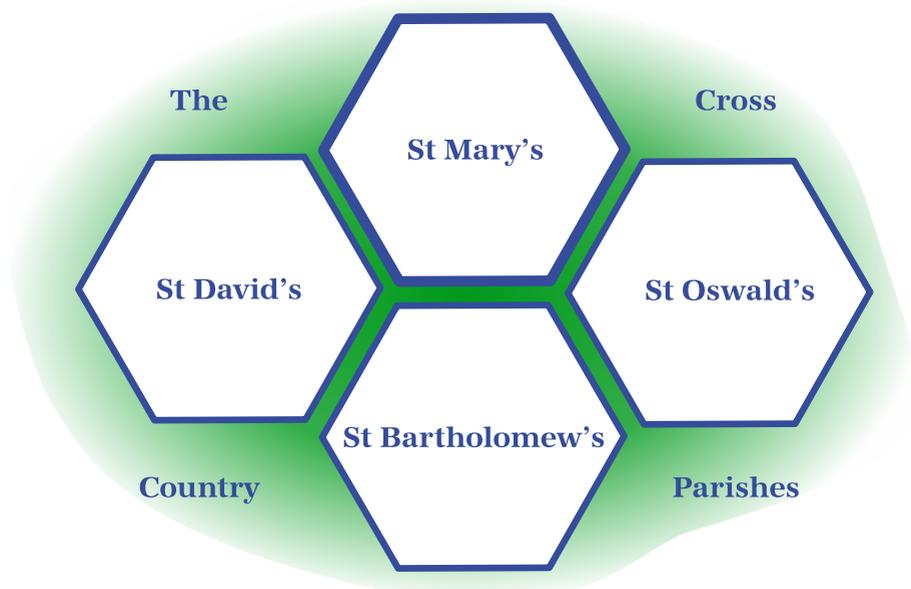


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St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
August 2024



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Dear Friends



Journeys

I write this while I'm taking some holiday. By the end of my time away, I will have travelled over 500 miles visiting friends in different places. Journeys are an important, if not an essential part of holidays and some of you will travel a great deal further than this to take holidays this year. Even if we don't travel at all over the summer period, we will still be on a journey. The most important journey of all; the Journey of Life.

For those who answer the call of Jesus to 'Follow me', that journey of life is also the Journey of Faith. Whilst visiting Ely Cathedral a few days ago, I was reminded of the beautiful 'Way of Life' wall sculpture by Jonathan Clarke on the wall opposite the font. This large and dramatic work of art illustrates the journey of faith which begins at baptism.



Like all journeys, there are stopping places and markers along the way of the Christian life. There will be times when the journey is easy; times when it is exciting; times when it is very ordinary and times when it is unbelievably hard, yet when we look back, we see that Jesus has been there alongside us, journeying with us, helping us on the journey. Later today, I will take a funeral. It will be time to give thanks for the unique journey of life and faith taken by that person.

Funerals are important stopping point on the journey. They literally mark the end of the journey through the life we know on earth. Whether they are the ultimate end, or simply a staging post on the way to a different, much fuller way of life in the presence of God is ours to decide. What comes after the staging post of death depends on our response to Jesus' invitation to 'Come, and follow me.'

Your companion on the journey of life,

Revd Anne

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 4th Aug 11:00 am United at Worleston
- 11th Aug 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am United at Church Minshull
- 18th Aug 10:00 am United Messy Church
- 25th Aug 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am United at Wettenhall
- 1st Sep 11:00 am Communion

Church Minshull

- 4th Aug 11:00 am United at Worleston
- 11th Aug 11:00 am United Cafe Church
- 18th Aug 10:00 am United at Acton
- 25th Aug 11:00 am United at Wettenhall
- 1st Sep 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 4th Aug 11:00 am United Communion
- 11th Aug 11:00 am United at Church Minshull
- 18th Aug 10:00 am United at Acton
- 25th Aug 11:00 am United at Wettenhall
- 1st Sep No Service

Wettenhall

- 4th Aug 11:00 am United at Worleston
- 11th Aug 11:00 am United at Church Minshull
- 18th Aug 10:00 am United at Acton
- 25th Aug 11:00 am United Communion
- 1st Sep 11:00 am Morning Prayer



St David's Church Wettenhall			
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers	
4 th	Aug	United at Worleston	Mrs M Drinkall and Mrs B Brockbank
11 th	Aug	United at Church Minshull	
18 th	Aug	United at Acton	Mrs A Howard and Family
25 th	Aug	Churchwardens	
1 st	Sep	Mrs M Sherry	Mrs A Nicholas
Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk			

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Gillian Summers**. Gillian died on 6th July. She was a faithful and much-loved member of the church family at St. David's and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who mourn her passing.

