



ST DAVID'S WETTENHALL
ST OSWALD'S WORLESTON

AUGUST 2012

Going, going, gone!

It seems amazing that over a year and a half has passed since I arrived at St Oswald's as a temporary Officiating Priest.

I remember how nervous I was then – I had only been ordained as a priest for 6 months, and was only halfway through my curate training. I did know some people through being connected to Wettenhall via the Rev'd Keith Hine (my brave Training Incumbent) and I had a very helpful introduction from Rev'd John Whitehead. What I remember most clearly is lots of lovely people, smiling in welcome and reminding me of their names, several times, until I'd remembered them.

And finally, I wondered what God had in mind. I was very glad to be working in Worleston Parish, but as a temporary post I was not at all sure what might happen next – to all of us.

Over the twenty months that have followed, I have had the most wonderful, happy and rewarding time with you all. It has been a steep learning curve for me – and it must have taking a bit of getting used to on your part too! – but it has been both stimulating and immensely enjoyable. Thank you for bearing with my mistakes and omissions, and for gently reminding me and encouraging me throughout. It has been a joy and a privilege to work with such excellent Churchwardens and Readers, and with a supportive PCC.

I have discovered that an Officiating Priest is free to do all sorts of things. The more usual ones include leading Sunday services; officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals; visiting people; praying for people; doing school assemblies; and turning up for Parish events.

In addition, I've been lucky enough to have done some more unusual things too. The Pets' Service at Worleston remains a highlight, as were the Good Friday 'Follow the Cross' journeys. Baptising a baby who grabbed my front glasses and threw them into the font along with my service sheet was unexpected, as was the attendance of dear Penny Moss's festively-dressed dog in the front pew at her funeral. Working with wedding couples at St Oswald's has been a particular joy – I had never conducted a wedding before. I have been invited to look at nesting birds, faulty drains, historical documents and people's scars. Working with the school has also been rewarding and fun. I've been asked whether Jesus always had dirty feet, and whether vicars ever have friends.

I've driven nearly 5,000 miles commuting to Wettenhall and Worleston, have been fed much cake by sympathisers, and have developed an addiction to Worleston pies. And it has been an enormous privilege to be with you and your families at times of celebration, and at times of loss and grieving.

Finally, I've now found out what God had in mind for you and for me. For you, He has brought another big-hearted priest, Rev'd John Varty, to care for you. And for me, He has shown me how wonderfully kind, generous and forbearing people are, and how being members of a church together can be a very special sort of family. And now I am to go to Mellor Parish, and I know that I will find another branch of our family there too.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement, and for being a blessing to me. May God bless you always.

With my love, Alex

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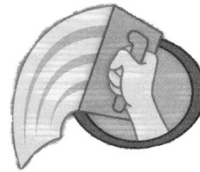
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SIDESPERSONS

5 Aug United at St. Oswald's
12 Aug Mrs M. Drinkall
19 Aug Mrs. K. Noden
26 Aug Mr. J. Hamblin
2 Sept United at St. Oswald's

CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWERS

Aug 5/12 Mrs. K. Noden
Aug 19/26 Mrs. E. Carr & Mrs. A. Nicholas
Sept. 2/9 Mrs. A. Robinson & Mrs. A. Brooks

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Peter & Audrey Howard on the occasion of their Silver Wedding anniversary on August 12th;
- to Ellie Cartledge and Jon Bacon on

their marriage at St. Helen's Church, Tarporley on 30th June;

- to Mrs. Margaret Hollinshead on her special birthday in July;
- to Kate Howard on her Graduation on July 17th.
- to Bridget & Arthur Wilkinson on the birth of their twin great granddaughters, Sienna Lily and Scarlett Rose, in July.
Best wishes to all of them.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to John Cheers and his family, Jane, John, Samantha & James on the sad death of Georgie Cheers, a much loved wife, mother and grandmother.

MOVING ON!

We send our very best wishes to the following pupils of Calveley School who are moving on to their secondary education in September. They were each presented with a Youth Bible from St.

