

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



June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944 D-Day

*We Will Remember Them*

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

*Dear Friends,*



During the last few weeks I've overheard many people discussing their dilemma over who to vote for on July 4th.

It's certainly one of life's more important decisions and not to be taken lightly. Nor is it to be ignored, particularly by women, when we recall the huge efforts of the suffragettes to be granted the right to vote on equal terms with men.

This decision is probably only to be made every five years but we have many minor decisions to make almost every day of the week depending on the weather, what to wear, what to eat, what to buy etc.

On the much loved comedy programme 'Open All Hours' there was a character named Mavis who often spent hours of the day in the corner shop deciding what sort of biscuits to buy or what size tin of baked beans she needed!

On one occasion she said 'I do wish I could be more positive. Heaven help me when it comes to making the really important choices in life!'

She may have been making light of her indecision, but in fact her words can be taken quite literally. I suspect every one of us knows how hard it can feel to be faced with a truly difficult decision, but we don't have to do it alone.

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding. In all things acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your way.' (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Whatever the outcome of the election God is with us, the same -yesterday, today and tomorrow.

May His wisdom guide and lead us, and our government, safely through the months and years ahead.

*Ann*

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# Sunday Services

### Acton

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jul 11:00 am Communion
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jul 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jul 10:00 am Messy Church, 6:30 pm Christ in Quiet
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jul 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am United Communion at Worleston**

### Church Minshull

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jul 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jul 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jul 11:00 am Communion
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jul 11:00 am Messy Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am United Communion at Worleston**

### Worleston

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jul No Service
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jul 9:30 am Communion
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jul No Service
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jul 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am United Communion**

### Wettenhall

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jul 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jul 11:00 am Communion
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jul 11:00 am All Age
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jul 6:30 pm Communion
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:00 am United Communion at Worleston**

St David's Church Wettenhall			
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jul	Mrs A Hignett	Mrs S Ward and Mrs I Drinkall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jul	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs M Sherry
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jul	Brownies	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Jul	Informal	Mrs M Drinkall and Mrs B Brockbank
4 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	United at Worleston	
<b>Visit: <a href="http://www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk">www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk</a></b>			

### Thank You

Thank you to Chris Pope, Mark Bowes, Audrey Howard, Ruth & Sam, and all the team who provided the most poignant and fitting tribute to the D-Day veterans on the evening of June 6th.

The church was beautifully decorated and lit up in red, white and blue, both inside and out. The delicious refreshments were much appreciated on a chilly evening but the highlight was the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm. St. David's joined with the many other lights of peace burning brightly over the length and breadth of the United Kingdom. The heroism of the D-Day veterans is never to be forgotten.

**We will remember them.**



### Thank You

**David and Mary Drinkall** for the wonderful work on the entrance gates to St. David's.

We are extremely grateful to them.



### Coffee and Cake

**The next meetings will be on  
4<sup>th</sup> July and August 1<sup>st</sup>  
from 10-12 noon in Church.  
Everyone is very welcome to pop in for a  
little or as long as they wish.**



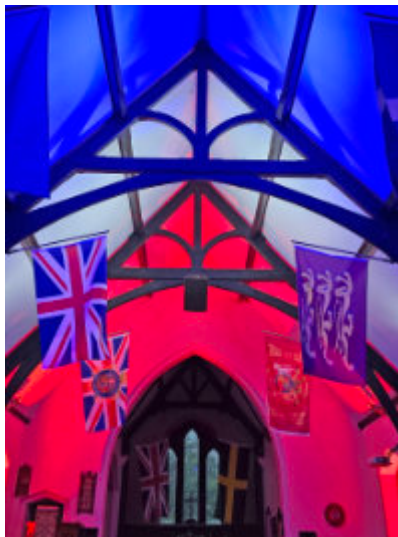
## D Day 80th Commemoration at St.David's Church,

On the 6th June, St.David's brought together people from across the four parishes and the local community to join in the national commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. The church was lit up in the colours of the Union Flag both inside and out and bunting adorned the rails and church front. The usual copious amounts of food were served up - thanks to Audrey and Ruth Howard and all those who baked and provided other refreshments - and there was music playing from the 1940s to get us literally, In The Mood, interspersed by readings about D-Day. At 9 pm we all went out into the church yard overlooking the beacon, where our commemoration service was held. The Battle of Britain March rang out across the countryside before the Official Proclamation was read by Adrian Burrows.

