

St Mary's Acton
St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
November 2022



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

Dear Friends,



As we gather in our Churches and around our Memorials and Cenotaphs for Remembrance this year, we know that the horror of war is still raging across Europe. The so-called 'War to end all wars' certainly wasn't!

It's sometimes difficult to reconcile the God of love with the evils that man perpetrates against his fellow men.

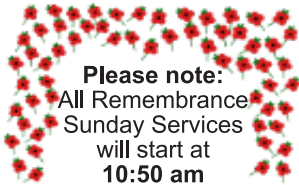
On our news bulletins, television reporters describe the brutality and the ugliness of war, but recently, I was struck by one reporter who declared 'I am amazed at the amount of good human nature you find in the very worst of circumstances.' In all the turmoil and misery, that is certainly something to be grateful for. At times, it's not the violence that registers, but the fact that in the middle of it, goodness keeps appearing in the most unlikely places. And it pops up persistently. Random acts of kindness, they're sometimes called.

Writing his Gospel, Saint John says, 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out.' In the most desperate of situations, good refuses to go away. The random acts of kindness are perhaps not quite as random as we might think. We can still see glimpses of God at work in situations we find so difficult to understand.

May we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine; for those families separated by war and for the kindness of those who are providing shelter and protection until ultimately, goodness will triumph over evil once more.

Ann





Please note:
 All Remembrance
 Sunday Services
 will start at
10:50 am
 so that the
11:00 am silence
 can be observed
 by everyone at the
 same time.

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 6th Nov 11:00 am Communion, 6:30 pm Evensong
- 13th Nov 8:00 am Communion, **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 20th Nov 10:30 am Messy Church
- 27th Nov 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 4th Dec 11:00 am Communion, 6:30 pm Evensong

Church Minshull

- 6th Nov 11:00 am Service of the Word, 1:00 pm Baptism
- 13th Nov **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 20th Nov 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 27th Nov 11:00 am Messy Church
- 4th Dec 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 6th Nov No Service
- 13th Nov **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 20th Nov No Service
- 27th Nov **4:00 pm Advent Carol Service**
- 4th Dec No Service

Wettenhall

- 6th Nov 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 13th Nov **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 20th Nov 11:00 am Communion
- 27th Nov **4:00 pm Christingle**
- 4th Dec 11:00 am Morning Prayer

St David's Church Wettenhall

Sidespersons

Cleaning & Flowers

6 th	Nov	Mrs A Hignett	Mrs A Howard & Family
13 th	Nov	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs E Carr & Mrs A Nicholas
20 th	Nov	Churchwardens	
27 th	Nov	Churchwardens	Mrs H Moss
4 th	Dec	Mr N Moss	

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Thank You

To Gillian Summers who gathered dozens of beautiful baking apples and placed them in church for distribution.

Also to Sally & Patrick Brunt for their annual roadside apple stall. It was certainly a bumper crop this year!

Also to Sue Entwistle who produced a box of beautiful homemade cards for donations to church funds. There are still some available at the back of church.

Christingle Service

On 27th November, Advent Sunday, we will hold our annual Christingle service at the earlier time of 4pm. We look forward to the children of Calveley School choir singing for us once again. After the service, the children are invited to join us for an afternoon tea.

Children's Society Boxes

If you hold a home collection box for the Children's Society, we will be gathering them in at the Morning Prayer service on Sunday 6th November at 11am.



Coffee & Cake

**The next meetings will be on
Thursday 3rd November & 8th December
from 10-12 noon!
Everyone is very welcome to pop in for
as little or as long as they wish.**



Darnhall Brownies

On a lovely evening in September Darnhall Brownies enjoyed a visit to the local mill. Darnhall Mill was a working water mill until 1973 when Norman Ward retired. The Ward family farmed there for nearly 100 years. Elizabeth paraded the flag at the All Age service in September.



Faithful Servant

Some of our readers might have received a booklet entitled Faithful Servant, published by The Pocket Testament League in memory of Her Majesty the Queen, a faithful Servant of God.

If you feel the booklet is not for you, then please pass it on to a friend or neighbour who might appreciate reading a modern version of St. John's Gospel.

Thanks to Helen Moss for arranging this.

