

St Mary's Acton
St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
October 2025



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

Dear Friends

All good gifts around us



You don't need me to tell you it's been a hot, dry summer. As I write, it isn't yet the end of August, but already the Met Office is telling us Summer 2025 is the hottest on record. Grass has gone brown, crops are struggling, if they've survived at all, reservoirs have dried up, leaves are already turning beautiful autumn hues and dropping from the trees. Yet at the beginning of the year we wondered if the sun would ever shine again and the rain would ever stop falling. Rivers were overflowing, crops were flooded, homes were ruined and still the rain fell.

It all adds up to one of the most challenging growing and harvest seasons for a long time, with some farmers saying it's the worst they remember, the worst harvest for a generation. Some crops are high quality. Hay and haylage is extremely good quality but there just isn't very much of it and livestock are already eating into the meagre supply as pastures have dried up. Apples, plums and damsons have thrived, but are small. Broccoli, cabbage and cauliflowers are small and in short supply. We may even have to get used to them being 'wonky' and pay for the privilege. But there is a harvest!

And that is the point. In this part of the world, there is a harvest to celebrate and God has showered us with the gifts we need: to supply, even if food prices go up and fruit and veg look a little different to the supermarket standard.

Of course, food is not the only gift that God gives to us. There are many gifts we can celebrate this Harvest season: the roof over our head; the bed in which we sleep; family members; the companionship of animals; the gift of friendship... the list could go on. Open our eyes, and we will discover there are many gifts around us for which we can give thanks.

Before I finish, there is one more gift I want to give thanks for this year, the gift of shared ministry. In addition to our dedicated Readers, Isobel and Ann, and a number of OWLs (Occasional Worship Leaders), we are blessed in these parishes to enjoy ministry from 3 wise retired Priests; John Malbon, Donald Brockbank and Lesley Bentley.

After 60 years of ordained ministry, 59 of them as Priest, the time has come for John Malbon to step back from public ministry. I know that John will continue to share his considerable gifts, not least his gift of encouragement, but for now, on behalf of us all, I want to say a very Big Thank You to John for the ministry he has so generously shared for almost 25 years of retirement in the Cross Country Parishes. It has been greatly appreciated and has borne a rich harvest. Thank you, John, for being one of God's good gifts to all of us.

Yours in the love of our generous God,

Revd Anne

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 5th Oct 11:00 am Harvest, 6:30 pm Songs of Praise
- 12th Oct 8:00 am Communion. 11 am Morning Prayer
- 19th Oct 10:00 am Messy Church
- 26th Oct 8:00 am Communion. 11 am Morning Prayer
- 2nd Nov 11:00 am Communion. 6 pm Commemoration Service

Church Minshull

- 5th Oct 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 12th Oct 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 19th Oct 11:00 am Communion
- 26th Oct 11:00 am Messy Church
- 2nd Nov 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 5th Oct No Service
- 12th Oct 09:30 am Harvest
- 19th Oct No Service
- 26th Oct 09:30 am Communion
- 2nd Nov No Service

Wettenhall

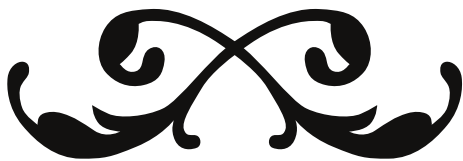
- 5th Oct 11:00 am Green Cafe Morning Prayer for Creationtide
- 12th Oct 11:00 am Communion
- 19th Oct 11:00 am All Age
- 26th Oct 06:30 pm Informal Communion
- 2nd Nov 11:00 am Morning Prayer

Additionally there is a 10:30 am Communion at Acton every Wednesday

St David's Church Wettenhall			
		Sidespersons	Cleaning and Flowers
5 th	Oct	Mrs M Sherry	Mrs S Ward and Mrs I Drinkall
12 ^h	Oct	Mr G Tucker	Mrs K Noden and Mrs M Drinkall
19 th	Oct	Brownies	
26 th	Oct	Churchwardens	
2 nd	Nov	Mrs M Drinkall	Mrs M Drinkall and Mrs B Brockbank
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Congratulations

To **Frazer Cooke** and **Rhiannon Ogden-Jones** on their engagement earlier this year. We wish them every happiness as they prepare for their married life together



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Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on
October 2nd and 6th November
from 10-12 noon in Church.
Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as
little or as long as they wish.



