

St Mary's Acton
St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
May 2024



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

Dear Friends

Ne'er cast a clout til May is out.'



That expression is often contested by those who say it should be 'may' and that the word refers to the white flowers of may blossom in the hedgerows. 'Perhaps it's both' say the peacemakers among us.

We often seem to muddle along with our use of language. Apart from the may/May example, during this month there is another one. No doubt when the Spring Bank Holiday comes people will still refer to it as Whitsun, or the Whit Holiday. Whitsun and a bank holiday used to go together, but not any more, so perhaps this mistake is only made by 'people of a certain age'!

During this month we celebrate the ending, the rounding up of Jesus time on earth. First, on 9th May, we celebrate on Ascension Day that Jesus finally left his disciples . However, he did not leave them alone and bereft. He had told them that they were to spread the good news of his kingdom and that help would come in the form of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that on Whit Sunday, or Pentecost (May 19th) as it is more usually called now. The disciples discovered, and we can too, that the Holy Spirit can be our constant helper, friend and guide.

Those disciples began a life full of challenges and uncertainties. We do too. A year ago, we celebrated the Coronation . Now the king is out of action through illness. We hoped that the war in Ukraine would be over, but it's not, and now we have an even more vicious war going on in Gaza. Many still struggle with the cost of living. We all have our own struggles and concerns.

However, like those first disciples and countless others since, we can discover that 'nothing can separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.' What more could we ask!

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 5th May 11:00 am Rogation at Henhull Hall, Welshman's Lane
- 12th May 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 19th May 10:00 am Messy Church, 6:30 pm Christ in Quiet
- 26th May 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 2nd Jun 11:00 am Confirmation at Church Minshull

Church Minshull

- 5th May 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 12th May 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 19th May 11:00 am Communion
- 26th May 11:00 am Messy Church
- 2nd Jun 11:00 am Confirmation

Worleston

- 5th May No Service
- 12th May 9:30 am Communion
- 19th May No Service
- 26th May 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 2nd Jun 11:00 am Confirmation at Church Minshull

Wettenhall

- 5th May 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 12th May 11:00 am Communion
- 19th May 11:00 am All Age
- 26th May 6:30 pm Communion
- 2nd Jun 11:00 am Confirmation at Church Minshull

St David's Church Wettenhall

Sidespersons

Cleaning and Flowers

5 th	May	Mrs M Sherry	Mrs A Nicholas
12 th	May	Mr G Tucker	
19 th	May	Brownies	Mrs A Brooks
26 th	May	Informal	
2 nd	Jun	United at Church Minshull	Mrs A Hignett and Mrs A Hancock

Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk

Congratulations

To **Jennie & Tom Hassall** on the birth of their baby son **Arthur Alan** who was born on 17th March. He is a second grandson for **Gail and Stuart Ward**. We are sure big brother **James** is thrilled!

Sadly, **condolences** are also extended to the family as Stuart's mother died on 27th March. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this time.



Mothering Sunday

A huge thank you to **Mary Drinkall** for the beautiful posies of flowers distributed to everyone in church on Mothering Sunday. They brightened up a very special day.

Picture Below



Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on
2nd May and 6th June
from 10-12 noon in Church.
Everyone is very welcome to pop in for a little or as long as they wish.



Easter Celebrations

'Do this in Remembrance of Me' - the familiar words of the Last Supper were re-enacted during our Maundy Thursday Service when the parishes joined together over a delicious meal. **Rev. Anne** reminded us of some of the people Jesus met in his short ministry and lit a candle for each one of them. At the end of the meal the candles were extinguished and we left the church in silence and darkness as we prepared for Good Friday.

The following morning, we gathered around the cross to hear the dramatic readings of the crucifixion. Each part was illustrated by an item to remind us of the enormous sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf.

