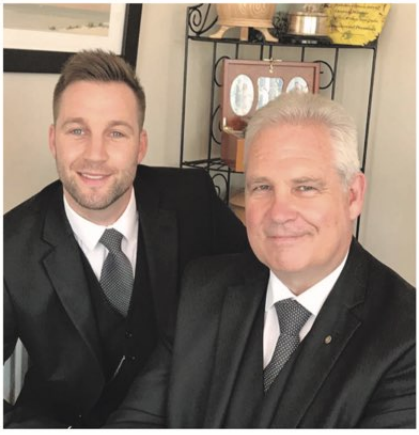
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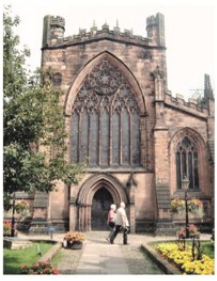
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St Oswald's Church, Worleston		
Sidespersons		**Coffee**
11th Oct	Diane Darlington	Diane Darlington
25th Oct	Alison Stokes	Marilyn Booth
Flowers		**Cleaning**
11th Oct	Sue Adams	
25th Oct	Alison Stokes	Please see note below
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From the Register

Wedding
27th August 2026 Andrew William Walker and Sarah Anne Jones photo on Page 19
Wishing them every happiness for their future married life together

Funeral
1st September 2026 Kathleen Alexander Aged 87

With Deepest Sympathy to all who mourn.

Condolences

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Stuart Ward.
We send our condolences to Ann and all her family and assure them of our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Thanks

Mike Alexander and his family would like to thank everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown to them after their recent bereavement. They would also like to thank those who contributed to the very generous collection which was given in Kath's memory and donated to St Oswald's Church.

Cleaning Note

All that is required is that those who come to services give a quick vac of the carpet and porch but only if it is needed. The rest has been attended to, as age has caught up with the cleaning volunteers!

Coffee and Cake

Saturday 3rd October 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.





Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Dan, Adam and Arran from the Royal Oak in Worleston. They completed the National Three Peaks Challenge and raised over £8,000 for the Joshua Tree charity in September. They began with Ben Nevis, then Scafell Pike and finally Snowdon. They completed all three mountains, and the travelling between them, in 23 hours 28 minutes. An amazing achievement for an incredible local charity. Well done to them and to all who supported them .



Andrew Walker and Sarah Jones



Calveley School

The new term has begun with happy faces, fresh energy and a real sense of pride across Calveley. Pupils have settled beautifully into their new classrooms, enjoyed exploring our improved surroundings, and are already getting to know their new teachers. The school feels bright, calm and purposeful — a lovely atmosphere to begin the year.

We were also thrilled to open our brand-new Little Library at Calveley and Alpraham Village Day. It was fantastic to see families, pupils and members of the wider community exploring the books and sharing in the excitement. The Little Library is a project we are incredibly proud of — a celebration of community spirit and a reflection of our commitment to reading for pleasure. We hope it becomes a much-loved part of village life and inspires children to read widely, joyfully and often. You can find in the village hall.

This week, we also wanted to share a message from Stephen Docking OBE, CEO of North West Academies Trust, celebrating the incredible progress Calveley has made over the past three years:

“I am incredibly proud of both the physical and educational changes that have taken place at Calveley since it became part of the Trust. Over £5 million of investment has transformed the school — from a ground source heat pump and flood-resilience work to a stunning new roof and expanded nursery provision. What amazes me most is that, throughout all this disruption, the team have doubled pupil numbers, achieved two positive Ofsted visits and finished the year with the highest SATs results in our Trust. This doesn’t happen by chance — it happens because everyone works incredibly hard and never loses sight of the fact that children are at the heart of a great school.”

As the final touches to the building work are completed — including new playground markings and the last elements of the roof — we look forward to a year filled with learning, growth and community spirit. Whether you are joining Calveley for the first time or have been with us for years, thank you for being part of our wonderful school community.