Eco Church

All Age Creation Café Worship

In September we gathered at St David's for a different experience. It was Harvest, a time we think about our creation, pray and give thanks for all the blessings we have. Our theme was "Beginnings and Endings" and in the week between Queen Elizabeth's death and her funeral, it seemed appropriate to also think about the great circle of life.

Church was full of images of God's blessings - harvest flowers, fruit, salt, coal, hedgerow seeds and grasses – but we began outside for a scavenger hunt, everyone was challenged to find seven different things, plants, flowers, insects, lichen, rubbings of stone and brick, even grave inscriptions! We challenged everyone to then sit and look at seven more things in the skies and in the views from church. The talk, then the quiet, was amazing as we explored the creation around us.

Back inside, we had lively songs, and split into groups to share what we had found and made collages of the things we found. Our thoughts were focused on two readings – Psalm 1 which reminded us that if we are strongly rooted like a tree, with our roots deep in the springs of prayer, we will never run dry. We can draw inner life and peace from that spring always. The next was Isaiah 55:6-11 which made us think about planting seeds for a harvest, that the cycle of life is around us, to plant, grow and to come to fruit, and harvest, ready to plant again each season.

"In every acorn there is a potential for a forest; In every apple pip there is a potential for an orchard; in every soul there is the potential for your kingdom to be established; full of joy and peace and love."

Finally, we shared lots of cake and coffee. The informality was a great change and the opportunity to be outside gave everyone lots to do and say. We hope to have more Creation Cafés in 2023. If you would like to be a part of the team to work on them, contact Brenda Brockbank 01606 593651 or Helen Moss helenmossppc@btinternet.com. We need bakers, welcomers, anyone interested in Eco matters and anyone with ideas to share.





Book of Condolences for Queen Elizabeth II



Thank You

Heather and Chris Pope

would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, thoughts and cards following the recent death of Heather's Mum, **Ruth Podmore.**

Such kindness has been a tremendous support during a sad and difficult time.

Charity Ball

In memory of John Hignett

A Charity Ball will be held to raise funds for **Darnhall Dancers** at Vale Royal Abbey. on Saturday 19th November Tickets £15 inc. 1 course meal. **Contact Angela Hancock 07872 059558.**

Cholmondeston and Wettenhall Parish Council

Community Orchards

Orchard trees are loaded with shining fruits this Autumn. Are you interested in eating lovely fresh apples or pears from trees growing in our local area? Cheshire East Council has announced that it has funding to establish community orchards. It includes covering the costs of buying trees, sundries such as tree supports and tree protection, and training local people to prune and care for the trees. Groups of interested people can come together to plant the trees and start the process. But first we need a piece of land on which to plant the orchard. It needs to be about the size of a tennis court and have access for people to care for it in the long term. It can be anywhere in our parish boundaries. If someone has an even more generous piece of land available, Cheshire East can help us to create a community forest to increase biodiversity in this beautiful parish. If you are interested in this project please contact any member of the Parish Council.

Contact the Parish Council clerk Mark Bailey on mbailey87@hotmail.com or Heather Pope on hclp@btinternet.com .

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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

6 th Nov	Philip Percival & Fred West
13 th Nov	Gill Evans & Elizabeth Bull
20 th Nov	Tracey & Peter Foster
27 th Nov	Chris & Christine Barratt
4 th Dec	11am Charles & Sue Hull - 6:30pm Philip Percival
<i>Visit: www.stmarysacton.org</i>	

Bulb Planting At Acton Church

At 13:30 on Saturday 12th November we are going to have a working party, to plant 2,000 Spring bulbs at the end of the old graveyard. Anyone who is interested is most welcome to come and help; bring a spade, trowel or bulb planting tool. I will also bring a selection with me.

Philip Percival



Joy to the World

St Mary's Acton annual Christmas Tree festival returns. Here we aim to take visitors on a magical trip around the world. Our host of decorated trees will depict countries from far off lands. The festival will be open on Saturday and Sunday the 3rd and 4th December. Festive refreshments will be served on both days. On the Saturday evening you are invited to The Christmas Charity Concert performed by the Funky Choir - an event that is always a sell out!

For further details and concert tickets contact: Claire tel: 01270 612803



Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

4 December (coincides with the Christmas Tree Festival)
8 January 2023
5 February 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 return 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.