On Easter Sunday morning we were ready to celebrate the wonderful resurrection with a joyful Holy Communion service and a beautifully decorated church filled with daffodils, sunshine and Easter Eggs!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in so many different ways over the Easter weekend. Thank you to those who supplied and prepared the food; to those who decorated the church; and to **Audrey** for her annual donation of Easter Eggs on Easter morning.



*Maundy
Supper*

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

The Annual Meeting followed by a PCC meeting will be held on Monday 20th May at 7.30 pm. There is a warm welcome for all those on the Church Electoral Roll to attend the annual meeting.

Cholmondeston & Wettenhall Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held in St. David's Church on 22nd May at 7.30pm

Darnhall Brownies

Darnhall Brownies spent an evening relaxing as they learnt about Mindfulness and Meditation. The following week was much busier as they enjoyed making some beautiful Easter Baskets



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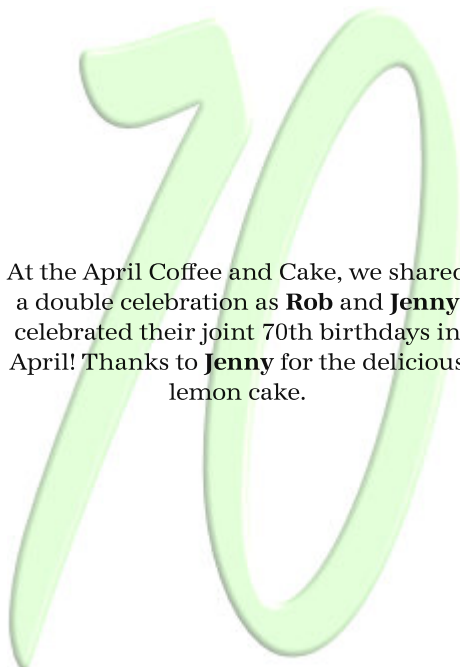
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April Coffee and Cake



At the April Coffee and Cake, we shared a double celebration as **Rob** and **Jenny** celebrated their joint 70th birthdays in April! Thanks to **Jenny** for the delicious lemon cake.



Darnhall And Wettenhall WI

Darnhall and Wettenhall WI April 2024 Meeting

The April meeting this year was not one for those people who try to hide their talents or personality from their friends and present a different face to the World.! Why was this? Well, we had a revealing talk from a graphologist called Susan Ord. Graphology is the study of handwriting to reveal the talents, personality, and hidden traits [such as shyness] of any person. We started the talk with some examples of pieces of handwriting which were displayed on a screen. As a group we were invited to guess the age, sex, and education of the person, alongside their personality traits. We had to say what it was about the style of writing which gave us these particular thoughts. One anonymous author was described as having too much to say for herself and to be quite young, compared to another script which was thought to be from a shy older man. In fact, the authors were both males, aged 17 years. So, we were all caught out by the differences in their writing. We were instructed to write a simple sentence 'the big brown fox jumped' and then repeat the same phrase in larger writing and then smaller writing. Susan then looked at a few samples of our writing and then, kindly, gave a few hints about what was revealed. It takes three years of study to be a graphologist, so it's not too surprising that our interpretations were incorrect for some of the examples shown on the screen. The evening was completed by a competition for a beautiful pen. Let's hope that the pens displayed helped the owners to write equally beautifully on their sheets of paper.

The next meeting is at Darnhall Village Hall 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th May

Eco Church News- blessings and toilets!

Our next Eco inspired service is our Rogation Service which will be at Milford House Farm, Wetenhall, CW7 4DN in Heather and Chris's garden. The service reminds us that Rogation was once a time to check the boundaries of the parish. At that time we would have walked to see the whole of our parish, named as "beating the bounds". On Sunday 28th April, at 6.30pm, we will gather to worship outside to spend time thinking and praying for the natural world that God gives us, its footpaths, fields, farms, houses, crops, livestock, all wild creatures and its people. There will be readings to focus on the great gifts God gives us. We will ask for blessings on all aspects of our lives and work in our patch of God's good land. There will be a minimum of walking, but sensible shoes and a good coat may be needed, if April still brings its showers. There will be refreshments afterwards - of course, so come and enjoy food for the soul and for the body.