Eco Church

Creation Tide

Each year, from September 1 to October 4, Christians from many different backgrounds come together in prayer and action to celebrate Creationtide. This is a season that reminds us to care for our Earth. This season is a time to honour God as Creator and to remember our shared calling to love and celebrate everything God has made. At Wettenhall we celebrate Harvest and pray each week through September for our world. We will finish with a special Morning Prayer on 5th October.

As followers of Christ from around the world, we all share a responsibility to care for God's Creation. We are all a part of everything God has made. Our well-being is closely connected with the well-being of our Earth, and this time of reflection and action provides an opportunity to safeguard our common home and all of the countless life forms that share it with us.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet portrays a desolate Creation, lacking peace due to injustice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. Though God's plan for Creation is rooted in justice and peace, Isaiah implies that human sin disrupts this, leaving Creation in ruin.

Creation is God's sacred gift, entrusted to our care. In the Hebrew Bible, 'shalom' or peace, represents a far deeper idea that extends beyond the absence of conflict to the full restoration of broken relationships between God, ourselves, the human worldwide family, and the rest of Creation. This deep interconnectedness makes peace both essential and fragile.

"Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field" (Isaiah 32:16).

Peace with Creation requires proactive steps. Jesus taught repentance and restorative justice. We need to repair broken relationships: between humans and Earth, humans and other creatures, and humans and God.



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

PEACE WITH CREATION (Season of Creation 2025 prayer)

Creator of all,
we praise you for the gift of life
and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.
We confess how estranged we have become from one another, from your Creation,
and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our
relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.

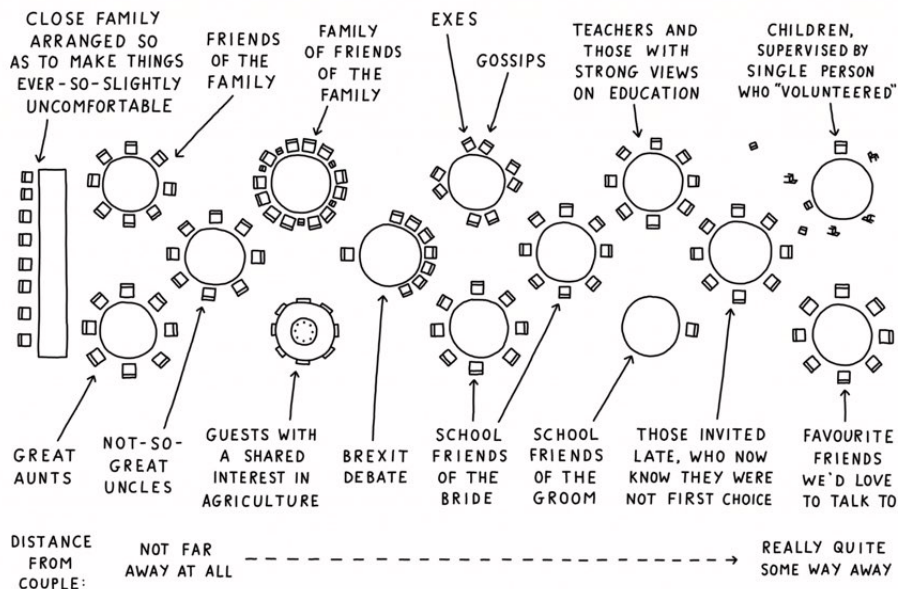
Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, and oceans and rivers are
polluted.

Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Amen

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Darnhall and Wettenhall WI

September 2nd Meeting Darnhall and Wettenhall W.I.

Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes.

