

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



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

Dear Friends

“His name will be called... Prince of Peace”



Writing a Christmas message on Remembrance Sunday felt quite a challenge until I was remembered the words of Isaiah’s prophecy that Jesus would be named “Prince of Peace.”

Even as we celebrate an increasingly commercialised Christmas that lulls us away from the reality of the world around us, the world in which we live desperately needs a Prince of Peace. As I write, last night was the worst night of fighting in Ukraine since the war began almost 4 long years ago. A couple of days ago, a visit by a Congolese Archbishop to Acton and Worleston Schools was cancelled because the Archbishop was unable to leave his war-torn country. A fragile peace may be holding in Gaza, but it is very fragile indeed, and within the last few days our attention has been drawn to the ongoing conflict in Sudan.

However much we may be lured by television adverts promising us the perfect Christmas in a warm, twinkly home and heart-warming visits from the Big Friendly Giant, this is not the real Christmas. The real Christmas happened with no home comforts in a space fit only for animals. It happened in a country oppressed by invading military rulers.

The world needed a “Prince of Peace” two thousand years ago. It still needs a “Prince of Peace” today. Not just in a world where conflict is a daily reality of life for so many, but in our own hearts and lives.

Isaiah did not, in fact, promise a “Prince of Peace”. He promised a “Prince of Shalom”. Unlike our English word ‘peace’, which speaks of an absence of noise or conflict, the Hebrew word ‘Shalom’ speaks of a state of being; a wholeness of body, mind, spirit and of harmony with those around us.

As we celebrate the birth of the “Prince of Peace” this Christmas, as well as enjoying all the good things about Christmas, we can also pause and seek the presence of the “Prince of Shalom”, for our world, our communities, our family and friends and for ourselves. That way, we will discover a truly peaceful Christmas.

Yours in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Shalom,

Revd Anne

Merry Christmas

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 7th Dec 11:00 am Communion
- 14th Dec 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 21st Dec 10:00 am Messy Nativity, 5:00pm Carol Service
- 28th Dec 11:00 am United Communion.**
- 4th Jan 11:00 am Communion

Church Minshull

- 7th Dec 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 14th Dec 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 21st Dec 2:00 pm Messy Church Party
- 28th Dec 11:00 am United Communion at Acton.**
- 4th Jan 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 7th Dec No Service
- 14th Dec 9:30 am Communion
- 21st Dec 5:00 pm Carol Service
- 28th Dec 11:00 am United Communion at Acton.**
- 4th Jan No Service

Wettenhall

- 7th Dec 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 14th Dec 11:00 am Communion
- 21st Dec 6:30 pm Carol Service
- 28th Dec 11:00 am United Communion at Acton.**
- 4th Jan 11:00 am Morning Prayer

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

Exception Wednesday 31st December No Service

St David's Church Wettenhall			
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers	
7 th	Dec	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs A Nicholas
14 th	Dec	Mrs M Sherry	
21 st	Dec	Mr G Tucker	Mrs A Brooks
28 th	Dec	United at Acton	
4 ^h	Jan	Mrs M Drinkall	Mrs A Hignett and Mrs A Hancock
Website currently unavailable			

The Children's Society

Anyone with a Home Collection box for the Children's Society please return to any of the December services. Your support is greatly appreciated, particularly at this time of year.

O Come all Ye Faithful

The Carol Service takes place on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm followed by mince pies & mulled wine.

Crib Service

The Crib Service will be on Christmas Eve at 6pm for all those shepherds, angels, wise men and children of all ages who wish to experience the joy of travelling to Bethlehem.

Christmas Day

We celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas morning with Holy Communion at 9.45 am.

Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on December 4th and January 8th from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.



Thanksgiving and Remembrance

It will be fifty years on 19th January 2026 since the tragic accident involving two RAF Harriers took place in the skies above Wettenhall. Throughout these years, the families of Flight Lieutenant John Roberts and Flight Lieutenant James Downey, have never been far from our thoughts - particularly as we share from the beautiful silver communion chalice donated by the family in remembrance of their loved ones.