Toilet Twinning

At our last PCC, St David's decided to turn our attention to global eco themes. £60 will provide a toilet for a community that doesn't have any form of sanitation. Toilet Twinning provides funds to provide water, sanitation and workshops about hygiene. It is a transformative project that not only provides the toilet but brings with it



dignity and self-respect, better use of land and water resources and healthier societies. 11 countries are in the scheme, from Cote d'Ivoire to Zimbabwe, from Kenya to Malawi, Mozambique to Rwanda. At St David's we will twin our church toilet and go on to twin more, but we would like to also challenge everyone in the Cross-Country parishes to donate to our GREAT BIG TOILET FUND to see how many toilets we could establish in villages across Africa. Could you give £5 to help a village, a school or a marketplace have a toilet for all to use? Contact Ann Lawson, Brenda Brockbank or one of the St David's

Churchwardens, or give to the GREAT BIG TOILET FUND at one of our United Services in the coming months.



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Free event - all welcome

"We will remember them"



Worlestone Music School

Student Spotlight!

Hi, My name is Leyla and I have been playing violin with Mr. Bassey for about two years.

I already played for a few years before going to Worlestone Music School, and Mr Bassey has taught me lots of different violin positions and violin techniques.

I am now working toward my ABRSM grade 5 theory and Grade 5 practical violin exams, which I can take at Worlestone Music School on a Private ABRSM visit - the examiner comes to me in a room that I know, so exams are less stressful!



I also play in the Worlestone Community Orchestra on Friday evenings, where we are learning Schubert's 5th Symphony and I really love it.



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Worlestone Community Orchestra is open to all grade 3 and above orchestral players and meets at Worlestone Village Hall Fridays 7pm during term time. Please contact Andrew if you would like more information and join the fun. 079 857 820 85 WmusicS.com

St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

5 th May	Susan and Charles Hull
12 th May	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull
19 th May	Tracey and Peter Foster
26 th May	Lewis-Jones Family
2 nd Jun	Confirmation at Church Minshull
Visit: www.stmarysacton.org	

Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

12th May 2024

9th June 2024

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.



Rogation Sunday Service

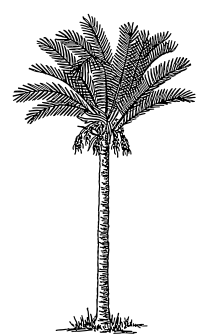
Philip and Joyce Percival invite you to join them at HENHULL HALL, Welshman's Lane, Nantwich, on **Sunday 5th May, 2024 at 11.00 am** to celebrate Rogation and 100 years of their family's farming activities at Henhull. **Everyone welcome.**

Messy Church

March: Telling the Easter story

Hosannas rang loud and clear as Jesus arrived in Jerusalem with in our case Wilbur, a lovely miniature donkey brought along for the occasion by Daniel and Sarah. He wasn't upset by the waving palms but preferred to stay outside! There was a chance to meet Wilbur properly then the action moved to the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus' enemies (a very noisy crowd waving swords and sticks!) came to arrest him while his friends did their best to defend him. Jesus opened his arms on the cross to draw people together and so we did, holding hands across the aisle as we prayed that we too might stretch out our hands to share his peace with everyone. We tore crosses for our prayers, designed Easter garden biscuits and joined together to make a large Easter garden to keep in Church. Peter's group had a more detailed look at the story.

Pictures Opposite



St. Mary's Nantwich Breakfasts

St. Mary's Nantwich holds monthly breakfast meetings at Nantwich Football Club on a Saturday morning, 08:30 – 09:30, at a cost of £10.95 to include a speaker (about 20 minutes and questions). Rev Mark commented, "We get about 20 to 25 people but there's room for more. We wondered if St. Mary's Acton would like to join us in this? The breakfast is held in your parish, and it's "St Mary's"!"