As ever we opened the meeting with 'Jerusalem' and then went straight into the talk for the evening. It was an excellent presentation from Steve Hunter, one of their riders and speakers, full of enthusiasm, knowledge and dedication to this wonderful charity. None of the back-office staff or drivers receive any payment for their work, they are all volunteers. You may well have seen the Blood Bikes as you travel around our area or across the country. Each group is a separate charity, but they work together to take blood, breast milk, emergency prescriptions and equipment across the whole country. The breast milk bank at the Countess of Chester Hospital is the largest milk bank in the country and milk is distributed to all parts of the UK if there is a shortage for a premature baby at any hospital. The only thing that they do not carry for the NHS are organs for transport. If a package has to travel to areas far from Merseyside, the regional groups create a relay so that drivers do not have to complete the whole round journey themselves. The groups are not part of the NHS, but a charity which supports it, with absolutely no cost to the NHS, saving many hundreds of thousands of pounds each year. Each group raises all of its own funds, the local group aided by the generosity of motorbike and car companies and dealerships. They do not receive any government support. In recent years the local group has purchased four cars to use for the carriage of larger pieces of equipment and use when the outside temperature is below 3 degrees centigrade. It's more dangerous to drive a motorcycle in icy conditions. The talk was most interesting and full of surprising details. The Blood Bikers collection box received well deserved donations because we were so impressed with its valuable work for the NHS. Another excellent evening for all those members present.

Any woman over the age of 18 is welcome to join us on October 7th 7.00pm Darnhall Village Hall.

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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons	
5 th Oct	Lesley and Peter Latronico
12 th Oct	Chris and Claire Lewis-Jones
19 th Oct	Tracey and Peter Foster
26 th Oct	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull
2 nd Nov	Miriam Harvey and Steve Davies
Visit: www.stmarysacton.org	

Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

5th October

2nd November

7th December Christmas Walk

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.



From the Registers

Baptisms

10th August 2025 **Albie Thomas**, Son of Kersten Rodgers & Sean James

24th August 2025 **Maxxi James**, Son of Jane Louise & Gregor James Rioch

31st August 2025 **Eliza Florence**, Daughter of Charlotte Barratt & Dale Manning

We welcome these children into the family of the Church

Funerals

21st August 2025 **Hilary Ursula Tomkinson** Aged 80

18th September 2025 **Frederick "Howard" Nevell** Aged 80

Condolences are expressed to family and friends following their sad loss.

Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th October – 11am St Marys Acton and 6.30pm Songs of Praise.

Movie Nights

Acton Village Movie Night

Movie Nights are held once a month on a Friday night and doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. The event is run by local volunteers and profits go towards the upkeep and running of Acton Church and Acton Parish Hall. There is always a friendly atmosphere – no bookings needed; seating on a first come, first served basis. Cost: £5 per person – free parking in village car park.

Friday 17th October 2025

The Good Liar – certificate 15 – stars Ian McKellen and Helen Mirren.

Friday 14th November 2025

Johnny English Strikes Again – certificate PG – stars Rowan Atkinson

Diary Dates

Forthcoming concerts at St Mary's
Sunday 9th November - Proms in Acton

Saturday 13th December – St Mary's Acton Christmas Concert. Look out for further details.

Baptism



Eliza Florence with her parents and Grandmother

Treasurer Vacancy

Treasurer Vacancy – Acton with Worleston 2026

We are looking for a volunteer to cover the busy parish of Acton with Worleston with a 3 month handover between January and April 2026.

Applicants should have a high standard of mathematical knowledge and skills, be able to interpret data and write reports as well as being well-organised and a team player. Experience of working with a Charity would be ideal, though not essential.

Appointment to post will require the appropriate DBS Check as well as following the Safer Recruitment process.

Further enquiries: James Hickie. Email: Treasurer@stmarysacton.org
or Telephone: 01829 260052

YOU ARE INVITED TO

St. Mary's Church
Acton

Christmas Tree Festival
2025

*'A Storybook
Christmas'*

Friday 5th December Open 3pm
Saturday 6th December 10am - 5pm
Sunday 7th December 12pm - 5pm

Our theme this year is 'A Storybook Christmas'. Our aim is to depict different magical books that have inspired us. The choice is yours – it could range from CS Lewis 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe', Agatha Christie, 'Murder on the Orient Express', to the parables from the Holy Scriptures – let your imagination go wild. Trees will be priced £35 each. Participants to bring their own decorations and battery lights. Please get your thinking caps on and give me a ring to reserve a tree. Decorating of trees will be on Thursday 4th December. Please let me know what your intended title is, so we can avoid duplication. Claire 01270 611803 or Deana 01270 624889.