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David's Church by the Rev. Alex Sanders
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Abbey Hughes	James Lomas
David Manning	Olivia Morris
Alex Murphy	Samuel O'Connell
Amy Shirt	Harry Tomlins
Angus Vardy-White	
Samuel White	Dominic Wright

Our thoughts and prayers go with them.

DIAMOND JUBILEE PLAQUE

The plaque accompanying the new flagpole in the churchyard has been weather-proofed. The recent rain had tarnished the beautiful new brass but it's now restored to it's former glory. The bonus is that, apart from using a soft cloth occasionally, it no longer needs polishing.

CONCORDIA SINGERS

The Concordia Singers from Northwich, have kindly offered to put on a concert on September 15th to raise funds for the Flower Festival at the end of the month. They perform a variety of music and popular songs from the music hall era. Refreshments will be provided. Look out for further details in the September magazine or contact Ann Nicholas.

ANYONE FOR COFFEE?

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Gardening Tips for August

Hopefully after the downpours of June, as you read this, we will have had some hot and sunny weather and we have to think about watering. If you are worried about the water meter or a hose pipe ban consider investing in a water butt which via the drainpipe can collect water off your roof. You will be amazed even off a small roof, such as the garage or greenhouse, how much water you can collect quickly – and it's free! You can join two butts together and collect water just off one drain pipe. Another idea is to put a tank in the greenhouse and collect water off the greenhouse roof directly, this also saves walking out of the greenhouse.

If it is very dry you need to water wisely and prioritise pots, growbags and ornamental flowers. Watering lawns, shrubs and trees, unless newly planted, makes plants put down surface roots which leaves them weak. Putting mulch on the borders is another good way of keeping the moisture in.


If you are going away on holiday don't forget the indoor pot-plants. They might need a drink whilst you are away. One trick is to place a bucket of water slightly above the plant-pots and trail a piece of flannel from this into the pots and you will keep the plants moist. Make sure you don't do this on the carpet or wooden floor—find a sheltered spot outside or in the utility room.

Other than keeping the flower garden tidy with such jobs as keeping hedges in trim,

dead heading flowers and perhaps a little rose pruning there are not too many jobs to be done in the garden. If there has been a summer storm it is worthwhile checking any plant supports and making sure that they are firm.

Any edible crops such as the raspberries, strawberries, courgettes and potatoes should be harvested as they ripen. You can make preserves and pickles, and freeze any suitable produce you have been unable to eat or give away

August should be a month in which you can sit back and enjoy the garden, think about projects you want to do this winter or even have a barbecue.

 <p>Happy Birthday</p>	Adam Vernon
	Adelaide Foden-Vencil
	Benjamin Glover
	Elsie Mae Carr
	Emily Vernon
	Emma Parkin
	Hannah Corley
	Joseph Cork
	Maisie Rowland
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BOOK REVIEW.

MY SISTER'S KEEPER by Jodi Picoult
ISBN 0-340-83546-X Hodder 2004

This would be a good text for book group – provided you have plenty of tissues on hand!

Thirteen year old Anna was conceived to allow her stem cells at birth to give her older sister Kate a chance to fight leukaemia. Since then she has provided various transfusions and injections to keep Kate going. But now sixteen year old Kate needs her kidney and Anna has had enough. She takes her parents to court to obtain medical emancipation from her family.

We see the problem from the point of view of each family member and the legal team involved as well. How many of us could make the decisions taken by the mother who loves both daughters but needs the body parts of the younger to save the older?

Well written and with a surprise ending, this is a worthwhile read and a good starter for a long discussion. It even has a romance running throughout as well!

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President Ann Crate

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Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at Darnhall Village Hall.

During the coming month members can take part in darts, bowling, and walking— not much time for sitting around. But this is a busy institute.

Members were thanked for their offers of help and donations of cakes towards the Darnhall Village Day.

The speaker for the evening was John Malam from Winsford, who gave a talk on 'Art Pottery'. John talked about various small potteries in Shropshire who made many individual items. John is also involved in the Winsford Allotment Society and told members about the forthcoming open event.

The next meeting is on 7th August

WORLESTON WI

President: Ros Lea 628176

Secretary: Chris Hulme 528630

Meeting 2nd Wednesday 7.15 pm at The Pinfold, Wettenhall Rd, Poole.