Participants need to book, by contacting St. Mary's Nantwich Parish Office by phone (01270 625268) and speak to Gail or by email: office@stmarysnantwich.org.uk (putting 'Breakfast' in the heading) by the Wednesday before the Saturday breakfast.

Alternatively, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of St. Mary's Nantwich Church. You pay cash on the door. As breakfast numbers are confirmed on Wednesdays, those booked then do have to pay.

The next breakfast is on Saturday 18 May. The speaker is Christopher Findlay, a choir member at St. Mary's Nantwich. The topic will be: "Mission, vocation and the field hospital of the church" (This is inspired by the works of Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, John Wimber and Alan Guile.)

Christopher explained, "In St Mary's I'm involved in mission support (I support Elisabeth who serves in Mission Support) and the choir. Elisabeth and I met at a Christian Medical Conference in Davos in Switzerland in 1978 where Paul Tournier taught on the Medicine of the Person. My professional interest is trauma psychotherapy, psychiatry and medicine. I have been a Director of Medical Education, trained psychiatrists and GPs and taught clergy and members of the Church Missionary Society in principles of pastoral care, resilience and healing. My current focus is on Mission and the Christian Ministries or Healing and Deliverance. In a world of censorship, diversity, equality and inclusion and safeguarding how do we respond to The Lord Jesus Christ and "the scandal of particularity"?"

The dates for the rest of the year are: 15 June, 21 September, 19 October and 16 November.

St. Mary's Nantwich looks forward to welcoming you.

Ascension Day Thursday 9 May 2024

Meet at Acton Church at 6.30 pm to walk across Dorfold Park (accessible, hard surface track, which can be accessed by car), stopping for a Bible Reading and hymns.

Return to church for a fish & chip supper at around 7.15 pm

End the evening with a simple informal Communion

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St Mary's Church, Acton has kindly offered to host an evening of musical entertainment in aid of the charity Mary's Meals on 25th May 2024, at 7.00pm. The Concert Tickets are £10 and available from Stephan Davies 07731800663 and also at 'Tea at the Tower' Acton Church, every Sunday afternoon between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

For those who are not familiar with the charity:

Mary's Meals currently feeds over 2.4 million children each school day and operates in some of the poorest countries around the world.

Just £19.15 enables Mary's Meals to feed a child with a nutritious meal each school day for a whole school year! This life-changing meal encourages hungry children into school, where they can have the energy to learn and hopefully gain an opportunity to escape from a life of poverty.

Community engagement is the key to success. Local volunteers give generously of their time to prepare, cook and serve the food, much of which is grown locally, thereby also supporting small farmers within these communities.

To find out more about this valuable and effective work, please visit:

www.marysmeals.org.uk



We hope you will join us to help reach the next hungry child!

Acton Church Concert in Support of Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals Musicians will be performing a stunning mix of both traditional and modern music at St. Mary's Church, Acton

**Saturday 25th May 2024 @ 7pm
Tickets £10 – Available from Stephan Davies (07731800663)
or Tea at The Tower every Sunday afternoon**

Mary's Meals: Serving life-changing school meals to some of the world's poorest children.

Nantwich 10K Road Race

Over a thousand people take part in Nantwich 10K road race.

The 3rd annual 'Nantwich 10k' road race took place on the morning of Sunday 17th March 2024 and was organised by RunThrough (<https://www.runthrough.co.uk>).

The event was kindly sponsored by local solicitors, Hall Smith Whittingham LLP.

The race took the more than 1,200 participants on a 10k (6.2 miles) loop on closed roads, starting and finishing close to Nantwich town square. The route passed St Mary's Acton on Monks Lane twice - on the outward leg and on the return enroute back to Nantwich.