Road Closure

Please note that **Darnhall Bridge** will be closed for repair for four weeks from **July 29th**. The route to St. David's from Winsford is via Church Minshull.



PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting is on Monday 9th September at 7.30pm in St. David's church.

Spick and Span!

Following the beautiful improvement of the entrance gates as detailed in last month's magazine, thanks to **Mary and David Drinkall**, we have made further progress this month.

Dean Groom has now painted the railings and varnished the main doors and vestry door.

We are also grateful to **Mark and Steven Latham** for volunteering to help our regular churchyard mower, **Mike Peers** during his busy times.

Thanks to everyone who cares for St. David's both inside and out, throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful!

Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on **August 1st** and **September 5th** from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for a little or as long as they wish.



Darnhall Brownies

Some of our pack took a trip to The Royal Cheshire County Show on Wednesday 19th June, they had a busy day collecting results from different sections at the show, but they found time to take part in various events, visit different areas of the show and enjoy an Ice Cream break.



Darnhall And Wettenhall WI

The July meeting of the WI saw the village hall in Darnhall turned into a tea shop, with tablecloths, flowery napkins and sparkling grape juice in wine glasses. It was our annual 'afternoon tea', held on a chilly early evening in July. Conversation flowed, sandwiches, sausage rolls, and delicious cakes were consumed. Jelly, pink custard and ice-cream were served to give us a sense of school day's nostalgia. It was a lovely occasion for a catch up with friends and enjoy a tea organised and served by the committee. The competition was for a beautiful tea plate, a fitting object for the event. Our next meeting is Tuesday 6th August at 7.00pm, why not come along to meet the members?

Darnhall Show

The annual Darnhall Show was held on Sunday the 7th July at Court House Farm and was a truly memorable and happy event. The crowds were treated to all the essential ingredients that make for a traditional British summer show, including the tractors, Rose Queen, dogs galore, horses, Shetland ponies and of course, the rain! Darnhall School of Dance filled the show ring with synchronicity and the skills of the agility dogs was only matched by the professionalism of the Winsford Army Cadets. The Darnhall Brownies and the WI were there in force, making hundreds of cups of tea and organising the competitions. The show was a huge success, and thanks must go to all those who helped make it so, especially Sue and Richard Langley, Angela Hancock and all the team from Ash House Boarding Kennels. We are so fortunate to live in such a warm and friendly community of great people. The show ended with the Mighty Tug of War, with lots of participants.





Milford House Farm

National Garden Scheme Open Garden

This summer has been notoriously wet, and it didn't change for the NGS open garden at Milford this year. Despite the damp weather, people from all over Cheshire and Staffordshire travelled to the garden for a look at the flowers, vegetables and trees and to eat lots of cakes. Garden lovers are a hardy breed and people wandered around taking photos and asking for the names of their favourite plants. The team of volunteers looked after the dog, parked cars, answered questions, sold plants and served teas with a smile.

Thanks go to visitors and volunteers who all made it a successful day.



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Sidespersons**

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11 th Aug	United Communion at Church Minshull
18 th Aug	Tracey and Peter Foster
25 th Aug	United at Wettenhall
1 st Sep	Sandra and Mike Houlston

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Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

There is no Walk in August

The next walks are:

1st September

6th October

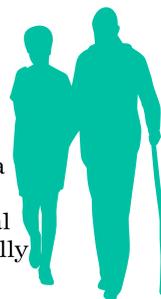
Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

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.

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On the 22nd June some twenty people gathered at the Moat belonging to Glebe House to celebrate the Summer Solstice. A big thank you to Deana & Gerald Emerton for facilitating this for the Forest Church Team.

Acton (or “Actune”) appears in the Doomsday Book at the end of the 11th Century. It was owned by a Northumbrian Earl before the Norman Conquest and was a prosperous and important settlement. Our church even had 2 priests and perhaps the island in the moat may have had spiritual or social importance for the people involved in the Saxon and Norman traditions.

Penni had been foraging on the morning of our meeting and we all sampled herbal tea made from hawthorn, nettles and birch leaves. One of our young church members, April Hitchen, wrote a super poem about Summertime, which she read to us all. We also studied leaflets, beautifully produced by Ann Williams, on plants to be found locally and Charles Hull gave an interesting talk on Jackdaws, which at the time were flying around the moat.