On January 18th at 11am we will hold a special service of Thanksgiving for their lives. The pilot's families will be joining us as we remember them and pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice they made during the course++ of their training. Flight.

Following the service we will share in a meal, to which everyone is welcome. For catering purposes, it would be helpful to sign the form at the back of the church or ask one of the church members to add your name.

Remembrance Sunday

Thanks to Adrian Burrows and Graham Tucker for laying the wreaths on the two memorials in St. David's on Remembrance Sunday. Heather Pope read Jesus' words from St. John's Gospel reminding us of the love which we so desperately need in the world and Angela Hancock lit the candle of Hope and Commitment for a brighter future. Thanks to Chris Pope for providing us with the Last Post and the Reveille, as we commemorated the two minutes silence with the rest of the nation. The collection of £73 was donated to the Royal British Legion.

Darnhall Brownies

1st Darnhall Brownies had the honour of parading in the Winsford Remembrance Day service. The girls did us all proud.



Merry Christmas

St David's Wettenhall

The church of St. David's in Wettenhall has stood on the present site since 1870. A previous building is known to have been the spiritual home for the community as far back as 1577. Throughout these years families have celebrated and commemorated the milestones of their lives. The records of baptisms, weddings and funerals are not only family histories, but also the history of a growing and flourishing community in the centre of rural Cheshire.

Throughout these hundreds of years a small, and ever-changing, congregation has faithfully worshipped and borne witness to Christ's teachings whilst preserving and maintaining the Victorian building dedicated to St. David.

However, this task is becoming increasingly onerous in the current economic climate. Just over £900 per month is required to cover the regular expenses of utility bills, insurance, fees, administration and the ministry of the parish. Recently, some remedial work has been required to secure the boundary wall and to keep the churchyard up to the high standard we would like to maintain.

As a parish church, our utmost desire is to provide a place for every member of the community to feel there is always a warm welcome; a listening ear; a helping hand; a willingness to pray; a comfort in times of need; a heart to share in the sad and happy times of all those who live in the village.

If you would like to help us, either by praying for us or by financially contributing, then we would greatly appreciate your help. Either a one off donation or a regular monthly contribution by standing order would enable us to continue in this mission as your parish church.

For more information, our Treasurer Gail Ward, 33 Wentworth Grove, Winsford CW7 2LJ tel: 01606 554869 or the Vicar, the Rev. S.A Lawson, Acton Vicarage 01270 626684 would be very pleased to hear from you.

Thank you in anticipation of your prayerful response.

Darnhall and Wettenhall WI

November Meeting; AGM and Supper

The November meeting of our W.I. is always the AGM, followed by a supper kindly prepared and supplied by the committee members. This year was no exception and the President, Jean Hitchin, was swiftly re-elected to her post alongside the other committee members. There was a brief discussion concerning the business of the year, and then the committee members disappeared into the kitchen, only to re-appear with hotdogs, sauces, and a dessert. It was another evening of friendship and conversation amongst members of many ages, including a tiny baby girl who accompanied her mum to the meeting. Surely the youngest attendee ever. The committee work so hard throughout the year to give us a varied and interesting programme of speakers, competitions and events. As well as the monthly meetings there are walking, crafting and lunch groups, theatre and garden visits and more. Our next meeting is December 2nd 7.30pm Darnhall Village Hall - The W.I. Christmas Party!! After that we have a break until 3rd February 2026.

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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons	
7 th Dec	Sandra And Mike Houlston
14 th Dec	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull
21 st Dec	Tracey and Peter Foster
28 th Dec	Lesley And Peter Latronico
4 th Jan	Miriam Harvey and Steve Davies
Visit: www.stmarysacton.org	

Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

7th December Christmas Walk at 13:45pm

11th January 2026

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

Funeral

15th October 2025

Barbara JUDITH Moon aged 75

With deepest Sympathy to family and friends following their sad Loss.