Harvest Festival at Acton

So I mustn't forget
No I mustn't forget
To say a great big
Thank you
I mustn't forget

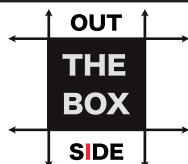
The Chorus of this Harvest hymn, which the children of Acton School sung at their harvest service and led again at our Harvest Songs of Praise, reminds us of the need always to be mindful of our Autumnal blessings.

Sometimes in November we still see maize and potatoes being harvested but following a record breaking summer this was all done last month.

In September, Chester Cathedral was flanked by an enormous tractor and an old plough was placed in the chancel where the Roberts Bakery band played, setting the scene for the National Harvest Festival service. Farmers and the Agricultural community were well represented with readings from the NFU and Reaseheath College. Bishop Mark preached, telling stories of muck spreading in his youth, and the children from St Oswald's School at Worleston led the prayers. Rev. Anne was warmly thanked for the wonderful service she had planned and organised.

Two days later the pupils and parents from Acton School filled the Church in Acton to celebrate the harvest in actions, words, songs and bible readings. They brought a vast amount of produce for our Harvest Tree, which was filled for the food bank.

On Sunday 2 October, with Acton Church looking beautifully decorated with corn, vegetables and flowers, two services were held; a Harvest communion in the morning and an informal Songs of Praise in the evening. During the evening service members of the congregation told of their harvest experiences, on the farm, in the garden or on the allotment. All the favourite hymns were sung and a feast of Shepherds' pie and apple pie was enjoyed afterwards.



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Acton Church Bells Ringing for the Queen

The six bells in Acton Church tower require a band of six ringers. A band of six lady ringers assembled to ring the bells for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3 June 2022. It was an experienced band. Learning to ring can take several years to develop the skills necessary to ring church bells competently. Together, the band of six women who rang for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, has a total of over 160 years of bell ringing experience and they range in age from their twenties to their seventies, proving that ringing can be for anyone. Some started learning to ring at a very young age and others much older with one ringer not starting until she was in her sixties.



Ringling for the Platinum Jubilee took place between 11:30 and shortly after mid-day with the bells being rung continuously during that time. One of the bell sequences rung on the day is called Queens, in which the bells are rung in the order one, three, five, two, four, six, appropriate for the Jubilee. The ringers were Fanny Weiss on treble, Chris Owen-Roberts, Marion Moulton, Heather Newton, Leona Edge and Carole Sturgess on tenor.

Sadly, as we all know, Her Majesty the Queen died on 8 September at her home in Balmoral. Her state funeral was held on Monday 19 September, when the ringing team were again in action to mark the occasion.



The bells were rung half muffled from 10:00 until 10:55, after which, for the remaining five minutes until the funeral began, the tenor bell was tolled alone by David Allman. The ringers this time were Fanny Weiss on treble, Chris Owen-Roberts, Leona Edge, Denis Taylor, David Allman and Carole Sturgess on tenor.

Chris Owen-Roberts

Cursillo started in Spain just after the Civil war. It was conceived as a way of supporting the faith of the young men who had been through such a harrowing time. Nowadays Cursillo is an international movement, embracing Anglican and Catholic traditions. In Britain it is practised in many Anglican dioceses under the authority of each Diocesan Bishop. Cursillo is active in Chester diocese with the support of Bishop Mark.

Cursillo is a way of encouraging discipleship in both clergy and laity, based on a 3-fold plan of prayer, study and action. Its purpose is to support the church in its mission to transform peoples' lives and grow disciples to serve in their community. The Cursillo approach is built on the ancient Christian practice of meeting in small groups for prayer and support. There are 4 or 5 small Cursillo groups meeting in Nantwich at present. Some meet once a fortnight others meet once a month at a time which is convenient for each group member. Each meeting starts and ends with prayer. At the meetings everyone is given the opportunity to share their experiences of their Christian life under the 3 headings of prayer, study and action. Not everyone will share, some people may feel they have nothing to say at a meeting but then they will just listen.

Chester Cursillo runs a residential weekend once or twice a year and we get together for larger gatherings 3 times a year.

I first became involved in Cursillo in 1996 when I was living in Yorkshire. I was a busy mum of 3 small and very lively children, lovely but exhausting. As a family we attended our village church which had an average congregation of about 12, which increased to about 30 on family service weeks. I would describe myself as a Sunday Christian, I attended, I listened, I went home and got on with my busy life. I would help with coffee occasionally.