At 9.15pm the Beacon was lit by Mark and Judith Bowes, the flames providing the Light of Peace as we joined in with the thousands of beacons and lamps being lit to mark the anniversary.

Ann Nicholas gave the International Tribute before we had the moving "Shores Of Normandy" written and performed by Jim Radford - he was only 15 when he arrived on the Normandy coast and was the youngest known member of the armed forces to arrive on that day.

The commemoration closed with the hymn Jerusalem, followed by God Save the King.



## Darnhall Brownies

1st Darnhall Brownies had a very busy week. On Wednesday 5th June the girls designed and decorated key rings for Fathers' Day. We also had chip baps to mark D-Day. Then on Friday 7th June some of our pack joined in with the District Disco held at the United Reformed Church. It was a wonderful evening which the girls all really enjoyed.



## Darnhall And Wettenhall WI

The June meeting for the Darnhall and Wettenhall WI involved a very interesting talk about the life of Eva Peron of Argentina.

The speaker was Hazel Griffiths, who works on cruise ships, lecturing about the ports of call for the passengers. Hazel first researched Eva Peron when she was on a ship due to dock in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. There, Eva became a heroine to the people, and a World famous First Lady when her husband Juan Peron became President. Most of us know Eva as the subject of the Andrew Lloyd Webber / Tim Rice musical, *Evita*, and the film of the musical starring Madonna as Eva Peron.

As you can imagine, there was much more to her life story than the musical could ever include. Her name was changed when she was a child because her father and mother were not married, and he had another family. She eventually chose the name of Evita herself, it means little Eva, and she was her mother's youngest child. In a similar way she re-invented herself with hard work, ambition and confidence. Unfortunately, she fell ill with cervical cancer and died at the height of her success and power.

No matter what we may think of her politics or wealth she was an influential and adored woman at a time when politics was not usually associated with women, her life fascinating, strange and a great subject for our evening.

We ended the evening, as ever, with lots of cakes and teas!



**Milford House Farm - Garden Open  
13th July 2024 - 12 till 5pm**

St David's has been working steadily towards the Bronze Eco Church Award during the last few years. It is GOOD news! We are finally there! We have qualified in every area: Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Use of our Land, Lifestyle and Community and Global Engagement. The difficult areas were challenging all our congregation to look at their lifestyle and challenge everyone for daily actions to reflect the ideas we have been discussing and praying about. We are good at Global links and recently St David's has twinned the church toilet with not one, but two toilets/latrines in Nepal and Chimoio in Mozambique. Two communities have access to sanitation and clean water because of several generous donations.

During the summer we will be thinking about reuse, recycle and renewing - in our actions and in our worship. We are planning a tabletop Sale at Darnhall Village Hall - bring and buy items you don't need, buy preloved items and give them another use and purpose.

On Sunday, 21st July there will be Green Café Worship at 11am. Come and find out what flowers, insects, birds and wildlife are within our land - we will be exploring the land God has given us - Exploring God's Acre. Our worship will be outside and inside, with challenges and opportunities to talk, reflect and explore. It will be suitable for every age. Of course, there will be St David's famous cake and coffee. Everyone is welcome to give thanks for the beautiful world God gives us and to take on responsibility for ensuring we care for our world responsibly. We will celebrate our Bronze Award too.

*Brenda Brockbank*

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## St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Ena Furber and Gill Evans
14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull
21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Tracey and Peter Foster
28 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Chris and Christine Barratt
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	United Communion at Worleston

**Visit: [www.stmarysacton.org](http://www.stmarysacton.org)**

## Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

### The next walks are:

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

### There is no Walk in August

1<sup>st</sup> September

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.



## Day Trip to Llandudno

Fancy a trip to the seaside with friends and neighbours? The church is running a trip to Llandudno. Come and join in the fun! Take your own picnic, bring lots of enthusiasm and enjoy the sea air without the stress of driving.

See page 23 for details



## Lost Property

We have a box and drawer full of paraphernalia which has been left in Acton Church over the last few years!

If you think you have lost glasses, hats and other accessories, please speak to someone at Tea at the Tower or Tracey Foster.