The Wheelchair Race was won by Josh Hickinbottom (Coventry Godiva Harriers) in 33:19; first Male was Joseph Carnelley (Keighley and Craven), 31:02; and first Female was Sonia Samuels (Sale), 34:38.

Each finisher received a specially designed medal and a goodie bag. Runners also received a chipped time.



Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, black, white, straight, gay, transitioning, questioning. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome those wearing their 'Sunday best' to those in ripped jeans or shorts.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Alfie Boe or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome the wealthy or those struggling to make ends meet. We welcome you if you're having problems, are feeling low or don't like 'organised' religion.

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to Church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids, need a warm place to sit or got lost looking for the Co-op and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters...

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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Blake Nixon	Olivia Mason
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Henry Barton	Stanley Nicholas
Jack Hopley	Verity Smith
Lily Molyneux	

Thank You

Rev Anne wishes to say 'thank you' to everyone who congratulated her on 10 years as Vicar of the Cross Country Parishes.

Thank you to the Churchwardens and congregation in Acton for the beautiful flowers.

It was much appreciated. It has been, and continues to be, a privilege to share in the life and ministry of these parishes with you.'

Confirmation

Confirmation

A united Confirmation Service with Bishop Sam will take place at 11.00 am on Sunday 2 June (Trinity Sunday) at:
St Bartholomews Church,
Church Minshull.

On a Lighter Note

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says what you always say, 'For heaven's sake, come in or stay out!'"
John 14:6

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday 21st May

**Henhull Hall, Welshman's Lane,
Nantwich**

12:30 pm - Cost: £12.00

For further details contact:

**Heather (528755), Isobel (624521),
Ann (528273) or Joyce (624158)**

Please book with Joyce

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May	May	Jun	Tuesdays	
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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 Alraham			14:05	14:30
May	May	Jun	Thursdays	
2 nd	23 rd	13 th	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
May	May	Jun	Thursdays	
9 th	30 th	20 th	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor			10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green			11:05	11:20

Safeguarding Cross Country Parishes

As the Lead Safeguarding Officer for the Cross Country Parishes, it gives me great pleasure to be able to announce that "NO EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR ISSUES ARE BEING REPORTED OR HAVE BEEN REPORTED THIS PAST YEAR"!

That, my friends, is a great headline reading especially in light of so many unfortunate incidents which have been published recently in the press and on our news channels. The suffering of victims across our nation is never one to be ignored and we can not be complacent. Rather it behoves us as citizens and active members of a Faith Community to be vigilant, compassionate and aware that "There but by the Grace of God go I".

I am encouraged by the commitment, generosity of spirit/Spirit and unselfishness of our friends/colleagues/volunteers in providing the broad opportunities, entertainment and worship-based activities across our shared parishes. It is not easy to be so freely giving to our friends/neighbours and I commend and applaud all of your continued efforts. I regularly receive various appreciative remarks from visitors to our parishes/neighbourhoods regarding the warm welcome, wealth of information and strong sense of bonhomie being shared so generously. Not unlike the experience I have had so often during these past 5 years; Thank you; all!

Safeguarding may seem daunting to some but for me it is a pleasure to play a small part in our parishes' commitment to service and duty to our neighbours. I have been fortunate as a teacher of over 40 years, to have received the education and training that permits me to be competent and confident to act as our Safeguarding Officer. During these past several months, I have had the good fortune to meet with so many of us and extend the necessary and beneficial training either face-face or via on-line support to ensure that all involved experience current and relevant updates/upgrades. It is remarkable to report that we all now have renewed DBS Certificates, training is complete for now and those in need of support/advice have been provided with a compassionate, considered and Christian commitment. Reverend Anne remains a remarkable support vehicle in steering matters in a wholly and Holy direction. I am humbled by her dedication to our parishes and to us all. Surely, it simply leaves me to thank you all wholeheartedly for your continued support and friendship.