Our Curate introduced me to Cursillo when it first came to Bradford Diocese. I met with 3 others from church. We shared our everyday

thoughts in the areas of prayer, study and action. Cursillo grew my confidence as a Christian, It gave me the courage to really get involved in church, I joined the PCC and started helping with the family service. I took part in the bishop's course which was really helpful when both our Rector and Curate went off on long term sick leave at the same time, I was able to take over organising the family service.

On a personal level, Cursillo made me think about my faith differently. I started to ask questions, what was meant by that reading, that sermon? What relevance does it have in my life? What is God doing in my life and more importantly what can I do for him? What is God asking of me?

I was able to share that with my Cursillo group, which is a supportive non-judgemental space.

When we moved to Cheshire, I was immediately welcomed into the Chester Cursillo family and since then I have led Cursillo weekends, which in itself is amazing. Anyone who knew me back in 1995 would never imagine me capable of leading anything. Cursillo has also impacted on my work and home life. I am more confident about owning up to being a Christian without, I hope, being forceful.

In short I feel Cursillo gives me the space to explore what being a Christian means in a modern world and specifically what it means to me.

There are 2 new Cursillo groups up and running in Acton, and there's always the opportunity to start another group. If you think this is something you'd be interested in, please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

Carol Thayer

laydirector@chestercursillo.org.uk



TEA FOR 2 or 22 - at 'Tea at the Tower'

Without a doubt this must be one of the quirkiest tearooms to visit. I mean, you never hear of a tearoom inside a church.

I contacted Stephan at St Mary's Church to arrange to bring my walking group. I had planned a walk of the local area (around 7 miles) and thought a stop at the church would be a stop gap break for a nice afternoon snack. St Mary's ... you certainly didn't disappoint!

The ambience was just beautiful. From the music to the lighting and the whole "being in a church thing" - makes it so special. Whether you have 2 or 22 people, or you choose to come alone, this is certainly a welcoming friendly place - and one not to be missed!

The gorgeous hand baked cakes made by the church volunteers were just so delicious and plentiful. The hot drinks were flowing, and each walker also got to see the church bell tower and they were given a great historical insight into it. Stephan allowed our little doggy friends in too and supplied a water bowl. I think some actually had a little cake treat! All this for just a small donation to the church upkeep made for a lovely day. They couldn't do enough for us all.

The weather was mild and everyone had such a great afternoon. Whether you come to chat, to say a prayer or for afternoon tea, the "Tower" is the place to be!

Thanks again to everyone involved for making our quirky walk so special. We'll be back soon.



Lisa and all the walkers from:
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this month to

Adam Rowland	Imogen Elliott
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Edward Kinsey	Thomas Alexander

Special belated birthday wishes to
Lisa Ashwell.

We hope you had a lovely day!

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Sunday Nov 6 to Thursday Nov 17

Would you like to help by filling a box yourself?

If you can cover a shoebox in Christmas wrapping paper and pack it with small toys and gifts it will be taken to Eastern Europe and given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. The aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children. Each box brings joy and love into the life of a child in need.

Please be a part of this ongoing story, which continues to impact and change lives, by donating a shoebox to this year's appeal!

Here are some ideas of items to fill a box:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- A soft toy – Ball
- Game/Puzzle
- Musical instrument e.g. harmonica/recorder
- Hairbrush/comb
- Facecloth and soap
- Stationery/pens/pencils/paper
- Gloves/hats/scarves
- Craft Pack/Sewing Kit

£3 donation [in an envelope] to cover the cost of transporting it.

Please hold it together with an elastic band.

Ladies Lunch

Tuesday 15th November
Barbridge Inn, Barbridge
12:30 pm - Cost: £12
For Further details contact:
Isobel (624521), Ann (528273)
or Joyce (624158)

Mobile Library

Nov	Nov	Dec	Tuesdays	
8 ^h	29 th	20 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 Alpraham			14:05	14:30

Nov	Nov	Dec	Thursdays	
3 rd	24 th	15 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

Nov	Dec	Dec	Thursdays	
10 th	1 st	22 nd		
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor			10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green			11:05	11:20

If you could bring your completed box to your local church and they will then be taken together to St Mary's Church, Nantwich. Where they will be collected by Teams4U.