**Anything left will be moved on!**

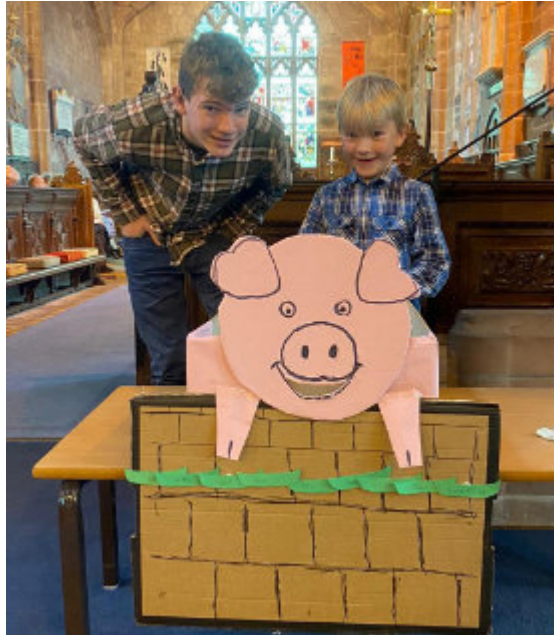


## Messy Church at Acton

We celebrated Pentecost in May when the Holy Spirit in wind and flames came down on the disciples and changed their lives for ever. “Hello” and “Jesus is Lord” were loudly shared in many languages by our cosmopolitan MC family, including visitors from Sweden, to show how the disciples’ message was understood by everyone. We all wore flame badges to show we are part of God’s family, and prayed with balloons! We made wind spinners for the garden, flame biscuits and Peter’s group looked at how Luke, writing his second account in Acts, describes the beginnings of the early Church at Pentecost.

On Fathers’ Day we found out what our Dads and families mean to us. We all got involved with the telling of the well-known Prodigal Son parable; perhaps “the Loving Father” or “Lost Son” is more apt as we found out that God loves us whatever trouble and mess we get into and is always ready to welcome us home. We raced to feed the pig with our memory verse, then made piggy cakes for ourselves and personalised door hangers for our Dads while Pete’s group discussed the family dynamic and forgiveness.

Come and give us a go! July 21st /August 18th at 10am.



## Mary's Meals Concert

On Saturday 25th May, the community of St Mary's Acton, generously hosted an evening of musical entertainment in aid of the charity Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals currently feeds 2.4 million children each school day and operates in 18 countries around the world.

Much work and preparation took place at St Mary's prior to the concert and the church looked absolutely stunning, with a 'curtain' of blue lighting reaching up the stone pillars by Chris Pope - setting the mood for the evening. Deana's wonderful artistic creation, depicting two children needing food, stimulated much conversation and provided a fitting focal point, representing what the evening was about.

The evening was filled with many contrasting styles of music and included: some original, gentle compositions from John Rawlin Silvers and Elfin Bow; Baroque and Classical pieces from Caroline Morris and Jane Alcock and a novel instrumental collaboration from Jane Alcock and John Rowell, mixing various wind instruments with John's six-string fretless bass.

We would like to thank everyone who came to support Mary's Meals and also all those who donated, but couldn't manage to be there on the night. The evening raised a fantastic amount, £2,000. This corresponds to 93 children receiving 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 develop, and hopefully have an opportunity to escape from a life of poverty. Donations continue to drift in and it looks as if we will actually be able to bring the number of children fed up to the 100 mark. This is such an achievement!

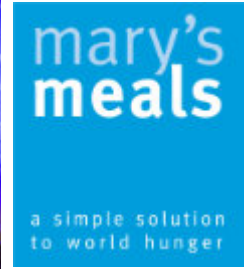
Very special thanks to everyone involved; to Stephan for his compering skills and organisational role; to the team providing refreshments so effectively; to those who organised the raffle and provided prizes; to those helping with parking, ticket sales, publicity and all the jobs that lead to a successful event.

It was also nice to welcome Hannah, from Mary's Meals, and have her on hand to discuss and promote the valuable work of the charity.

Well done to everyone at St Mary's and thank you to everyone who supported this event!

*Jane Alcock*





### **Concert raises £2000 for 'Mary's Meals'**

As regular visitors to 'Tea at the Tower' on Sunday afternoons, we attended the recent concert in aid of Mary's Meals. It was a superb performance and so enjoyable. The music was diverse and entertaining - and the beautiful blue lighting in the Church provided a lovely setting.