Diary Dates

Forthcoming concert at St Mary's
Saturday 13th December – St Mary's
Acton Christmas Concert. See Page
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Merry Christmas

Christmas is not always easy, especially if life is challenging or painful. Prefer a quieter, more reflective Christmas Service?

You are warmly invited to

Light in the Darkness A Blue Christmas Service for the Longest Night

*to be held in St Mary's Church, Acton
at 4.00 pm on Saturday 20th December 2025*

ALL WELCOME

Cheshire Harvest Goes to London

On 16 October, Revd Anne, Iain Clarke and Stephanie Owen from Reaseheath College, Nick Birchall and Karen Matthews from The Cheese Shop, Michael-John & Liz Parkin and Stacey Rutter and Steve Ridgway from Nantwich Show travelled to Westminster Abbey for the National Harvest Festival.

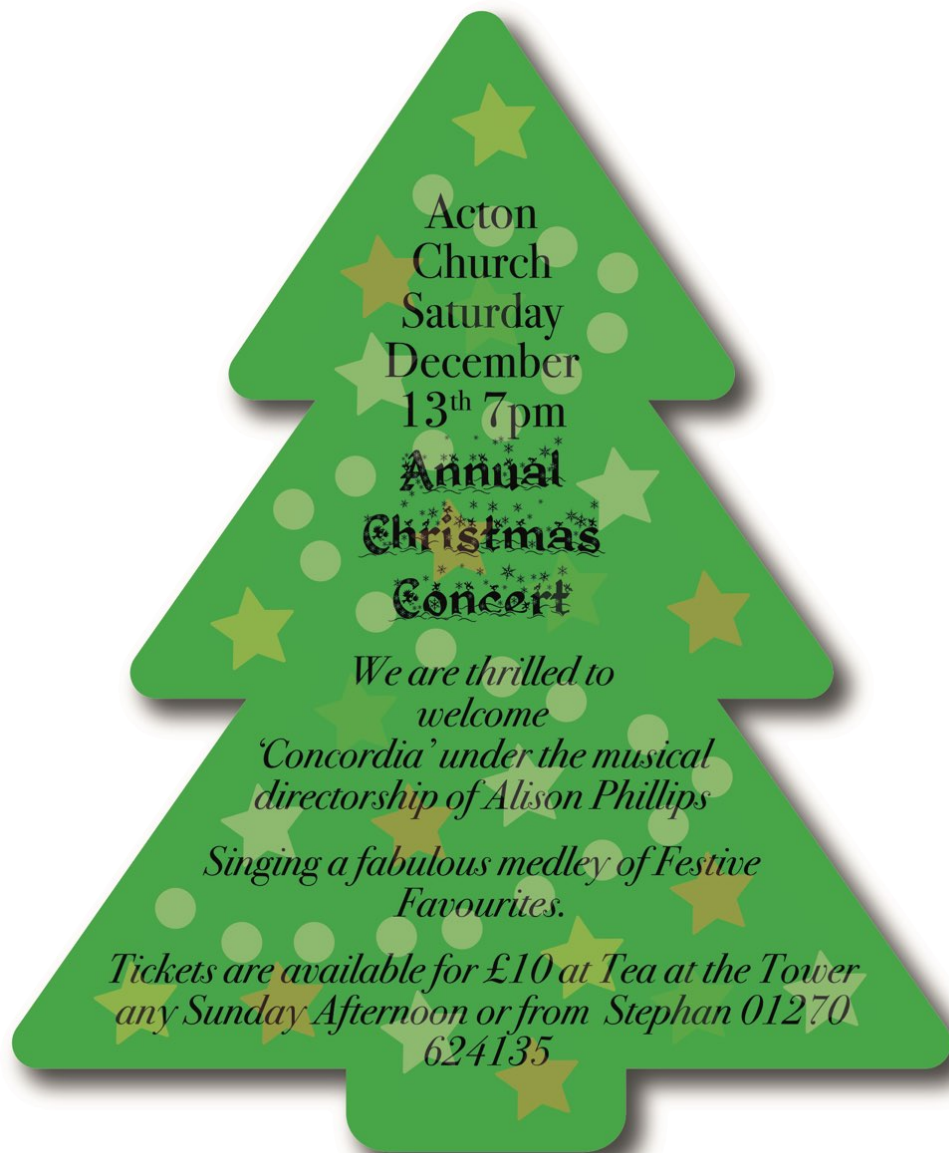
We may have found ourselves sitting at the back of Poet's Corner, but the experience of celebrating Harvest with over 2,000 other people in Westminster Abbey was an experience we are unlikely to forget.