Camaraderie and Calendars

The friendly enthusiasm and "can do" camaraderie of the Worleston WI ladies came to the fore last week when their Summer BBQ was yet again rained off. In true WI style, the event has been re-booked as the Worleston Group's 74th Birthday BBQ to take place in early September.

Annita Grunner thanked the Worleston "Royal Oak" for their support in hosting their successful Cream Tea afternoon which included a demonstration on flower arranging, and raised £409 for institute funds.

Reports and discussion on group

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A bit of the Bible

Jesus said 'it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God'. What does that mean? And how does it affect us today?

On the face of it, this seems a peculiar remark. How can something as big as a camel ever go through something as small as the eye of a needle? Was Jesus saying that a rich man can never enter the kingdom of God, that is to live a godly life?

On one level, it might be exactly what Jesus meant. He was replying to a young rich man who had asked Him what he needed to do in order to inherit eternal life. Jesus told him he should keep the commandments, then sell all his possessions, give the money to the poor, and follow Him. The young man could not do this, and turned away.

There is a story that the 'eye of the needle' was a gate in the walls around Jerusalem, which opened after the main gate was closed at night. A camel could only pass through this smaller gate if it was stooped down and had its baggage removed. This fable suggests that we can get bogged down with carrying worldly things around with us.

But another way of looking at it is that only God has the power to do the unthinkable, the impossible. We can't get a camel through a needle's eye, but such impossible tasks are possible for God. God can do **anything** to welcome those who turn to Him; if we open up just a tiny crack for Him, God will come pouring in.

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FAREWELL AND THANKS TO ALEX

On 2nd September at St Oswald's church at 11am there will be a special service when our two parishes say farewell to the Revd Alex Sanders. Although she has not been with us for very long, Alex has certainly made her mark and we are all very sorry that she is leaving. She will be incumbent (vicar) of a parish of her own. Lucky Mellor!

They will soon find out in Mellor that Alex is full of enthusiasm and energy; that she works long hours; and those who are bereaved.

All this has come about because she is convinced that God called her to work for His Kingdom, and we are glad that we have shared a small part of her journey while she finished her training.

Our thanks and prayers go with Alex and Nick, and their family. We look forward to hearing about life in Mellor, and already some people have got out a map and might even explore that far-flung outpost of the diocese!

that she has a sense of humour; that she cares very much about the community, the school, the couples who come for weddings, the families bringing a baby for baptism,

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- *Re the picture above—the small* •
- *boy's face says it all!* •
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TEACHER IN THE
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MELODY IN YOUR CLOTHES. IT WAS
EMBARRASSING BUT FUNNY TOO. WE HOPE
YOU ENJOY YOUR NEW JOB AND COME BACK
TO VISIT US SOON,
LOVE FROM JOSIE, MARTHA AND MELODY.

St Oswald's School Children say goodbye to Rev Alex Sanders

*Dear Reverend Alex,
You are the best Reverend in the world
You do great assemblies.
I hope you have a good time at your new
church.*

*It was funny when you dressed Luis,
Melody and Henry
Love Imogen, Eleanor and Joseph xxx*



Dear Reverend Alex,
We would like to say thank you for all
that you have done in the church. You
always listen to us whenever we tell you
something. You are a very kind lady.
We remember the funny times like the
time you got two ladies to
come up and do the
candle it was really really
FUNNY! They couldn't do
better than you.

love from

Olivia , Emily xxxxx

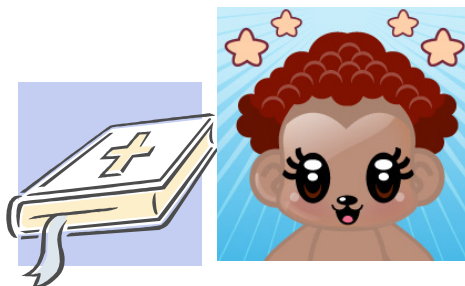


Dear Reverend Alex,
We will miss you lots. I remember
when we all went to church, it was great fun. We
hope you have a good time in your new job. We are sorry
you are leaving. We will all miss you so much,
love from Caitlin and Henry xxxxxxx

*Dear Reverend Alex,
We are sorry to hear that you are
leaving our church. We think it was
funny when you put your special clothes
on Melody, Henry and Luis because you
put Melody on a chair and made her
taller. Thank you for doing our
assemblies so well.
From William and Georgie.*



Dear Reverend Alex ,
Thank you for coming in to do our
assemblies and teaching us all about
God and Jesus.
You were the best vicar
ever. Good luck in
your new church,
Love Jessica and
Charlie XXXXX



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES:

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.. 'If Jesus was sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, ' Ryan , you be Jesus !'