The atmosphere was truly welcoming - with approximately 150 people in the audience. We were delighted that the evening was such a success and will aid many needy children.

Father Michael and the people at St Anne's were happy to help with publicity.

*Ann Hall and Ann Alexander*



## Lambing in Llanthony

The saying “you never know where life is going to take you” springs to mind when I start my packing to spend three weeks each April helping with the lambing on my friends farm.

Many years ago I visited Llanthony Priory in the beautiful Vale of Eywas, set in the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park. Painted by JMW Turner and according to Gerald of Wales “If there’s a better religious site truly suited to the monastic life...in a wilderness far removed from the bustle of mankind we’d like to know”.

Well, there may be many visitors to the site now but the Priory still retains its air of other worldliness and majesty.

Little did I know all those years ago that one day I would be helping with the sheep and lambs that are part of this landscape and sharing in a true sense of history and continuity.

The first mention of sheep in the Bible is very early Genesis Ch 4 vs 2 and I often think of the different lives that Shepherds have lived throughout the years and in so many varied places.

Working together with people who truly know the land and their flock allows me to share for this short time in the special relationship they have with their animals.

My friend has a flock of 600 Welsh Cross ewes and is carrying on the farm in the footsteps of her father who thankfully still helps with the night shift.

We all pull together to give the lambs the best start in life and it is very easy to become attached to them (well certainly for a townie like me).

I get the lovely job of bottle feeding and when the children from the farm are around I am never short of help and we do have many discussions about names.

It is an intense and sometimes exhausting time and not without its ups and downs but I would not miss it for the world.



*Jackie Hatton*



## Acton and Reaseheath WI

On Monday 20th May we had our “Flowers and Fizz” fundraiser kindly hosted by Joyce Percival at Henhull Hall. Our speaker was Dawn Yearsley from Sunnyview Flowers who gave us an insight into her life as a flower grower. She told us how she became a grower, the problems she encountered along the way, how she works with other growers and exhibition companies who work on a grand scale decorating hotels, conferences, shopping malls to the more personal touch in people’s homes or special occasions such as weddings. She made multiple arrangements in various colours and designs. We then had an interlude with some Fizz and nibbles. I think everybody would agree it was a lovely and informative evening. Dawn and her fellow grower, Anya, were only too willing to answer any questions and give out advice on growing and sustainability which is at the core of what they do. Dawn’s flower arrangements were part of the raffle at the end of the evening. If you would like to know more about our WI please come and join us at Acton Parish Hall where we meet every second Monday of the month at 7pm March to October and 1.30pm November to February or phone Fiona Ross for more information on 07791 171415. You will be very welcome.



*Another photo on next page*



## Pauline Ash

This is a photo of **Pauline Ash** on her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday in April in the 'care home' in Crewe where she now lives. I was asked if I would like to join her for her birthday lunch, which I gladly did.

Pauline spent many happy years in Acton until last year.

I have known her for 37 years and she was a very dear friend and neighbour.

**Kath Farrington & family.**



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## Cross Country Pages

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

this month to

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Ellie Chapman     Sam Lister  
Elsie Heler

### Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to everyone in the Cross Country Parishes for the most beautiful pink rose shrub given to me on my 70th birthday!

It was a complete surprise and is something I will tend carefully and always treasure!

Thank you,

*Ann Nicholas*

### Nantwich Show

It's show time again! We hope you will all support our local show on Wednesday 31st July. There will be a full programme from 9.00 am until 6.00 pm and The Churches Together in Nantwich team will be there, helping with litter picking to keep the showground tidy and running the "Baby Changing Facilities". A gazebo on the showground - will be a base for the Churches and a hub for -music and sharing Christian love as we celebrate "Love Nantwich". We need helpers for all these activities and would be pleased if you could offer an hour or so of your time to help represent the Churches on Show day. Please ring Joyce Percival with offers of help or to learn more about the day on 07703 292900.