Messy Church

Summer at Messy Church

Martha was in a tizzy as Jesus had come to visit – how would she ever get the meal ready in time? Her sister Mary was just sitting listening to Jesus instead of helping her in the kitchen! We found out that while being busy and ready to serve was good, the most important thing is to spend time with Jesus, reading our Bibles and in prayer. We made delicious wraps to take home for lunch and designed tea towels while the others thought about Jewish customs of hospitality and the different reactions of Martha and Mary to Jesus's visit.

Church friends from the Cross Country Parishes joined us for an active session in August. We jiggled “dem bones” and prayed with our head, shoulders, knees and toes. We explored what St Paul meant when he likened the human body to the Church – the people not the building – made of different parts but all vital to work together.

How could we use our hands, feet, mouths and hearts to build up the body of Christ in our area? We decorated ourselves on biscuits and filled jigsaw pieces with our gifts and interests for a banner. The discussion group explored why Paul was writing to the church in Corinth urging them to work as the body of Christ.

Give us a go! October 19th at 10am – everyone welcome.



Coffee Catch up

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S ACTON

**CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS OR
MAKE NEW ONES ROUND THE
SCHOOL RUN**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

A new parent or not, call in at Church for
Tea and toast or Coffee and a croissant.



We have started a new initiative at St Mary's Acton, to welcome Mums, Dads and carers into Church for a drink and chat with friends or other parents when they have dropped their children off at school. The first week of the new term went well, with new Mums being welcomed by the Churchwardens as well as making new friends and hearing more about Church and School life from other Mums. The coffee, tea and toast was enjoyed while the younger siblings had a play with our toys.

You will be very welcome each Wednesday morning from 8.30 am

Acton and Reaseheath WI

We had a National Garden Scheme visit for our July meeting; Richard and Valerie Goodyear are local organisers and have been opening their canalside garden in Barbridge for many years, raising money for local charities including the Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charity. An unusually extensive frontage to the old canal basin made for a very interesting garden, complete with a family of swans in permanent residence and ducks galore! The observatory with old maps of the village were a bonus. Well worth a visit with excellent refreshments!

For Nantwich Show several members worked together on our craft and produce exhibit and were very pleased to gain second place in the "Choose a book" class. First timer Judith Canning was also successful gaining a 1st, 2nd and 3rd with her craft. In September we enjoyed a Harvest Supper and Liz Parkin, a volunteer for 14 years and instrumental in the relaunch of Nantwich Show following the financial impact of bad weather and COVID, described her involvement with the Show and the move from Dorfold to Reaseheath. The new-look show was to be rooted in heritage, local agriculture and allied industries supported by traders within a 60m radius. Local suppliers with green credentials, financed in the main by local sponsors and run by a team of volunteer directors was supported this year by 235 local volunteers. This year's show was the best yet with many attractions for families and the new Nantwich Cheese Awards. Liz and the team are full of ideas for the future – the show is definitely on!

We look forward to hearing from another local business, Snugburys, October 13th at 1.30pm. New members always welcome, contact Fiona Ross 07791 171415.

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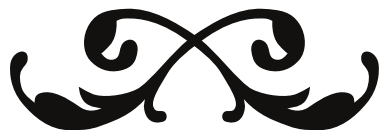
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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

Antonia Adlington	Oliver Latham
Emeilia Bond	Olivia Palin
Freya Howells	Thomas Ablard
Luke Jones	Reuben Spencer
Megan Farrell	Stanley Alexander

Apologies

Apologies for a typo in the September magazine.

On July 18th **Jill and David Alexander** reached their DIAMOND wedding anniversary not Golden as stated. They had a splendid lunch with all their family.

We'd all like to wish them many more happy years together.

Thank You

Charles and Sue Hull would like to thank all their friends in the Cross Country Parishes for their kind messages of sympathy received on the death of their daughter **Catherine** on the 30th July.