National Harvest Festival

If you happened to be walking past Chester Cathedral on Sunday 25th September you may have been surprised to see a huge tractor parked outside the entrance. This was all part of Revd Anne's tremendous feat of organisation of this year's National Harvest Festival for which Chester Cathedral was chosen to host the Harvest Torch. The Torch, which symbolises the harvest, was originally commissioned by Love British Food, blessed in Westminster Abbey, and has travelled around England and Wales with the National Harvest Service since 2014. This year, prior to arriving at Chester Cathedral, the Harvest Torch visited several notable places where food is produced in Cheshire: The Apple Barn at Dunham Massey; Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm; Chestnut Meats in Nantwich and Reaseheath College. The Cheese Shop in Nantwich very kindly sponsored the event.

On Sunday Claire Lewis Jones organised car share from Acton to Chester Cathedral where we all met for a delicious lunch in the refectory. This was followed by an enjoyable meander through the cathedral cloisters where a diverse Farmers Market offered a wide selection of high quality food and produce. I can thoroughly recommend



the Clotton Hall Dairy yoghurt!

The National Harvest Festival service commenced with the Harvest Torch carried by this year's Dairy Queen. It was a well-attended service, giving thanks and celebrating those who provide, grow and reap our crops year after year. The much loved harvest

hymns were sung with affection and gusto throughout the service and pupils from Worleston School, looking very smart in their uniforms, confidently and clearly delivered the prayers. Alexia Robinson, founder of Love British Food,



encouraged us all to buy locally and to appreciate the hard work and commitment from our farmers and agricultural producers. Several more speakers enlightened us on their contribution to the agricultural world including Alan Hewitt from The Apple Barn who gave a fascinating history of his very successful apple and cider business, whilst Bishop Mark acknowledged that he himself had worked on a farm as a teenager.



It was a good day and we left feeling that Cheshire had 'done the Harvest Torch proud'!
 Thanks to Revd Anne and her hard work organising the National Harvest Festival we had the opportunity to celebrate God's creation and bountiful love with a wider community in Cheshire.



Penni Doyle

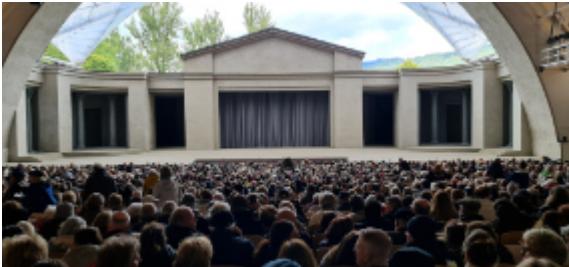
Oberammergau Passion Play 2022

We should have seen this ten-yearly play in 2020, but like many other events round the world, the coronavirus pandemic caused its cancellation. However, four of us from our parishes were able to see it in September.

It all began in 1633 when another plague was raging in Europe and the villagers in Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, made a vow that if the plague stopped, they would, every ten years stage the 'passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.' No one died from that day on and so they kept their word.

Of course, the first performances were small and took place round the streets or outside the church but over 400 years it has grown and now takes place in a huge theatre seating 4,700 people. This year it was staged 5 times a week from May till October and lasts for 5 hours - but with a long break in the middle. The cast is made up of hundreds of villagers and there was a large excellent choir and orchestra. There were live animals too!

It was an experience which we will remember. If you do think of going when it is next performed our advice would be - 'Go, enjoy, but take your thermals'!



St Lucy and the 13th December

At about this time of year we are all familiar with the phrase ‘the nights are drawing in’, and there is a Saint who is said to bring her light to the World through the long nights in the Northern hemisphere. Until recent centuries her feast day of 13th December was the Winter Solstice, the longest night of all. Saint Lucia or St. Lucy was a Christian woman of about 25 years who lived around 283 AD in Syracuse in Sicily. Her name is derived from the latin ‘lux’, meaning light. It was illegal to be a Christian in Roman Sicily, but she took a vow of chastity and was said to take food to other Christians hiding in the catacombs. To enable her to carry more food and light her path through the dark tunnels she wore a candle lit headdress. Her mother pledged her to be married to a pagan, but then the mother became ill. Lucy had a vision of St. Agnes who indicated that the mother could be healed by faith, so the marriage was cancelled, and the money given to poor people. Lucy was betrayed to the Roman governor but would not renounce her faith. A fire was built around her and terrible injuries inflicted. All miraculously failed to harm her until she received the Christian Last Rites and died peacefully. It was 13th December 310 AD.

