

St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
March 2022



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Wettenhall & Worleston.**

Dear Friends



Lent: A Time of Transition

I've just returned from the optician having had new lenses fitted in my glasses. Having decidedly fragile sight in one eye, the optician recommended I have transition lenses, which automatically go darker as the light becomes brighter to best protect my eyes. I've had transition lenses for a long time now, but it still set me thinking about other transitions, especially as I took a minute to admire crocuses, primroses and daffodils budding in Acton churchyard this morning as winter begins to transition to spring.

As March begins, we enter the period of the Church year which we call 'Lent'. It is a time of preparation, but it is also a time of transition. Most obviously, starting between early February and mid-March, depending on the date of Easter, and lasting for 6 weeks, Lent is frequently a transition from the cold, dull days of winter to warmer, more colourful days of spring.

Lent is also the period in the Church year where we transition from Christmas and Epiphany, seasons in which we focus on the birth, early life and early ministry of Jesus and turn towards Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Day and begin to look forward to Jesus' ascension into heaven, and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Lent can also be a time of transition in other ways. We might take up a 'Lenten Discipline' beginning on Ash Wednesday (2 March, this year) and ending on Easter Day. That might be a decision to give up a luxury such as chocolate or alcohol and to give the money which would have been spent on those items to charity. It might be a decision to take up some kind of exercise, such as walking for 30 minutes a day. Either of these things will help us to mature as people, and transition to a better version of ourselves. It might be a spiritual discipline, such as exploring different ways of praying, or reading a book of the bible, such as the Psalms, or one of the Gospels, so that we get to know a small part of God's word well, and it helps us to mature in our Christian life.

Lent can be seen as a sombre period of reflection and abstinence, but it can also be a time of transition, change and the slow beginning of something new.

Yours in the God who journeys with us in all the transitions and changes of life,

Revd Anne



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Sunday Services

Acton

- 6th Mar 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall St Davids Day**, 5 pm Evensong
- 13th Mar 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Morning Prayer
- 20th Mar 10:00 am Messy Church, 5 pm Songs of Praise
- 27th Mar 8:00 am Communion, 11 am Mothering Service
- 3rd Apr 11:00 am Communion, 5 pm Evensong

Church Minshull

- 6th Mar 11:00 am **United at Wettenhall St Davids Day**
- 13th Mar 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 20th Mar 11:00 am Communion
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- 3rd Apr 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

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Wettenhall

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St David's Church Wettenhall		
Sidespersons		Cleaning & Flowers
6 th	Mar	Mrs M Sherry
13 th	Mar	Mr G Tucker
20 th	Mar	Mrs M Drinkall
27 th	Mar	Brownies
3 rd	Apr	Mr M Moss
		Mrs A Brooks
		Mrs A Hignett & Mrs A Hancock
		Mrs H Wilson & Family
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From The Register

Burial of Ashes
17th January 2022 **Robert Edge**

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Harry Goodwin** of the Little Man, who died on January 22nd. Also deepest sympathy to Carol, Edward & Clare on the sad loss of **David Chandler** on January 25th. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jennie (née Ward) & Tom Hassall** on the birth of their baby son **James Frederick** who was born on the 5th of February. A grandson for Gail & Stuart Ward.
Congratulations to **Ceri Strachan and Matthew Webb** on their recent engagement. We wish them every happiness as they plan their married life together!.

St David's Patronal Service

We will celebrate St. David's Day on Sunday 6th March at 11am. We look forward to sharing this celebration with the Cross Country churches and enjoying our usual fellowship and refreshments at the end of the service. Everyone is very welcome.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is on March 27th and will be celebrated with an All Age Service at 11am. We gather to remember, and give thanks, for all who play caring roles in our lives, including our Mother Church. We will celebrate in our usual way with cake and flowers for everyone. Do join us on this special day!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st March - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day & also St David's Day
Saturday 2nd April Spring Cleaning at 10am



Coffee & Cake

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



Lake Galilee

The Darnhall Brownies produced some beautiful paintings of fish to illustrate the miraculous catch of fish on Lake Galilee when Jesus called his first disciples to follow him.



Lest we Forget

St. David's was lit to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27th. Thanks to Chris and Heather for the lovely photos.



Darnhall Brownies

At Brownies, the girls are working towards their art badge and they drew either their pet or an animal they would like to have.



Heather Pope MBE

We were all thrilled to learn that in the New Years Honours List of 2021, Heather had been awarded the MBE for Services to Dental Treatment for the Vulnerable. It was to be another year, because of the Covid pandemic, before Heather and Chris had their invitation to Windsor Castle.

On Wednesday 2nd February The Princess Royal, Princess Anne carried out the investiture in the beautiful surroundings of the Waterloo Chamber.

Our sincere congratulations to Heather on this well-deserved achievement!



St David of Wales and Wettenhall

The Church at Wettenhall is St. David's, but who was this man, more usually associated with Wales than Cheshire? David, known as Dewi in Wales, was born around 500 BC into a distinguished family, his grandfather the King of Ceredigion and his mother Saint Non. His death was recorded as 1st. March 589 AD.