On The Funny Side

A vicar was driving home and he's stopped for speeding. The policeman smells alcohol on his breath and he says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" The vicar says, "Just water." The policeman says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The vicar looks down at the bottle and says, "Good Lord, He's done it again!"

Ladies' Lunch

Thursday 16th October
at
Olde Barbridge Inn, Barbridge
12:30 pm
All Welcome
£12.50

For further details contact:
Joyce Percival 01270 691315,
Heather (07887 760930), Isobel
(624521), or Ann (528273)

Mobile Library

Oct	Nov	Nov	Tuesdays	
14 th	4 th	25 th	Arr	Dep
Badger Church Minshull			10:20	10:45
Home Farm Park South			11:10	11:20
Lea Green				
Home Farm Park North			11:30	11:50
Lea Green				
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20
Station Rd Calveley			13:35	13:55
Tollemache Arms			14:05	14:30
Alraham				

Oct	Oct	Nov	Thursdays	
9 th	30 th	20 th	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre			11:00	11:25
Poole				
Worleston Station			11:35	11:45
Aston Juxta Mondrum				
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10

Oct	Nov	Nov	Thursdays	
16 th	6 th	27 th	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms			10:00	10:15
Ravensmoor				
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm			11:05	11:20
Gradeley Green				



Favourite Hymns; For all The Saints

In October many families, schools and children, start to plan their Halloween parties and 'Trick or Treating' fancy dress walks through their neighbourhood. This way of marking Halloween has been a long-standing custom in the USA for October 31st, but much more recent on this side of the Atlantic, however, the Christian church has marked the 1st of November, All Saints Day, since the ninth century! So, it is not surprising that there are hymns specially dedicated to this celebration of all the Saints on Earth and those in Heaven. The hymn 'For All The Saints' was written by William Walsham How [1823 – 1897] in 1864 and published in 'Hymns for the Saint's Days and Other Hymns'. William Walsham How was born in Shrewsbury and educated at Shrewsbury School, Wadham College, Oxford and University College Durham. He became the Rector at Whittington in Shropshire, remaining there for 28 years. During his time there he wrote around 50 hymns and eventually became the Bishop of Wakefield. He was known for his work with poor and industrial workers.

'For all the Saints' was a processional hymn and originally called 'A Cloud of Witnesses'. It celebrates the communion of saints, those who have died and live in eternal rest, and those who are living as Christians in the church. The author drew on writing throughout the bible, including Revelation, Hebrews, Corinthians and Matthew. Together these passages call on us to look to Heaven for inspiration here on Earth. It tells of saints living holy, faithful and spiritual lives before receiving their 'Crown of Gold' and joining the saints forever. The battle with evil is over for them. The hymn was sung to the tune 'Sarum' by Joseph Barnby until 1906, when Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote the tune Sine Nomine [meaning 'without name'] in reference to the fact

that only God knows the names of all the saints. Charles Villiers Stanford wrote a tune 'Engelberg' for the hymn, but it never gained popularity, although it is used for several other hymns. Ralph Vaughan Williams [1872 – 1958] was born in Gloucestershire, a great-grandson of Josiah Wedgwood and great nephew of Charles Darwin. He was influenced by writers such as Shakespeare, Blake and Bunyan to write an incredible range of music. These include ballets, symphonies, secular and religious vocal music and operas. His most famous piece is probably 'The Lark Ascending'. He was offered a Knighthood, but refused it, accepting an Order of Merit in 1935. He is buried in Westminster Abbey. Two inspirational men wrote this hymn to be an inspiration to us as we move into the darker evenings and need an uplifting hymn to see us all through the Autumn and into a cloud of saints.



Heather Pope

Gift a pre-loved Smartphone

Goal:

To gift 100 pre-loved smartphones to Community Wireless Networks to support their work in providing access to the internet for underserved rural communities in the northern districts of Malawi.

Access to the internet means access to education, to healthcare, to information that supports subsistence farmers, and connects small businesses.

Overview:

Barros and Waliko are co-founders of Community Wireless Networks, a charitable organisation based in Karonga, Malawi. They are highly skilled Malawian IT specialists who were educated and trained in South Africa. They have now returned home to support their own communities by providing connectivity to the internet, access to digital devices and digital literacy for underserved rural communities. I have known them both for over 5 years, and supported their inspirational work whilst I was living in Malawi, and now from the UK.