### Ladies' Lunch

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Milford Farm House, Long Lane,  
Wettenhall  
12:30 pm - Cost: £12.00  
For further details contact:  
Heather (528755), Isobel (624521),  
Ann (528273) or  
Joyce (07703 292900)

### Mobile Library

Jul	Jul	Aug	Tuesdays	
9 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	Arr	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 Alraham			14:05	14:30
Jul	Jul	Aug	Thursdays	
4 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25
Worleston Station Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:35	11:45
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10
Jul	Aug	Aug	Thursdays	
11 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor			10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green			11:05	11:20

*Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular!*

*Nothing is fool-proof to a sufficiently talented fool!*

## The Apostles; St Jude

Jude is often identified as Thaddaeus to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot. He is often termed the brother of Jesus but is more likely to be a cousin to Jesus. He is believed to have been born in Paneas in Galilee, his father being Clopas and his mother Mary Clopas, sister to the Virgin Mary. In the Catholic Church he is believed to be the brother of Jesus.

He spoke Greek and Aramaic, as did many of the people born in Galilee.

Little is written concerning his life in the Biblical early scripts, although he is said to be the author of 'The Epistle of Jude'. He may also have been the bridegroom in the account of the wedding in Cana, where Jesus turned the water into wine, His first miracle in the Bible.

Jude was said to be present at Pentecost and is often depicted as having the flame of the Holy Spirit around his head.

After the death of Jesus he started to preach, starting in Judea and then moving further away to Samaria, Syria, Mesopotamia and Libya. He travelled to Armenia, introducing Christianity to that country, where he is the Patron Saint. He travelled to Beirut, where he was martyred in about 65 AD with an axe, alongside Simon the Zealot. An ossuary in Northern Israel, dated to the early 2nd Century, was found with the inscription Judas Thaddaeus. His body is said to have been held in Kyrgyzstan until the mid-15th Century.

On 28th October 1665 his body was taken to Rome, where he was placed in the crypt at St. Peter's Basilica under the altar of St. Joseph, together with the bones of Simon the Zealot. In later years an arm was removed and placed in a carved reliquary in the shape of an arm imparting a blessing. This relic was toured in the USA over the past year. Jude is the Patron Saint of lost causes, a title derived from Christian reluctance to use the name Judas because of Judas Iscariot. He therefore became very keen to intercede to help people, even those who were in dire or hopeless circumstances. No matter what is happening, he will come to our aid.



*Heather Pope*

*Swing into Summer*  
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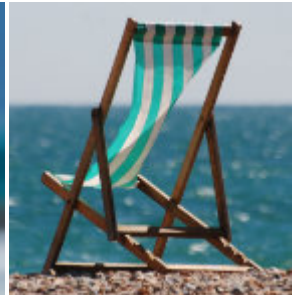
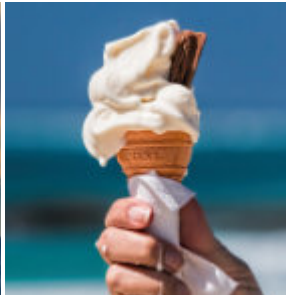
# Cross Country Parishes Day Trip to Llandudno



**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Cost: £15 per Person**

**Depart from Acton Church at 9am - Return at 5pm from Llandudno**



**Details from Joyce Percival 07703 292900**

## A letter of Introduction

**Churches Together in Nantwich**  
**From the Revd. Canon David Taylor**  
12th June 2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

You will be aware from the May Minutes that I was elected as Chairman of CTiN for the next two years. I offered to help in this way because it was clear at the last AGM that no one was willing or able to step into Andrew Spiers' place. As a recently retired church minister I felt that I could give some time to this and this was welcomed by the meeting in May.

So let me introduce myself. My wife Anne and I moved to Nantwich in 2019 following my retirement as Rector of the Parish of Congleton. We now worship at St Mary's Nantwich and I have permission to officiate within the Diocese of Chester. I was brought up within the Church of England and came to personal faith as a teenager. On leaving university I became a teacher of modern languages in Co. Durham before being called to train for ordained ministry in Salisbury. I was ordained in 1993 at Chester Cathedral and have served in parishes within the Chester Diocese ever since. Throughout my life and ministry I have been privileged to meet and learn from Christians of different traditions within my own and other denominations, from Catholic to charismatic and all stations in between. Churches Together has featured in different ways throughout my ministry and I am delighted to be able to serve Churches Together in Nantwich in this way over the next two years.

In his last days on earth Jesus prayed for the unity of those who would follow him and St Paul encourages us to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). The purpose of CTiN is to play our part in making this possible here in Nantwich. We have different traditions, different ways of organising ourselves, different ways of understanding our faith. We may disagree on matters great and small but we are called to "make every effort" to hold fast to that unity which we have in Christ through the Holy Spirit. This is all the more important at a time when our society (indeed our world) is becoming more fractious and fractured. In my view we can do this by sharing in prayer and worship, through witness and through service to the wider community. We can support one another's efforts by sharing news and offering prayer and we can work together as churches and individuals.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your church communities in the coming months. May God bless us in our endeavours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned at the end of the letter.