Today she is the Patron Saint of Siracusa in Sicily and on her feast day of 13th December a silver statue is paraded through its streets to the cathedral. In Siracusa a famine is said to have been ended on the feast day when a ship came into harbour loaded with grain for starving local people. In commemoration a meal of wheat berries cooked with ricotta and honey, or made into soup, is eaten to celebrate this event. In Croatia and Hungary, the event is marked by planting wheat seeds into a saucer of soil. The green shoots are tied with ribbon and placed alongside the Christmas tree. This ritual actually predates Christian belief and was originally thought to predict future grain yields for the following Spring.

In Scandinavia St Lucy [or Lussi] is venerated, her legends again tangled with pre-Christian beliefs of trolls, evil spirits and Lussi – an evil female spirit. There are parades where a young girl wears a white dress, red sash and crown of candles. The light symbolically overcomes the dark night-time hours. Boys dressed in white robes, coned hats with stars, and known as Starboys are accompanied by others dressed as elves and gingerbread men. Special saffron buns known as Lussekatt [St. Lucy’s bun] are distributed at schools and nursing homes. All of the Scandinavian countries have similar commemorative events; in Denmark’s case these were revived on 13th December 1944 as a mark of protest against Nazi occupation. If she can bring light to a war zone then perhaps she can bring light to all of us, leading the way for Jesus – the Light of the World.



Heather Pope

What is Everyday Faith?



On the 14th September Rev Anne, Jackie Hatton, Joyce Percival, Brenda Brockbank and myself set off to an Everyday Faith workshop in Elworth Church Hall to see if we could begin to explore and understand the title question – although, to be fair, I think Rev Anne already had a pretty good idea of what Everyday Faith is about!

We were greeted by a warm welcome with a hot drink and biscuits, always a good start to an evening workshop. We then took our places at one of at least ten other tables with 7 or 8 people at each table – there was a purposeful buzz in the room as we met and introduced ourselves from St. Mary's, Acton; our lively fellow table group members were Paul North, Vicar of Minshull Vernon and Warmingham, and several members of his congregation.

Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson began the workshop with prayer and worship followed by a brief introduction to Everyday Faith and a Diocesan video illustrating and explaining the concept further. Now it was our turn; in our table groups we began a discussion about where God has placed us in our everyday life ie when we are not in church or doing church activities. This prompted some interesting comments and discussion leading us each to choose a 'frontline' place where we felt we had an opportunity to recognise and follow God in our everyday lives; ideas ranged from the golf clubhouse to the darts match to the book group and, unsurprisingly, to Tea @ the Tower. We then began to discuss how our parish could support Everyday Faith using three significant words as a focus: Recognise, Rejoice, Resource. One of the most meaningful ideas that we feel we could develop is that small changes, or shifts, can make a big difference; we could share and document our parishioners' personal diverse stories of everyday faith in 'This Time Tomorrow' interviews. The Songs of Praise Service is already a channel for sharing individual narratives of everyday faith and perhaps a photo board of 'where people are' in their daily lives would illustrate these stories of faith.

It was a very enjoyable and constructive evening reflecting on how Christians are called to follow Jesus every day, wherever we are – in our homes, workplaces and neighbourhoods as well as in church and we hope to implement some of the practical activities in our own congregations in the near future.

Meanwhile, members of the Church family who had volunteered at this year's Nantwich Show were invited to a reception at Reaseheath. We were involved with the Churches together in Nantwich team who did a great job litter picking and who also staffed the Baby Changing tent.

After a Cheese and Wine supper and a Thank You from the chairman, Michael John Parkin - who had driven the very successful new look and new venue show - the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Jeanne France Hayhurst, presented her special award to Michael John. If you enjoyed the Show, please volunteer again next year.

Penní Doyle.

The History of St Mary's Bells

The Central Council for the Guild of Church Bell Ringers asked that ringing for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee should be coordinated for 11:30 on Friday 3 June 2022.

English change ringing, more-or-less as we know it today, began in the seventeenth century with the bells being hung on a frame and rung using a rope around a full wheel. The development of better bell control led to the introduction of change ringing and the methods that are known today in which the sequence of bells alters every time they are rung.