David's family were known throughout Wales, Cornwall and Brittany, where he preached and built monasteries throughout his life. His best known monastery was built at Glyn Rhosyn in Pembrokeshire, which later became known as St. Davids cathedral and town. Around 550 AD he went to the Synod of Brefi and his inspiring teaching resulted in him being elected as the Primate of the region. It was here



that his best known miracle is said to have occurred, when a small hill rose under his feet to enable the crowd to see and hear him. A white dove settled on his shoulder, his symbol since that time. You can see his doves, set in the form of a cross, in the stained-glass window at St. David's in Wettenhall. Where the miraculous hill rose up the village of Llanddewi Brefin can be visited today.

He was said to have visited the Abbey at Glastonbury to rededicate the altar and to donate a large sapphire. He commissioned an extension to the abbey, a detail verified in 1921. When Henry VIII closed the monasteries and confiscated their riches 1000 years later, a document records the removal of a sapphire altar from Glastonbury.

It was a hard life for followers of St. David. Monks had to plough fields by pulling the ploughs themselves. Eating meat was discouraged, the diet was mainly bread and water, and David is now the Saint of vegetarianism! His plant symbols are the leek and daffodil, so common in Wales, and the daffodils flowering around the time of his death.

He died after preaching that his followers should do 'the little things in life that you have

seen me do' This phrase is now well known in the Welsh language. He was buried at St. David's, and it became a popular shrine.

However, in the 10th and 11th centuries

it was raided by Vikings and the precious metal removed. In 1275 it was rebuilt, and the base can still be seen today. Its jewelled canopy was confiscated by the Crown in the Reformation and the relics of David removed. His legend lives on as the Patron Saint of Wales, and in Wettenhall. On the Sunday nearest to 1st March we celebrate his life at St. David's with the church decorated with daffodils, leeks and dressed Welsh dolls. As usual there are always refreshments for all the congregation and visitors. We are doing the little things that he believed to be so special.

Heather Pope

Worleston School

It has been a very exciting start to 2022 in school for the children at St. Oswald's Worleston CE Primary with the start of a new topic and a whole school focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) entitled 'The World is in our Hands'. The children have been learning all about the planet, our environment, conservation, useful inventions, design and technological advances.

Chinese New Year Celebrations:

Our Infants and Early Years Classes celebrated Chinese New Year on the 1st February by making some gorgeous Chinese Lanterns, doing some Chinese art work and tasting some delicious Chinese themed food. They even got to use chopsticks and see how difficult it is to pick up noodles with them which brought about lots of laughter!!

Whole School World Religions - Judaism Day:

As part of our Religious Education Curriculum, the whole school learned about the religion of Judaism. We had a Jewish lady called Ann Angel visit the school and help the children learn all about the Jewish celebrations of Shabbat. The children got to experience and ask lots of questions about what it is like to be a Jewish child during Shabbat. They got to taste the traditional Jewish bread (Challah) and the Infants even had a go at weaving their own Challah bread into the same decorative pattern. Our Lower Key Stage 2 class then produced some gorgeous watercolour art work around the creation story and the similarities and differences of the Jewish and Christian faith.

Upper Key Stage 2 Science - Forces Day:

Our Year 5&6 (Foxes) Class participated in a whole day of learning all about forces in action with a lecturer from Manchester University who visited the school.





Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
this month to

Connor Farrell Sonny Shaw
James Rowland Sophie Briggs
Megan Drinkall Trudy Tomlinson
Scarlett Swain

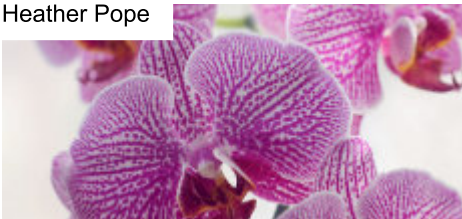
Don't Forget

On Sunday 27th March the clocks go forward one hour



Orchids Wanted

Do you have any moth orchids which have stopped flowering and are no longer wanted? These lovely plants flower for long periods but are sometimes difficult to bring back into flower again. Last year I was very generously given a number of moth orchids which were no longer in flower. After some tender loving care, they started to bloom again and I was able to sell them at the NGS open garden to raise funds for health-related charities, including Motor Neurone Disease UK. The open garden is going ahead again on Saturday 23rd July, and I would love to repeat the orchid sales again. Donated plants can be left at the back of St. David's church, or I can collect them. Please phone 07887760930. Thank you so much. Heather Pope



Ladies Lunch

Tuesday March 15th
at
The Badger, Church Minshull
12:30 pm - Cost: £12
For Further details contact:
Isobel (624521) or Ann (528273)

Mobile Library

Mar	Mar	Apr	Tuesdays	
1 st	22 nd	12 th	Arrive	Depart
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 Alraham			14:05	14:30

Mar	Apr	Apr	Thursdays	
17 th	7 th	28 th	Arrive	Depart
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25
Worleston Station Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:35	11:45
Worleston Village			11:50	12:10

Songs of Praise

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Lent Course
Days to Lament: A Lenten Journey

This year's Lent Course is produced by 'Embrace the Middle East' (formerly BibleLands) and invites us to reflect on the biblical tradition of Lamentation using contemporary examples from the lands of the Bible as well as those from our own society.