The afternoon ended with tea and cake back at St. Mary’s. A big” thank you” to all who supported us.



New Altar Frontal

New Altar Frontal, Chalice Veil and Burse

Hopefully, by the time you read this, you will have seen the beautiful new altar frontal with accompanying chalice veil and burse kindly provided by Rev Anne in memory of her mother, Margaret Lawson, and Margaret Lakin. As you look at the new altar frontal, chalice veil and burse you may notice the design that Rev Anne chose to complement our etched glass doors in the West entrance. This design, a cross incorporating the fleur-de-lis, is associated with St. Mary, symbolising purity and chastity.

Rev Anne, Gill Evans and myself spent a lovely day in Much Wenlock to collect the altar frontal. We also had the chance to visit Wenlock Priory, an ancient priory founded in 680 AD by King Merewalh of Mercia whose daughter, Abbess Milburga, was hailed as a saint for her miraculous cures particularly with healing the lepers and the restoration of sight to the blind. It became a priory for the Cluniac Monks in approximately 1080 and remained so until King Henry VIII exacted his devastating dissolution of monasteries policy in 1536. God's presence was still very close as we wandered around the ancient ruins; I would thoroughly recommend a visit to this peaceful and fascinating place. Finally, I would like to thank Rev Anne on our behalf for her generosity in providing the new altar frontal, chalice veil and burse.

Penni Doyle





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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Amber Spencer	Leo Haughan
Benjamin Glover	Maisie Rowland
Cerys Howells	Morgan Standeven
Conor Smith	Pheobe Corley
Emma Parkin	Quinn Williams
Hannah Corley	Scarlett Hyland
Harry Smith	Sienna Hyland

Ladies' Lunch

Wednesday 14th August
Dorfold Hall Gardens, Acton
12:30 pm - Cost: £12.00
For further details contact:
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Ann (528273) or
Joyce (07703 292900)
If you have a handy fold-up chair
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Congratulations

Congratulations to **Keith Callwood** who was 90 in July.
 Very best wishes from your many friends in Worleston.

August 31st will be a special day as **Geoff Darlington** reaches his 80th birthday.

On a Lighter Note

A man named Smith was sitting on his roof during a flood and the water was up to his feet. Before long a canoe paddled past and shouted "Can I give you a lift to higher ground?" "No thanks," said Smith, "I have faith in the Lord and he will save me." A short while later a rowboat came by and again the man was offered a ride to dry land but once again he turned it down declaring his faith in the Lord. Later a helicopter flew by and Smith was now standing on the roof with water up to his neck. "Grab the rope," yelled the pilot. "I'll pull you up." "No thanks" said Smith. "I have faith in the Lord and he will save me." But after hours of treading water poor exhausted Smith drowned and went to his reward. As he arrived at the Pearly Gates, Smith met his maker and complained about this turn of events. "Tell me Lord," he said, "I had such faith in you to save me and you let me down. What happened?" To which the Lord replied, "What do want from me? I sent you two boats and a helicopter!"

Mobile Library

Aug	Sep	Oct	Tuesdays	
20 th	10 th	1 st	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

Aug	Sep	Sep	Thursdays	
15 th	9 th	26 th	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre			11:00	11:25
Worleston Station			11:35	11:45
Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:50	12:10
Worleston Village Hall				

Aug	Aug	Sep	Thursdays	
1 st	22 nd	12 th	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms			10:00	10:15
Ravensmoor			10:30	10:50
Goodwill Hall	Faddiley		11:05	11:20
Greenfields Farm				
Gradeley Green				



The Apostles; St Philip

The Gospel of St. John says that Philip was from the city of Bathsaida, which would connect him closely to Andrew and Peter. He has a Greek name and may well have had connections with Greek pilgrims in Jerusalem. However, Philip is usually associated with John the Baptist, when the latter points out that Jesus is The Lamb of God. Later we learn that Philip introduced Bartholomew to Jesus and also attended the wedding at Cana when Jesus turned the water to wine, the first miracle. In the Gospel of John, Jesus asks Philip how they can feed 5000 people with the two loaves and five fishes, another miracle.