From our meeting in May here are some matters for your prayers and for action. Please share these with others in your churches through whatever means you use week by week. Other church news can be found with the Minutes of the May meeting. The General Election (4th July in case you haven't heard!!)

Pray for our community and for those who seek to serve as Members of Parliament. Pray also for those who are eligible to vote that we will not give way to cynicism or disillusion but will exercise our right to choose our representatives thoughtfully and prayerfully.

### **The Nantwich Show** (Wednesday 31st July)

Pray for the rural economy and for all who are involved in farming, food production and the leisure industry locally.

Pray too for all who work and study at Reaseheath College and for the chaplaincy there.

As previously our churches are invited to help with litter picking and the supervision of the baby changing facilities at the Show. We will also have the CTiN gazebo on site with an opportunity to advertise our church activities as well as witness to God's love for our community and beyond. Would you please ask now for volunteers to help on the day. Further details will be available after our planning meeting on the 25th June.

### **St. Mary's Nantwich**

Pray for the Revd. Vanessa Layfield as she takes up a new post in Norfolk on the 4th July and for the

### **Elim**

Pray for Michelle Nunn who has announced that she is stepping down as the Senior Leader of Nantwich Elim to take up the role of Principal at Regents Theological College in Malvern. Her last Sunday leading the church will be the 7th July 2024. Michelle has had a long association with the town and with Churches Together. Pray for her as she steps back from one significant ministry and prepares for another. Pray also for the leadership at Elim as they seek the Spirit's guidance for the future.

### **Market Street**

Pray for the church community as they explore the possibility of Messy Church and a Toddlers' Group to begin in September.

### **Churches Together in Nantwich (CTiN)**

Pray for each of the member churches and for their representatives as we seek to work together prayerfully and practically in the coming year.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3: 20-21



### The National Women's Institute AGM at the Royal Albert Hall

Whilst members of Darnhall and Wettenhall WI were sitting down to their speaker for the evening, Marjorie Sherry was sitting in the bar at the Hyatt Hotel awaiting dinner.

This year it was Darnhall and Wettenhall's turn to represent three Cheshire WI's at the AGM to vote on a resolution about dentistry.

The meeting was taking place at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The adventure started at Middlewich early on Tuesday morning when Marjorie joined other delegates on the coach.

On the Wednesday morning members had another early start to reach the Royal Albert Hall and Cheshire delegates were to be seated about 10 rows from the front of the hall in the main arena almost opposite the organ. Well, that is awesome if nothing else. The meeting started with the singing of Jerusalem accompanied by the organ.

Following this were various introductions and speakers.

The speaker for the dental resolution was Eddie Crouch, who has been seen on various TV interviews discussing the problems of Dental Health and the NHS. Members asked various questions on the subject and, since the WI had been unable to find someone to speak against the resolution, the vote was taken. Of the 4795 institutes able to vote, 4578 were in favour of the resolution.

The guest speakers all spoke about abuse of women in various concepts. The morning speaker was Nazir Afzal OBE, who was Chief Crown Prosecutor for NW England during the cases of Stuart Hall and the huge enquiry in Rochdale. His first-hand knowledge of what goes on behind closed doors, and within families, was very disturbing.

The first speaker in the afternoon was Mel Brown i.e. Mel B of the Spice Girls. It took the form of an interview with Victoria Derbyshire and was very revealing. She said that her experiences will never really leave her. She has now written about her life so far.

The last guest speaker was Timothy Watson, who was in the Archers and took the part of a very controlling, coercive, farm manager. Together with Melissa Green he explained how very difficult it was to read the part and to collect the background information. Following the Archers storyline the subject was taken up by television.

The Women's Aid celebrates its 50th anniversary this year but it is sad that this is still needed today. Abuse takes many forms, in many ways, and maybe we should be more aware that it can be well hidden. This applies especially in rural areas where there is less social contact.