Their approach is always empowerment of individuals and local communities because they understand that this is the only way to provide sustainable solutions. They have worked with a number of sponsors to connect over 100 rural schools and community centres. Given the difficulties of terrain and lack of resources, this is massive!!

Before providing the infrastructure for a network connection, they engage with community leaders and ask them to form a committee who will take responsibility for the fair use, security and maintenance of the equipment. After deployment they provide training to nominated community members to ensure longevity. Some of their other initiatives include digital literacy workshops for children and young adults; training and work experience for students from local technical colleges; supporting schools by providing guidance on digital education and platforms to enable the sharing of teaching resources.

Why do they need smartphones?

Whilst they have been very successful in providing the infrastructure for internet connectivity, an ongoing challenge is that so many people in the rural communities do not have access to devices to connect.

Community Wireless Networks would like to be able to provide these devices and make them affordable, as the vast majority of people do not have the means to buy them. Their approach is to offer a barter system whereby individuals can exchange a chicken (or other small offering) for a smartphone.

By providing an exchange, this empowers people to take ownership and adds value to the device. The chicken can then be sold or used for breeding and any profits from this are reinvested to provide funding to purchase more devices.

By gifting 100 smartphones, we can support Community Wireless Networks to give access to the internet to more people, both now and in the future. Thank you!!

Find out more about Community Wireless Networks:

<https://www.communitywirelessnetworks.org/>

or contact Jackie Geddes email: jac.geddes@outlook.com

See guidance at the top of next page.

Secure your phone before donating:

Backup your data – remove your SIM and micro SD card (if installed) – sign out of all accounts – perform a Factory Reset (open Settings - search 'factory reset' – select to erase or factory reset all data). If you are unable to erase or carry out a factory reset, a trusted volunteer from the charity will carry this out for you before the phones are sent to Malawi.

Redundant phones can be left at The Vicarage or given to Tom Doyle.

Acton CE Primary Academy

As the summer holidays have now come to a close, we are delighted to welcome all our children back to school for the start of a new academic year. The classrooms are once again filled with energy, laughter, and the excitement of learning.

This term promises to be full of fun and discovery. Our Year 6 pupils have already kicked things off with a fantastic visit to Chester Zoo! The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore the wonders of the animal kingdom and deepen their understanding of conservation and biodiversity. Their enthusiasm and curiosity made it a truly memorable experience.

Across the school, children are settling in well and looking forward to a term packed with engaging lessons, creative projects, exciting visits and opportunities to grow together as a community.

Our new Reception children have made a fantastic start to school life! They've settled in really well, exploring their new environment with curiosity and confidence. It's been a joy to see them making friends, engaging in activities, and beginning their learning journey with such enthusiasm. We have loved the way the Year 6 children have looked after their new younger buddies and have shown them around the school. We're so proud of how well the Reception children have adapted and look forward to watching them grow throughout the year.

We wish all our pupils, staff, and families a happy and successful term ahead.

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Ladies Lunch - August

Ladies Lunch August 19th

Ladies lunch for August was generously hosted by Joyce and Philip Percival, who have now settled into their lovely home in Acton. It was another sunny day, but we were eating inside because it was a little cooler than previously. It also gave us an opportunity to see the bouquets and many cards of congratulation for Joyce and Philip's recent Golden Wedding. We didn't miss seeing the garden, which was brought inside to us through the windows of the conservatory and dining room. The food was delicious, company and friendship as warm as ever on these occasions. When we were ready to leave, two of the grandchildren were at the door with a table of home-grown salads and fruit. What a glorious summer we have been able to share together this year.



St Mary's Church Acton

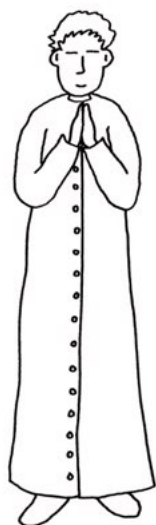
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Did Covid Change Communion for Ever?