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.. 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

A wife invited some people to dinner.. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?' 'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied. 'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'



After the Christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

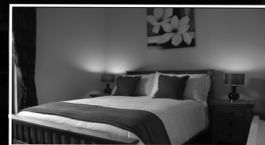
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- 26 Aug Mr & Mrs M Alexander
- 2 Sept Mr A Hamilton

FLOWER ROTA

- 12 Aug Mrs L Ablard
- 26 Aug Mrs P Stalker
- 8 Sept Mrs G Morgan-Wynne

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- Sept Mrs P Stalker & Mrs M Booth

METHODISTS

- All at 10.30 am at Poole Chapel
- 12 Aug Preacher Mrs J Smith
- 26 Aug Holy Communion Preacher Mr A Henshall

QUAKERS

- 5 & 19 Aug at 3 pm in Poole Chapel

Congratulations.

Ian Smith and Clare Curbishley were married on 7th July.

Lionel Smith and Sophie Binns were married on 8th July.

(Despite a VERY rainy week, the sun shone for both weddings!)



On Midsummer's day in June we were hoping for beautiful weather to enjoy some outdoor games. Our theme was the Olympics and our idea was to celebrate all that is good in sport. We still managed to do that, but our meeting had to take place indoors as the weather turned out to be far from summery! The children used all their artistic skills to produce card and paper

"Olympic Torches".

We compared our lives to running a race. We considered the light of the torch, leading the way, as Jesus, the light of the world. The rain didn't dampen our spirits or our fun. The children wrote a lovely prayer for the end of the Eucharistic service.

We are having a break for August holidays and will begin again on Sunday 23rd Sept in church at 9.30 am.

WI report from page 10:

activities included invitations to other WI events, theatre trips, bowling, bridge, early planning for the Christmas meal. The ladies welcomed Derek Meakin who led an enthusiastic and lively debate on the "Pros and cons of an old fashioned education".

The Walking Group will tackle 4.5 miles over "Brown Knoll", meeting at 10.30am on July 28th at the "Sandstone" public house (old "Coppermine") at Bickerton. New members, families and friends welcome to join activities and meetings.

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- *Life is like a mirror, we get the best* •
- *results when we smile at it.* •
- *Smooth seas do not make skillful* •
- *sailors. - African proverb.* •
- *I ask not for a lighter burden, but for* •
- *broader shoulders. - Jewish* •
- *proverb.* •
- *Not everything that can be counted* •
- *counts and not everything that* •
- *counts can be counted - Einstein.* •
- *Aspire to inspire before you expire.* •
- *The more you know, the less you* •
- *understand - Tao Te Ching.* •
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Thanks and farewell to Ivor Johnstone

Mr Ivor Johnstone has been Head at St Oswald's Primary School for the past five years. During that time the school has flourished and the links with the church have strengthened. The children now come every half term for a Celebration Assembly, and for the Christingle service as well as the traditional harvest service.

We are all very sorry to say good bye to Mr Johnstone but send him to his new Headship in Liverpool with our love, prayers and best wishes, and thanks for all that he has done for St Oswald's school.

St Oswald's Church

After 5 years as Head Teacher at St Oswald's, Ivor Johnstone is moving on to pastures new. Ivor has presided over unprecedented growth in the school, seeing numbers almost double during his tenure. This increase has not, however, come at the expense of a quality education. Indeed, along with his dedicated staff team, Ivor has seen standards improve year on year.

A school - especially one as close knit as St. Oswald's - is a reflection of its Head Teacher; their personality and values shape the school and influence everyone involved with it. St. Oswald's, with its close links to the Church and local community is a happy, successful, safe and vibrant school; what a wonderful testament to a first rate Head and a legacy of which he can be truly proud. We wish him every happiness for the future and express the deepest gratitude from the bottom of our hearts.