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## Recipe

### Salmon with a Pea and Mint Salad

Serves 2

#### Ingredients

- 2 salmon fillets
- Frozen or fresh peas - about 1 mug of peas.
- About a third of a cucumber
- Handful of fresh mint - finely chopped
- 1tbsp olive oil or rapeseed oil
- 2tbsp white wine or cider vinegar
- Pinch each of salt, pepper and sugar
- 2-3 tbsp mayonnaise
- Lettuce
- Tomatoes

#### Method

👉 Cook the salmon fillets in an oven [160 C or mark 6 gas] or under a hot grill, on a greased tray, until just cooked through. Test after about 8 - 10 minutes. Leave to cool on the tray

👉 For the salad first cook the peas in boiling water until just tender – this will only be about 1-2 minutes for frozen peas. Drain the peas and leave to cool slightly.

👉 In a wide bowl pour in the vinegar, oil and pepper, salt and sugar. Add the mint and stir to mix. Add the warm peas and mix gently into the liquids. Allow to cool completely. Cut the cucumber into three pieces, each about 5 cm long. Cut these pieces into slim sticks. Add the cucumber to the peas and mix gently. Leave for about 15 minutes.

👉 Place lettuce leaves on two plates and spoon the drained pea and cucumber mixture onto the leaves, leaving any liquid in the bowl. Add the mayonnaise to the remaining liquid in the bowl and stir well to mix. Place the salmon fillets on top of the peas and drizzle the mayonnaise mixture over the fish. Add tomatoes to the plate.

A vegetarian salad can be made in the same way, replacing the salmon with hard boiled eggs



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4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Lynne Ablard		
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### Condolences

**Roland Hull** died on 16th April 2024. His funeral service took place at St Oswald's on 10th May, followed by burial in the churchyard. We send our deepest sympathy to Sandra and all the family, and assure them that they are in our thoughts and prayers.



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### Coffee and Cake

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 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.



## D-Day Memories

As a child I lived in the south of England, fairly near Aldershot Garrison. One day in June 1944 my mother called us into the garden, and I was surprised to see her and our women neighbours waving towels and tea towels and pointing up to the sky.

Overhead were planes pulling gliders - a few at first and then the sky seemed almost black. We children didn't understand and probably our mothers didn't either, exactly what we were witnessing. It was only years later that I realised that we had seen the beginning of the Battle of Normandy.

I was one of a handful of people who were alive in 1944, who were at Wattenhall to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the landings in Normandy. Chris Pope had put together a beautiful programme for the evening. There was music, readings, singing, lovely food, and a beacon which joined all the other beacons across the country. Thank you, Chris - it couldn't have been a better tribute to those who saved our country, and preserved our freedom.



## Thank you Gents

These gentlemen enjoying a well-deserved pint also deserve our gratitude. They had just finished many hours cutting and mowing the grass in Worleston churchyard, and you can see the splendid results in photos which Chrissie Black took, after her team had finished.

**They are from l to r**

**Mike Alexander, Alan Jones, Ginge Ablard, George Stevenson, Rob Black and Dave Harding. Many thanks to all of them.**

**Their hard work and the time they gave, is much appreciated.**

If anyone else would like to help in keeping the churchyard in a good state, then please contact Chrissie Black - 07922079520.





## Double Whammy Concert

In April, the Funky Choir came to St Oswald's for the Double Whammy Concert which was a great success.

On 26th May, after Morning Prayer at St Oswald's, **Revd Anne** presented **Di Collins** with a cheque for **£1,000** for **St Luke's Hospice**.

Two other indispensable helpers at the concert, **Chrissie Black** and **Stephan Davies** are pictured with them



# Worlestone Music School

## Student Spotlight!

I took up the oboe at the age of 52, mainly because I wanted to challenge myself with something that isn't related to work! At this point, I was already a reasonable clarinettist and played with the North Cheshire Wind Orchestra every Friday night. However, I have still posed a challenge to Andrew, my teacher! It's very different learning as an adult as my head has a constant 'to do' list running through it and, in a work context, I am usually the one giving advice. Still, I got my Grade 7 oboe within 2 years and should do Grade 8 this summer. Exams aren't for everyone - and yes, the examiner did do a double take when an adult walked in - but I needed something to aim for. It's also been good for my own children to see that adults can take exams too!



I love music and can honestly say that it has been one of the greatest joys in my life. No words can describe the feeling of sitting in the middle of a musical group, shaping your own part as the other strands of music surround you and weave in and out of what you are playing. At its best, I would say that it has a spiritual dimension. Plus, you get to meet lots of great people. I would honestly recommend taking up an instrument at any age, even if you have never done music before.