Love and Best Wishes,

Tom Doyle



A vicar was stopped by a traffic policeman for speeding. Just as the policeman was about to write the ticket, the vicar said to him in a solemn voice, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." The policeman handed the vicar the ticket and said brightly, "Go thou and sin no more."

John 8:11

Life in a Jar

When things in your life seem too much to cope with, remember the mayonnaise jar... and the beer!

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items in front of him. Wordlessly, he picked up a very large empty mayonnaise jar and filled it with golf balls. He asked the students if it was full. They agreed that it was. The professor poured a box of pebbles into the jar. He shook the jar lightly; the pebbles ran into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They again agreed that it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up the spaces. He asked once more if the jar was full.

The students responded with a unanimous 'yes'. The professor then produced two cans of beer and poured them into the jar. The students laughed.

'Now' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the

important things – your family, your faith, your health, your friends etc – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, then your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else – the small stuff.'

'If you put the sand into the jar first, he continued, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your energy on the small things, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Play with the children; take your partner out to dinner, go to church. There will always be time for D.I.Y. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

When he had finished, there was a profound silence. Then one of the students, with a puzzled expression, enquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled – I'm glad you asked, you see no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers!

The Apostles; Doubting Thomas

Thomas is usually known as 'Doubting Thomas' because he demanded to see the wounds on Jesus' hands and body, inflicted during the crucifixion, before he could believe that Jesus was resurrected. The name Thomas, or Didymus, means 'twin' although he is also known as Judas Thomas in some translations of early documents. Thomas is recorded in John's Gospel as wanting to follow Jesus after the death of Lazarus, although we know little of his life as a disciple while Jesus was preaching. After the crucifixion the disciples dispersed across the Roman Empire to begin their ministry of Jesus as the Risen Lord. Although there is little known about Thomas before this time, he certainly seems to make up for it if his extensive travels are to be believed.

Thomas began to travel widely outside the Roman Empire to spread the message of Jesus. He is recorded as going to India, to areas known now as Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Here there are still communities of Saint Thomas Christians and groups of established churches said to date back to AD 52, when several families were baptised in these regions. From India Thomas moved to Sri Lanka, establishing the Assyrian Church of the East. There are even writings suggesting that he went from India to China and then back again. He then moved to travel along the Malabar Coast, bringing Christianity to existing Jewish communities. His travels are even said to include Indonesia and Paraguay. In Paraguay there are tribes who told priests, visiting in the 1600's, that Thomas the Apostle had lived amongst them, preaching and carry a cross on his back.

Whatever the extent of his travels he was in India, at Mylapore [near Madras], when he was put to death and killed with a spear. The actual date is recorded as either 3rd July or 21st December AD 72.

The site is now known as St. Thomas Mount in Chennai. His body was first interred in Chennai, but it's travels were not yet complete. In AD 232 an Indian King sent the relics from Mylapore to Edessa, in modern day Turkey. A letter written by a pilgrim nun in AD 380 records the church there as beautiful and worthy of God. This shrine was destroyed in a war in 1144. Once again the relics were moved, first to the Greek island of Chios in 1258, and then some moved again to Ortona in Italy. In Ortona the Cathedral of St Thomas the Apostle was erected, protecting the bones during a Saracen looting in 1566 and a Nazi bombing in 1943. The relics remain there now, distributed between the crypt and the altar. However, St Thomas's skull is said to be at the Monastery of St John the Theologian in Patmos, so part of him remained in the Greek Isles. Perhaps his travels are over now, and he can truly rest in peace, having taken the message of Jesus across thousands of miles despite a doubtful start.