'In Person' sessions will take place at St David's Wettenhall at 2.00 pm on Tuesdays beginning on 1 March 2022.

A Zoom Group will run on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm.

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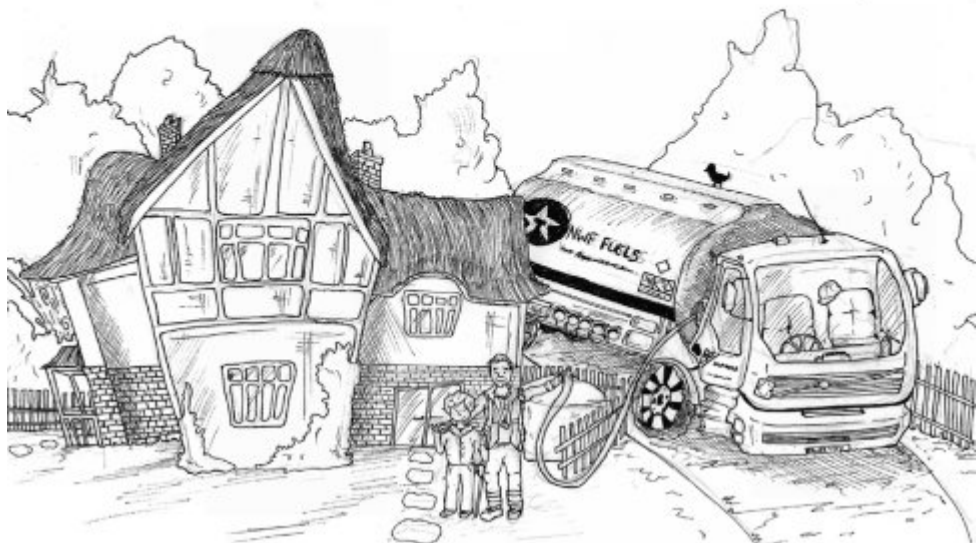
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Recipe

Roast Topside of Beef with Mustard & Thyme Crust

Ingredients

- 1kg topside of beef, boned & rolled
- A handful of thyme, leaves only
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp horseradish sauce
- 50g breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Method

1. Heat your oven to 220°C/200°C/Gas 7. Unwrap your beef. Pat dry with kitchen paper and let it get up to room temperature.
2. While the beef warms up, make the crust. In a bowl combine the thyme, Dijon mustard and horseradish sauce. Tip in the breadcrumbs.
3. Add 2 tbsp oil to the bowl with a good pinch of salt and pepper. Stir together to make a sticky paste. Rub the mustardy mixture all over the beef and place in a roasting tin.
4. Put the tin into the centre of the oven. Turn the heat down to 180°C/Fan 160°C/Gas 4. Roast for 45 mins for rare, 1 hr for medium and 1 hr 15 mins for well done.
5. Take the beef out of the oven and set it aside on a plate or board, loosely covered with foil, to rest for 30 mins before carving.

St Oswald's Church, Worleston				
Sidespersons				Coffee
13 th	Mar	Mrs Fletton		Mrs Booth
27 th	Mar	Mrs M Booth		Mrs Fletton
Flowers				Cleaning
13 th	Mar	No Flowers in Lent	March	Mrs Black
27 th	Mar	Mrs I Burnley	April	Mrs Stokes
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Please Note The scheduled services may be suspended if there are any changes to Covid restrictions. Please look out for notices around the village and on the website.

Condolences

We were sad to hear of the sudden death of **Claire Tomlinson**. We extend our deepest sympathy to Diane and Geoff Darlington and all the members of their family. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

AlAnon

AlAnon
You have probably heard of AA but maybe not AlAnon.
AlAnon exists to help anyone who has been affected by alcoholism in a family member or a friend. There are no dues for membership and usually only Christian names are used so that anonymity is preserved.
There are 'live' or face to face meetings - Sandbach is one, but since the pandemic many meetings have been conducted over Zoom.
There is one such, based in Nantwich, on Saturday mornings, from 11am until 12.30pm.
If you would like any information then phone Isobel Burnley on 01270 624521

Mothering Sunday

Come and join us on Mothering Sunday - March 27th.
There will be flowers and Simnel cake to celebrate this break in our Lent fasting! Even if you haven't been fasting, come and enjoy the cake anyway!

Help Needed

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.
The new magazines are later delivered to Worleston and have to be sorted into bundles and then taken to the people who kindly put them through your door.
Please let one of the Wardens know if you are interested. Thanks.

Geoff Heap

A thanksgiving service will be held for Geoffrey at St Oswald's Church on Wednesday 27th April at 12:30pm

Coffee and Cake



St Oswald's Worleston

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