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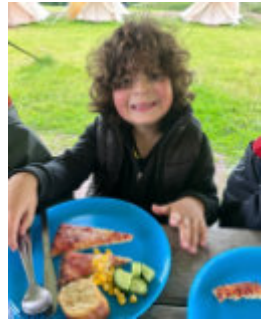
## Calveley School

At the time of going to print children had only been back in school 4 days, but had still managed to cram a lot in! Sycamore have been to Manchester to perform with the Halle Orchestra to a sold out crowd with lots of other schools from across the region. Beech class have been away camping at Alderford Lake in Shropshire. They have observed wildlife, been out on the lake on rafts and completed team building games and activities. Back in school, Willow Class have been making vegetable soup and our super star teachers have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark award.

Before half term Sycamore visited Iddenshall Hall care home to create some WW2 artwork, even meeting some residents who'd been evacuated during the war.

Next week, Beech class are heading to Cheshire Show to perform a dance routine, and small groups from Willow class will be selling lemonade in the 'Schools Out' tent - hopefully we'll see some of you there.





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## St Oswald's School, Worleston

Our Year Five and Six, Foxes class, have been busy learning and practising some enterprise skills by running their own mini businesses for a week in school. Each pupil was loaned £5. The children created business plans, made items to sell, and planned and completed their own marketing and advertising. The children ran their stalls for a week and they sold a variety of items including, sweets, cakes, bracelets, hair accessories, lip balm, football cards and lucky dips all for less than £1. The rest of the school supported the businesses and the Foxes made a whopping £415.73! The money raised will go towards their Leavers trip.

The whole school community has got together for our annual Sports Day. The weather was very kind to us and we started off the afternoon by welcoming our families for a picnic before the races began at 1pm. The PTA sold strawberries and cream, soft drinks and ice lollies and we were able to enjoy them in the sunshine. The children were amazing, showing resilience, team work and great sportsmanship throughout. A special thank you to the Year Six pupils who were helping out on the day, setting up races, supporting our youngest pupils and cheering and congratulating everyone.

St Oswald's have joined with some other schools in Nantwich to celebrate the European Football Championships 2024 and the diversity of the countries that are participating. We have decorated one of the windows of Jepsons in Nantwich for Hungary. Children from each class in school learnt about Hungary and together they made a footballer, footballs, bunting, and researched facts and information on both Hungary and a footballer from the Hungarian football team. The decorated window will form part of a treasure hunt of different football teams displayed in windows around the town. The treasure hunt will run until 14th July. Please contact the school office on [admin@stoswald-worl.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stoswald-worl.cheshire.sch.uk) if you would like a copy of the treasure hunt.







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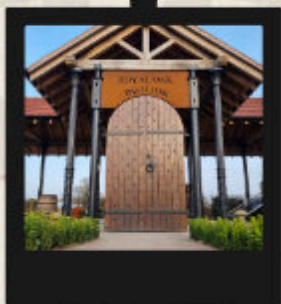
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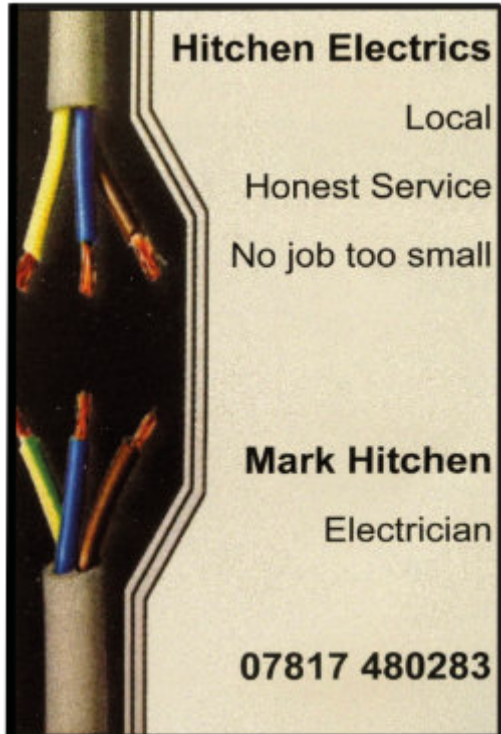
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