At the last supper Philip provides Jesus with the opportunity to explain the unity of the Father and the Son to all the disciples. This meal precedes Jesus' crucifixion and the start of Philip's preaching in Greece, Syria and Asia Minor. He travelled with his sister Mariamne and Bartholomew and eventually arrived at the ancient Greek city of Hierapolis [now Pamukkale in Turkey]. In Hierapolis he preached to crowds and performed a miraculous healing. These events resulted in the Christian conversion of the wife of the proconsul of that city, enraging her husband. He ordered Mariamne, Bartholomew and Philip to be tortured, then the men were crucified upside down. Philip started preaching from the cross and the crowd demanded release of the two men. Bartholomew was released, but Philip refused to be rescued and died. Some records of his death indicate that he was beheaded.

In 2011 Francesco D'Andria excavated a tomb on a hill in ancient Hierapolis, uncovering an empty tomb, from the first century, within the walls of a 4th - 5th century basilica. The basilica was known as the Church of the Sepulchre and stands

in the centre of a site of pilgrimage, its marble floors polished by the feet of thousands of pilgrims. The carvings on the wall were dedicated to Philip the Apostle and a 6th century bread stamp [a sourdough loaf stamped with images of the basilica, site of martyrdom and an image of Philip with the loaves] identified it as his tomb. The saint's relics had long gone but are said to be in the Basilica of Sante Apostali in Rome and in the Church of St Philip the Apostle in Cheektowaga in New York City. He is represented by his Latin Cross, a cross with the two loaves, or a basket of bread, all symbols of one of the best known miracles in the Bible.



Heather Pope

Mown Prayer Labyrinth at St Chad's, Wybunbury

Labyrinths are ancient pathways found across the world.

The winding path helps us to 'unwind', to let go and rest in God. Members of the early church as well as Medieval pilgrims have used them as a support for prayer. Today, labyrinths offer a spiritual space for prayer and reflection, providing a stilling space in a busy world.

Your labyrinth prayer time can be as open or as focused as you would like it to be. You might want to simply enter the labyrinth and walk or, before you enter the labyrinth, you might like to take time to:

- Read and reflect on a line or two from Scripture and ponder those words in the labyrinth, e.g.
 - "... you will reveal the path of life to me, give me unbounded joy in Your presence..." Psalm 16:1
 - "Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'" Matthew 11:28-29
- Hold a memory or a photo of a loved one you wish to remember or pray for while you are in the labyrinth
- Consider an experience in your life where you are seeking healing or forgiveness and talk to God in the labyrinth
- Think about a key celebration in your life and walk a prayer of thanksgiving in the labyrinth.



A labyrinth is different from a maze.

A maze is designed to be full of dead-ends.

A labyrinth has only one path that always leads to the centre... if you stay on the path you cannot get lost.

All are warmly welcome to come and experience it!

The area is not locked. Please feel free to open the car park gates and close them afterwards. It will be there for a few weeks.

With grateful thanks to Rev Catherine and Carl Cleghorne who shared these resources with us and helped us to create the prayer labyrinth.

Cross Country Parishes Day Trip to Llandudno



Thursday 8th August 2024

Cost: £15 per Person

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



Details from Joyce Percival 07703 292900

July Ladies Lunch at Milford

The summer months in Cheshire are beautiful, no matter what the weather is doing. So, for several years, the Ladies lunch has been held in gardens, or picnic style at Dorfold Hall, to make the best of the summertime. This year the weather has not lived up to its promise, but this hasn't spoiled the enjoyment of good food and good company. The July lunch was at Milford House Farm in Wettehall, and fortunately there was space for everyone to sit and eat in the marquee. The weather was damp, but the friendship was warm.

We enjoyed a lovely lunch of various sandwiches, quiches, delicious cakes and sweet treats like chocolate rocky road. Tea and coffee flowed, and so did the conversation.

After lunch the weather had dried up a little and a walk around the garden could be enjoyed without wellies. The gardeners present all agreed that it was a difficult year for success, with slugs, snails, no sunshine and chilly temperatures. Whatever the weather, it's an opportunity for delicious food and good company - everyone welcome.



'A huge THANK YOU to **Heather and Chris** for hosting this event. It was a delightful way to spend an afternoon!'



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Seaside Salad

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- 100g Pasta shells
- 1 tsp Vegetable Oil
- 200g Tuna fish in Brine
- 2 Celery Sticks, washed & sliced
- 2 Inches of Cucumber, washed & diced
- 1 Red Apple diced

For the Dressing

- 2 tbsp Mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp Natural yoghurt
- 2 tsp Lemon juice
- Salt & pepper

Method

The Salad

- 🍳 Cook the pasta shells according to the packet.
- 🍴 Drain & add the oil. Stir to separate shells & leave to cool.
- 🍳 Drain the tuna & roughly flake into the pasta with the celery, cucumber & apple.