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Baked Bananas in the Microwave

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- ▯ 4 bananas
- ▯ Lemon juice
- ▯ 50g/2 oz desiccated coconut
- ▯ 50g/2 oz demerara sugar
- ▯ Pat of butter
- ▯ A little rum (optional)

Method

- ☞ Lay the peeled bananas in a buttered shallow dish.
- ☞ Sprinkle with lemon juice.
- ☞ Mix the coconut and sugar together and sprinkle this over the bananas.
- ☞ Add shavings of butter and a sprinkling of rum if you wish.
- ☞ Cover the dish. Cook on full power for 2 minutes. Rearrange if necessary. Cook for a further 2 minutes, but you may find the bananas are sufficiently cooked after only 2 minutes.
- ☞ Serve with custard, cream or Ice Cream.



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Mothering Sunday

At St Oswald's we had a lovely service and we all were given a primula in a pot. These have now made their way into tubs and gardens round the parish and are flowering beautifully. An added treat was that **Jill Alexander** had baked a Simnel cake especially for us. It was delicious. **Thank you Jill!**

Thank You

Rob Black had to put up with a lot of leg-pulling when he wielded a brush and vacuum cleaner in St Oswald's just before Easter. Everything was perfect **thanks to Rob and the other cleaners.** Our thanks also to the children from St Oswald's school who left us their decorations, and to **Josie Foster** for the lovely flowers. They were given in **Joan Grocott's** memory, so special to all of us.

Coffee and Cake

Saturday 4th May 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.



Double Whammy Concert

A wonderful evening of entertainment was experienced by all at Worleston on Friday evening April 12th, when the Funky Choir performed many popular songs from across the decades at the Double Whammy Concert, raising much needed funds for St Oswald's church and St Luke's Hospice.

Audience participation was encouraged and a marvellous time was had by all.

One audience member said "the singing was very uplifting" and another said how great it was to "bring everyone together".

The organisers would like to thank the local businesses who kindly donated many desirable raffle prizes: Rookery Hall, Royal Oak, Worleston, Minshull's Garden Centre, Grants Butchers at Minshull's, Snugbury's, Mornflake and Marks and Spencer, not forgetting to mention Andrea for the fantastic authentic Italian Hamper.

I would also like to thank our wonderful audience who supported the concert and all the behind the scenes helpers who kindly gave their time and talents to make the concert such a resounding success.

And finally, to the wonderful Funky Choir, led by their MD, Alison Megicks, thank you for the music!

Diane Collins



Funky Choir Concert - Thanks

St Oswald's would like to thank the many people who made the concert a great success: - the Funky Choir for giving their time, Di Collins, Chrissie Black and family, Stephan Davies, Carol Thayer and family, Chris Pope, and all the helpers on the night. It was a wonderful team effort.

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More Thanks

Thanks to the children of St Oswald's School who made some wonderful decorations to show what Easter means to them. The displays have decorated our window sills over the Easter season and have been much admired. Thank you!



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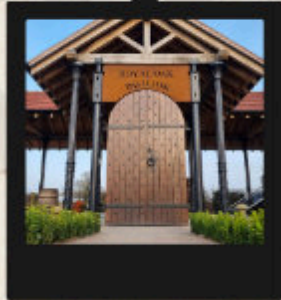


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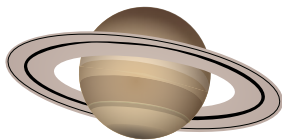
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Science Week at Acton CE Primary Academy

Acton CE Primary Academy enjoyed a fantastic fun filled science week. Thanks to grant funding from the British Science Association the week started with a visit from the Wonderdome - an indoor planetarium that brought space to life for all of the children. This was followed by a number of workshops provided by local Rotary Club funding starting with a Cool Chemistry show for the whole school. The show was full of exciting chemical reactions that kept the children on the edge of their seats. The Key Stage 2 children also enjoyed a workshop all about Rockets and Launching into Space. The children were also very lucky to have a visit from Bentley in the middle of the week. They got to sit in the car and take part in a presentation about the engineering of the vehicles. The week was also filled with science activities on this year's theme of 'Time' as part of a CREST Investigators Science Award that the children are working towards. The children had a fantastic time and are very grateful for all the donations of time and money that helped to bring the subject to life for them.