Bells are rung in groups of up to twelve bells (as at Liverpool Cathedral) but are more commonly hung in groups of eight (as at Nantwich and Barthomley) or six (like Acton and Wrenbury).

Bells are rung to call people to prayer and to celebrate marriages or funerals, when the ringing of a bell was said to keep the devil from the deceased's soul. They are also rung at times of national celebration and have been rung for previous Jubilees, the turning of the Millennium, the Olympic Games in London and the end of the Second World War. The Olympic Bell, cast for the London Olympic Games, is the largest harmonically tuned bell in the world. For such national occasions ringing is coordinated across the country at a specific time.

Acton Church Tower has a lovely set of six bells although there hasn't always been six. The tower originally contained five bells hung on a substantial metal and timber frame on the floor level with the louvres in the tower. The five bells date from 1604 to 1633 but a sixth was added in 1724. In 1757 a dramatic storm on 15th March caused the top of the tower to fall through the church roof. Following this the tower was remodelled some six metres lower than it had been originally and required substantial rebuilding of the nave. In 1759, after the storm damage to the tower and church was repaired, the bells were rehung.

Two of the bells were repaired in Gloucester in 1773 and, just over a century later, the bells were re-tuned and re-hung in 1894.

The bells are inscribed as follows:

- (Treble) I to the Church the living call and to the GRAVE do summon all – 1724
- (2nd) God Preserve ye Church and Place, and send you everlasting peace – 1724
- (3rd) Thomas Pinnel, Randle Major, Church Wardens – 1773
- (4th) Richard Darlington, John Darlington, Church Wardens – 1724
- (5th) Peace & Good Neighbourhood. AR 1724
- (6th) Peace & Good Neighbourhood AR 1724 This is the tenor bell which rings the note of 'F' and weighs 14 cwt (711.2 kg).

The bells were cast by Rudhalls of Gloucester and were carried up the River Severn to Atcham Bridge by boat. From there they were transported by horses and wagons to Acton, more than thirty miles across country, along unsurfaced roads.

By the late 19th Century, women began to take up bell ringing. Miss Alice White of Basingstoke was the first woman to complete a full peal in 1896. As more women became interested, the Ladies Guild of Change Ringers was formed in 1912. The six bells in Acton Church tower require a band of six ringers.



Chris Owen-Roberts

Calveley School

Years 3,4,5 & 6, along with their teachers & families, attended St. David's at the beginning of October to celebrate Harvest Festival. They sang two beautiful harvest songs, read a passage from Psalm 65 and led us in some harvest prayers. After exploring some of God's creation in the beautiful surroundings of the church decorations, the children enjoyed some fun in 'sharing' orange jelly!

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Recipe

Cinnamon Nutella cake

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Ingredients

For the Cake Mix

- 175g/6oz soft butter or baking spread
- 175g/6oz golden caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 200g/8oz self-raising flour
- 1tsp baking soda
- 2tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 tsp milk
- 4 rounded tbsp chocolate hazelnut spread

For the frosting

- 2oz hazelnuts, chopped
- 100g/4oz soft cheese
- 85g/3oz chocolate hazelnut spread

Method

- 1. Heat oven to 180C/ Fan160C /Gas 4 Grease and line the base of a 20cm/8in cake tin
- 2. Put all the ingredients except the hazelnut spread into a bowl. Beat until light and fluffy.
- 3. Tip three quarters of the mixture into the tin,, spread it level, then spoon in the hazelnut spread in blobs. Top with the remaining mixture, then swirl a few times with a skewer.
- 4. Bake for 1hr-1hr 30 mins (cover with foil if the top starts to brown too much).
- 5. Cool in the tin for 10 mins then turn out, peel off the paper and cool on a wire rack.
- 6. Beat the frosting ingredients together until creamy, stir in the hazelnuts, or keep to sprinkle on the top.

Note: The cream cheese frosting doesn't have a long life, so make this if you have a crowd. Instead you could make a buttercream topping and sprinkle with the nuts.

Enjoy!

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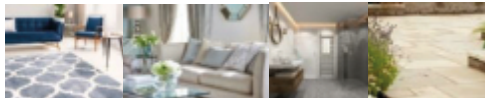
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