Is the Common Cup Safe? What about self-intinction (dipping)?

Depending on your assessment of risk, the answer to those questions will be very different. For some, the practice of receiving wine from the common cup is as natural now as it was before the Covid Pandemic paused the practice. For others, this feels a dangerous practice, and they continue to receive Communion in one kind only, simply receiving the bread. The decision we come to is up to us. We need to weigh the risks ourselves, and make our decision, but 5 years on from the Pandemic, it is worth pausing to see what the science says.

I am grateful to my colleague, Fr John Leal from St Michael's Coppenhall for passing on an article by Rev Matthew S C Olver, Ph.D, Executive Director and Publisher, The Living Church Foundation which can be found at:- [It's Time to Retire Intinction: An Open Letter to the Bishops of The Episcopal Church - The Living Church](#)

Olver begins with 2 clear statements, both scientifically proven:-

1. The use of the common cup poses a negligible risk, and
2. The practice of self-intinction is the least sanitary method by which one can receive the Sacrament.

The Common Cup

A review of scientific literature by the American National Institutes of Health found that:- "Researchers have performed experiments, through which volunteers were asked to drink sacramental wine that contained 14.5% of alcohol from a common silver communion cup or chalice. Remarkably, the number of pathogens located in the rim of the chalice was found considerably low. The authors concluded that the risk of the transmission of the infection through a common communion cup is negligible. Furthermore, rotation of the chalice was ineffective in reducing bacterial colonisation. Wiping the rim of the chalice with a cloth reduced bacterial counts by 90%."

The same institute also found that that there was no scientific data to support the transmission of Covid through the use of the Common Cup at Communion.

Intinction (dipping the wafer)

Science has also shown that:

"Intinction provides no additional protection from germs than a common cup. If the person dipping the bread in the wine touches the wine at all, intinction is necessarily more likely to transmit bacteria and pathogens than a common cup. This is because of the high likelihood of bacteria, particularly from faecal matter under the fingernails. has an exponentially higher likelihood of passing dangerous bacteria"

"If safety is the principal concern, the safest method is to receive bread only from someone whose hands have been sanitised."

Conclusions

In considering the science more fully than is possible here, Olver concludes that :- It is entirely safe to drink from the Common Cup, provided the cup is silver, the wine is at least 14.5% proof and the cup is wiped between administrations. These practices are followed in the churches of the Cross Country Parishes.

It is not safe for Communicants to intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice themselves. Communicants hands should come nowhere near the rim of the chalice when receiving Communion.

Revd Anne



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Recipe

Bramble Jelly

The hedgerows are full of blackberries at the moment, so try making this Bramble Jelly.

Ingredients

- ▯ 4lbs or 2 Kgs of blackberries
- ▯ ¾ pt or 450 mls of water
- ▯ Juice of 2 large lemons
- ▯ 1lb or 450 grams of sugar to every pint or 600mls of blackberry juice

Method

- ▯ Put the blackberries in a pan with the water and lemon juice and simmer until tender.
- ▯ Pour into a muslin jelly bag (or old pillowcase) and leave to drip overnight. Do not squeeze the bag or the finished jelly will be cloudy.
- ▯ The next day, measure the juice and bring to the boil. Add 1 lb/450grams warm sugar for every pint of juice. Stir until the sugar has dissolved. Boil rapidly until setting point is reached which should take about ten minutes.
- ▯ Test with a jam thermometer to see if it has reached 105 degrees centigrade or 220 degrees Fahrenheit. If you haven't got a thermometer test for jelling on a cold saucer.

Pour the jelly into hot dry jars and cover, then label.

Enjoy on your toast at breakfast time or on a crumpet for tea.

Enjoy



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Condolences

To the family and friends of **David Latham** who died on 24th August. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Andy and all who mourn his passing.

Harvest

Our special Harvest service will be on Sunday October 12th at 9.30am
Come and join us. You'd be very welcome.



From the Register

Baptism
At St Oswald's, Worleston, on August 17th 2025,
Charlie-Joshua Shane and Roman-Jesiah were baptised. They are the children of Amos Campbell and Whitney Taylor. We welcome them into the family of the church.