Calveley School

It's been a busy month from rock and roll, to cookery lessons to exploring Delamere forest! Children were thrilled to welcome Rock Kidz into school. Rock Kidz provided a fun day of singing, dancing and music to enhance children's well-being and self-esteem. Oak class made tapas while Beech class treated themselves to rainbow sandwiches. Willow and Beech class enjoyed exploring Delamere and learning to use a compass.

Year 1 and 2 were very proud to get a silver medal at their football tournament at Tarporley High school while reception children attended a non-competitive football event and had a great time.

Parents were invited into school to the inaugural Calveley Art Exhibition. Oak class children served canapes and drinks whilst showing off a piece of art by every child in the school. The art had been done under the guidance of local artist, Rory McCann, earlier this month when he came into school to deliver workshops.





St Oswald's School, Worleston

St Oswald's Primary School have been promoting a love of books and celebrating reading. We have introduced Accelerated reader for children who have learnt all of their phonics, and it is really motivating the children to read. Scholastic Book Fair have visited school and with the support of our parents were able to raise £236 that we have been able to spend on purchasing books for our growing libraries.

The whole school has celebrated World Book Day. All of the children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas ready to settle down and read a book. We had some wonderful costumes and the children enjoyed a day in school of book quizzes and crafts, and fun literacy activities. Owls and Foxes class also got together to share a book before home time. The fun carried on in After School Club too where the children wrote their own stories that they shared with their friends.

Deer Class have had a visit from PCSO Sharon Jones who talked to the children about Road Safety. The children all enjoyed learning about keeping safe and asked some wonderful questions. Thank you to PCSO Jones for coming to see us again.

Owls Class have been learning about growing and they had a visit from two tractors from the 1960's as well as a new tractor. The children were joined by their friends from the rest of the school who all enjoyed sitting in the tractors and learning about how they have changed over time.

Mrs Pink, our wonderful teaching assistant in Year 1/2, retired on Friday 15th March. She has been with us here at St Oswald's for 2 1/2 years and has been a real asset to our school and Key Stage 1. A huge thank you from us all Mrs Pink, for all you have done and given us! We wish you well and hope you come back to visit us often! We welcomed Miss Hutchings, our new teaching assistant in Deers Class after Easter. She has lots of experience working with young children and is excited to be joining us. Miss Ollerton will be taking over Kids with Bricks Club from this half term







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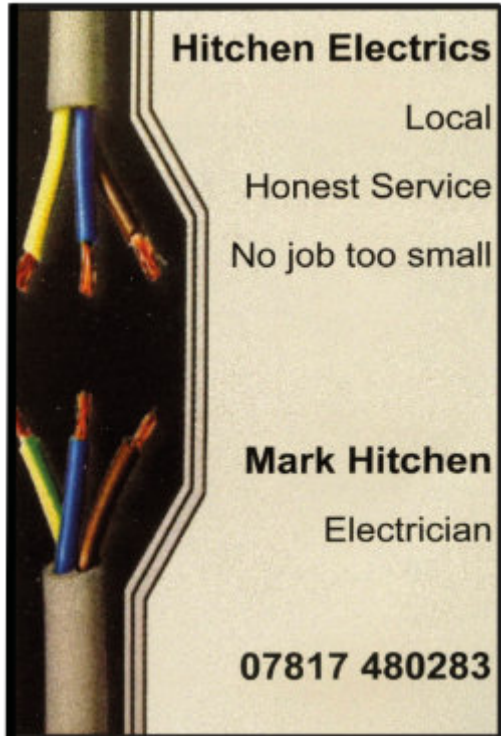
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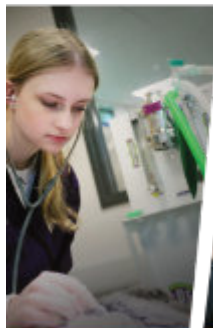
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