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Diocesan Synod 23 June 2012 Presidential Address

The Bishop (the full address is on the website) touched on:- The fact that as a national rather than a state church we need confidence. Patterns of ministry in this diocese are changing. The government's proposals for 'same sex marriage' have not been thought through. The Anglican Covenant is probably 'dead in the water'. That the 2 amendments to the Women Bishops debate due at General Synod next month, may complicate the issue. He is not certain that the time is right to pass the legislation to approve women bishops.

Notes on the other business of Synod, which church members are encouraged to read, will be available at the back of either church or from Isobel.

This was the last Diocesan Synod of this three-year term. The new synod meets in November.

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Community Drivers

Cheshire Community Development Trust are looking for suitably qualified drivers to support their Dial a Ride, Women's Safe Transport and Rural Rider services. These are paid roles on a casual basis to cover sickness and holidays and to support a steadily increasing programme of one day excursions within the North West/North Wales area. Anyone interested should contact Arthur Neil on 01606 723182 or email aneil@cheshirecdt.org.uk

They are also trying to recruit volunteer drivers to use their own cars on our community car scheme. Some reimbursement of mileage is provided to enable local residents who cannot manage public transport to access social engagement, hospital or doctor's appointments etc. Anyone interested in this work should contact Tracey Walford on the number below or email twalford@cheshirecdt.org.uk

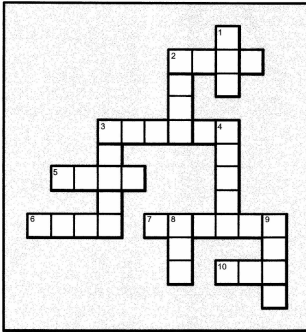
Are you interested in helping young people improve their employability skills?

Working2gether Ltd is based on Gadbrook Park, Northwich and provides a range of work related learning experiences for young people by linking education and businesses. Our team of experts provide activities such as work experience placements, Enterprise and Employability Days (such as Tomorrows Managers Today and Get Shirty), Mock Interviews with employers, CV development and leadership skills.

They work closely with a vast array of primary schools, secondary schools, academies and colleges..... and are looking to build further employer links so that they can provide the best experiences possible! There is a vital role you can play in helping young people apply their skills and knowledge in the work place, improve confidence and motivation, and really help to inspire young people in their future careers.

If you are passionate about our future work force and would like to volunteer to get involved by offering work placements, participating in Enterprise Days, conducting mock interviews (or anything else you can think of!) then they would like to hear from you. If you can help please contact Norma Guest 01606 42823

Seaside Crossword



Across

2. It may have a sail or oars
3. Perhaps you could collect water in this?
5. Watch him scurry down his hole
6. They swim in the sea and have scales and fins
7. She sells sea _____ on the sea-shore
10. I hope this is out for your holiday

Down

1. Carry your beach things in this
2. A good read!
3. The strip of sand along the sea shore
4. Dry yourself with this
8. Wear one of these to keep the sun off your head!
9. It feels funny under your toes

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Acton and Reaseheath WI have just had a talk about this charity which we support, both in church and from Worleston and Calveley schools. The speaker explained the history of the charity, showed a video, told us what is suitable to put in the boxes, and demonstrated how to line them with wrapping paper.

Although it's a long time until Christmas she urged us to look out for items which the children love and which are sometimes only in the shops as seasonal items- such as skipping ropes, which appear in summer. She recommended shops like the Pound Shop, B&M and Wilkinsons as happy hunting grounds for toys, pens and pencils and novelty items. Start collecting for your box NOW!

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Scarecrow Trail winner Foxy Freddie by Laurence and Sally Jinks

The Winsford E-Act Academy band, Endeavour



Young Farmers beat both the Darnhall Village and Boot & Slipper (Wettenhall) Tug-o-War teams



Darnhall Dancers



Dog Show judged by expert Audrey Howard. The overall winner of a number of classes such as waggly tail and obedience was Harry Strachan and his dog Alfie.

Many thanks to all the sponsors!