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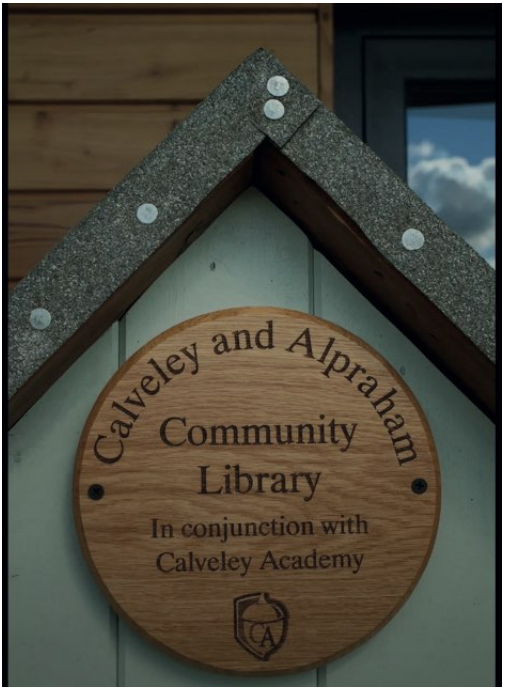
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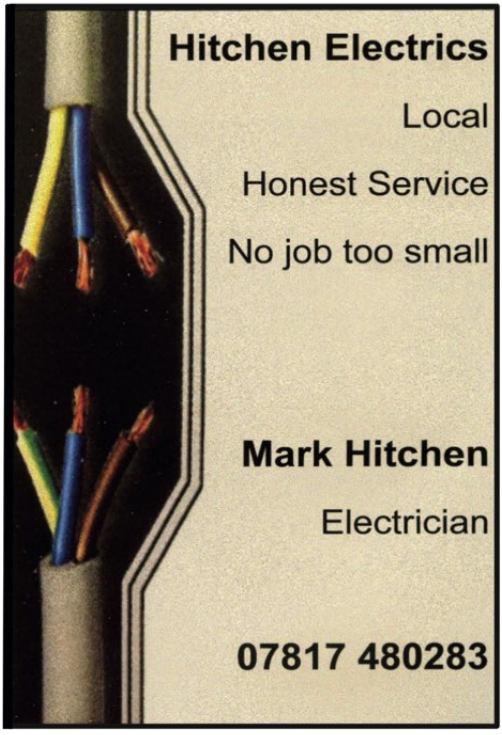
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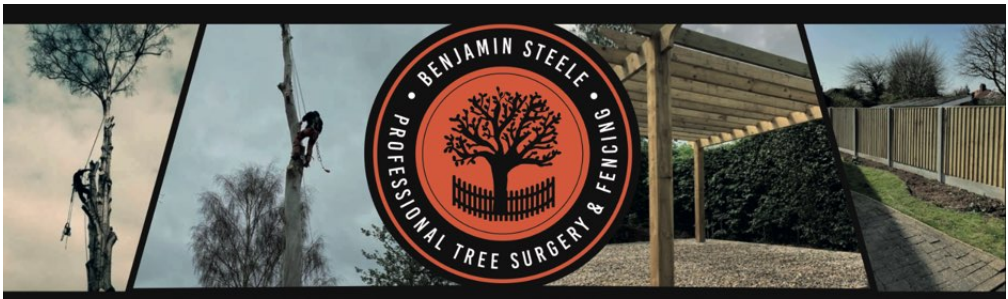


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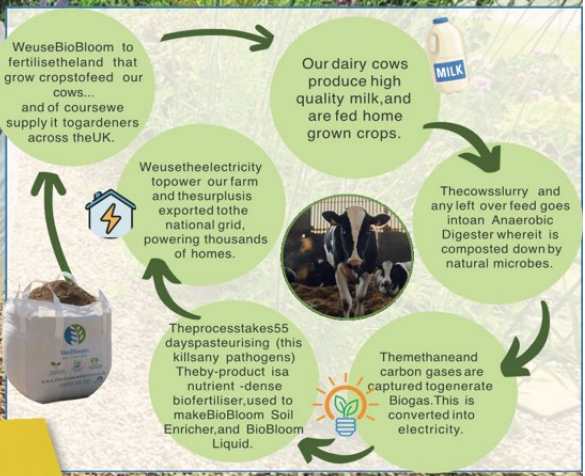
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