To make the dressing-

- 🍴 Put all the dressing ingredients into a jam jar & shake until well mixed together.
- 🍴 Pour onto the tuna pasta and stir.



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11 th Aug	United at Church Minshul		
18 th Aug	United at Acton		
25 th Aug	United at Wettenhall		
Flowers		Cleaning	
4 th Aug	Lynne Ablard	August	Isobel Burnley
28 th Aug	Felicity Adams	Sept	Diane Darlington
Visit: www.worlestonchurch.org.uk			

From the Registers

Margaret Christine Davies died on 14th June 2024.
 The funeral service was at St Oswald's on 5th July 2024, followed by burial in the churchyard.
 We send our deepest sympathy to Nicola and all the family, and assure them of our thoughts and prayers.

Condolences

Condolences to **Andrew Bassey** and his family on the passing of his Mother last month.
 Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.



Congratulations

Congratulations are due in the Darlington household this month.
 On August 25th **Geoff and Diane Darlington** will be celebrating their RUBY wedding.
 Then August 31st is another special day as **Geoff** will reach his 80th birthday.
 Congratulations, best wishes and love from all your friends. We hope that you have a special month that you won't forget.

Congratulations

On 2nd July **Helen Bennion and John Astbury** were married at Crewe Register Office.
 We send them congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

Coffee and Cake

Saturday 3rd August 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.



Worleston WI

Our **June meeting** welcomed back **Chris Green**, known on the internet as the 'History Man'. Chris came along to tell us about the Secrets of the Royal Coronation.

We were sent back to the 12th century with details of coronations from then through the ages. Today we normally expect coronations to happen within twelve months of the death of the previous monarch. This has not always happened as Chris told us. Sometimes it has been a number of years before the coronation except in the crowning of King Harold as he wanted this done, as soon as possible, as other nobles within England and Europe had an eye on the crown.

We were also told about the crown of England was also lost in The Wash by King John and may still lie there to this day. The present crown has evolved over the years. It is very heavy to wear, at around five pounds in weight and therefore is only used in the crowning ceremony.

Chris told us that the ceremony for Queen Elizabeth was a longer service than the one for our present King Charles III. This was partly due to just Prince William pledging his allegiance to the king instead of all on the Lords and Nobles of the land.

Our **July meeting** consisted of a Quiz night called 'Marriage Signs' with sayings 'married up' with road signs. This was followed by a few rounds of bingo with gifts for the 'line' and M&S vouchers for a 'house'.

Later in July, our member, **Lyn Whitmore**, opened up her garden for a Treasure Hunt and her home and garden for an afternoon tea. Members and friends that attended enjoyed this fun and food. Lyn's garden is beautiful and extensive with individual 'rooms' and backs onto the River Weaver.

In **August**, we will be holding a Race Night at Acton Parish Village Hall for members and friends.



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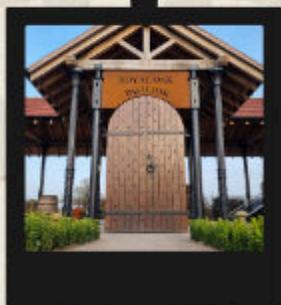


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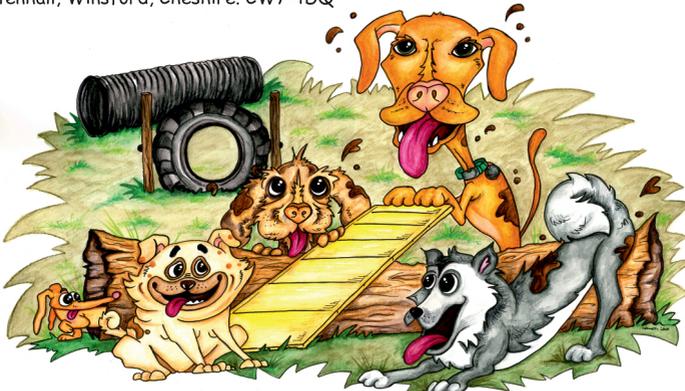


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Calveley School

It's been non-stop at Calveley this month! Our Year six leavers had a super trip to London; travelling by train from Crewe, visiting the Houses of Parliament, seeing Matilda in the west end and a trip on the London Eye. As usual, their attitude and behaviour was exemplary, we are so proud of them and wish them all the very best on the journey to high school.

It wasn't just the eldest children who've been out and about. Nursery children loved visiting Trentham Monkey Forest. For many of them it was their first ever school trip and time on a minibus. They were so excited... but very sleepy on the way home!