Coffee and Cake

Saturday 4th October 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

Worleston's 87th birthday meeting was held on Wednesday 10th September. Our invited speaker for the evening was Nick Birchall from the Cheese Shop, Hospital Street, Nantwich.

Nick spoke about the history of cheese-making in Cheshire and especially in the Nantwich area from before the Romans invaded. Cheshire was positioned in the perfect spot for cheese making as we have plenty of salt, grass fed cows producing high quality milk, wood from forests to burn and heat the milk and a ready supply of rennet, from calves.

Romans took back with them the skills of cheese-making into Europe and Italy, where the original Cheshire Cheese recipe was adapted.

Henry VIII halted cheese-making by monks in Abbeys with the dissolution of the Catholic Church and many monks fled to France, starting their own cheese-making there.

Nick had brought three different Cheshire made cheeses for us to sample and explained that it is better to buy small quantities of cheese, often, as it soon loses its freshness.

All three were delicious, but we found that there were differences in taste and texture during our tasting session.

Carol Hocknell thanked Nick and Jeanne Soddy presented him with our usual 'buttonhole gift'.

Tea, coffee or a glass of wine, together with a slice of Birthday Cake, followed the talk and a short Business Meeting was led by Annita Grunner, President. The meeting closed at 21.20

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St Oswald's School, Worleston

It's been absolutely wonderful to see all our children back after a sunny summer break! The school has come alive again with laughter, learning, and lots of exciting activities. We've had a fantastic start to the new term and already have so much to look forward to over the coming months.

Mr Henshall and Mrs McDonough took a group of children into our beautiful woodland area to pick plums from the trees. It was a joyful moment of connection with nature, and the children loved being part of the harvest.

Our Baking Club team met early this month and made a delicious decision. This year, all pupils in Years 1-6 will be making Jammie Dodgers - with a St Oswald's twist! The children will be crafting their own jam using the plums we picked, along with any other seasonal fruits brought in from home or donated by families.

We've already collected a whole bucket of plums, carefully halved and de-stoned them, and popped them in the freezer ready for jam-making later in the year.

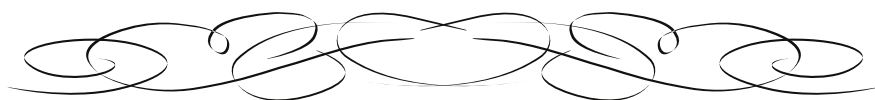
Baking Club runs every other Wednesday and is led by our wonderful volunteers. They work with small groups of children to create something tasty to take home - along with the recipe, so families can enjoy baking together!

We've also been spending time with our buddies in school. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been paired with our youngest learners in Nursery and Reception. It's been heartwarming to see them playing and chatting together in the EYFS room, building friendships and sharing smiles.

This month marks the beginning of our rock band sessions! Children will be working in groups to perform well-known pop and rock songs - we can't wait to share some pictures of their musical magic soon.

From woodland adventures to baking, buddying, and band practice - we've truly let our lights shine already this term. Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, and families for helping make St Oswald's such a special place to grow and learn together.

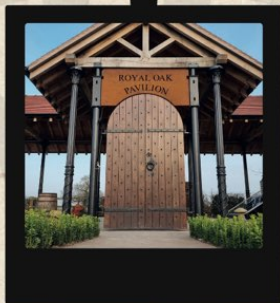






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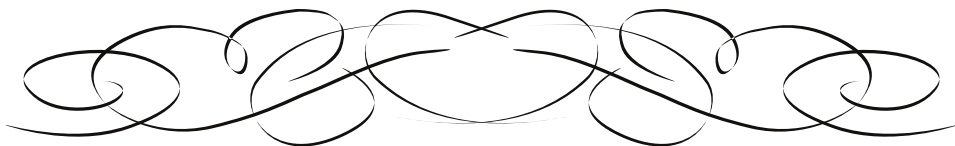
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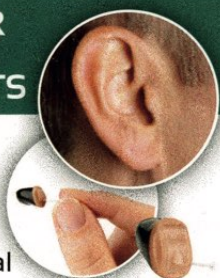
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