Back at school we have been enjoying sports week. Children have had the chance to do caving, rock climbing, pickleball, scooter skills, archery and circus skills - all on the school premises. Also this week we have been meeting our new peer groups and teachers for September. This has included lots of fun activities to help the children bond such as making birthday cards, drawing self-portraits and learning Heads, Shoulder, Knees and Toes in French - trickier than you think!





St Oswald's School, Worleston

This month our Year 1 and 2, Deer Class have been on a trip to Nantwich museum. The children had a tour around the town, and they looked at the church, the different Tudor buildings and the geography of the Fire of Nantwich, including where the fire began on the site of Nicholas Brown's house. Back at the museum, the children looked at different artefacts and tried on some Tudor style costumes. We then re-enacted the Great Fire of Nantwich. The children had a wonderful time learning more about our home town.

Our Reception, Owl Class have been on a trip to Reaseheath Zoo. They were given a guided tour of all of the different animals in the zoo. The children were able to feed the rabbits and Guinea pigs as well as being able to touch the ferrets, tortoises and different animals in the insects and reptile rooms. They had a lovely day out in the sunshine!

We have also been celebrating our Year 6 children who are starting high school in September. The children were on a special leavers trip to Ten Pin in Crewe where they enjoyed bowling, soft play and laser tag. They were also invited to Chester Cathedral to a special service. Reverend Anne accompanied them on their visit, and they joined other primary children from the diocese to thank the Lord for their time in primary school. We wish our Year 6 children love and pray that they continue to let their lights shine in High School. They will always be part of the St Oswald's family.





Acton CE Primary Academy

As we reach the end of another busy year, we have so much to be thankful for; our Christian values can be seen in everything we do.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 for all their hard work and effort this year. They should be proud of their achievements and both the students and teachers have shown perseverance and resilience as they worked towards their end of Key stage assessments.

However, at our school we celebrate more than just academic achievements and this year more than ever the children have had amazing opportunities to learn and seek enrichment beyond the classroom. Some of the wonderful experiences the children have benefited from have included residential visits to London, York, Snowdonia, Alderford Lake and Petty Pool.

In addition to this the children have been on numerous class trips, some of which have included: the theatre, Nantwich Museum, Manchester Science and Industry Museum and The Imperial War Museum, Chester, Bridgewater Hall, Safety Central, River Weaver, Reaseheath Zoo and not forgetting making our own pizzas at Pizza Express. We have also had numerous visitors to the school including drama, dance and art teachers offering their expertise and science week.

We always value our close working relationship with St Mary's and this year more than ever we are thankful to Reverend Anne and her loyal team, who have enabled the school to provide further enrichment beyond the RE curriculum including The Advent Trail, Easter Trail and a special thank you for the willingness to accommodate the school not just for nativity and formal services but, on a regular basis, to experience collective worship in the church.







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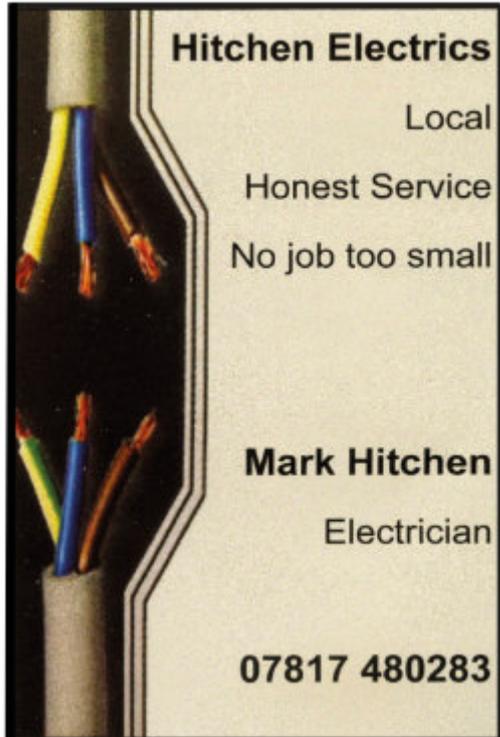
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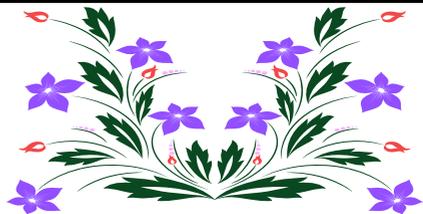
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