The Service was organised by Alexia Robinson of Love British Food, the organisation which runs British Food Fortnight in late September/October each year. The foreword to the Service was written by His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen was in attendance. Participants included Andrew Rumsey, the Bishop of Ramsbury, the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, actor Charles Dance and television presenter Matt Baker as well as children from schools around London and members of the NFU and Young Farmers. Alexia Robinson has since been in touch, and



conversations are taking place about the National Harvest Torch visiting the Cheshire Harvest in Nantwich in October 2026 as part of next year's National Harvest Festival celebrations.

Photograph: Organisers and Sponsors of the Cheshire Harvest at the National Harvest Service in Westminster Abbey.



Merry Christmas

The Proms at Acton

St Mary's Church, was filled with patriotism on Remembrance Sunday (9th November 2025) for Stephan Davies' 4th 'Proms at Acton' concert, raising over £2,000 for the Royal British Legion. The Nantwich Concert Band, conducted by Nick Birch, performed alongside sopranos Jessica Thayer and Sarah Williamson and pianist Sally Halsey, delighting a sell-out audience. Guests of honour included Joe O'Leary and Mayor Mary Slinn. The programme featured patriotic and classical favourites, concluding with a rousing Pomp and Circumstance. The donation will be presented at the Christmas Concert on 13th December.



More Photos on pages 12 & 13

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 Accountancy 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.

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Christmas Walk

🌲 The Annual 'Tea at the Tower' Christmas Walk will take place on Sunday 7th December 2025. You are invited to meet us at the church ready to set off at 13.45 hrs. Do come and enjoy a lovely walk through Dorfold Hall's gated grounds and meet Father Christmas! 🌲

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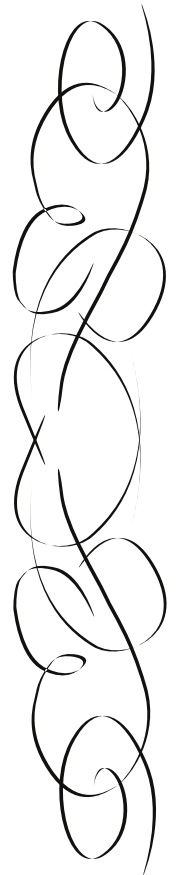
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Christmas Tree Festival

2025

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Sunday 7th December 12pm - 5pm



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Pensions News

We have received a number of pieces of information with regards to various benefits for pensioners, unfortunately it was too much to reproduce in the magazine. Please see below for the headings and the relevant links to the articles.

Are you aged 66 or over with caring responsibilities? Even if you're not paid Carer's Allowance, you could still receive a Carer Addition payment on top of Pension Credit. To learn more, please visit Carer/s Allowance: How it works - GOV.UK, you could still receive a Carer Addition payment on top of Pension Credit.
<https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance>

Winter Fuel payment eligibility criteria for winter 2025/26
 More information on eligibility can be found on GOV.UK: Winter Fuel Payment: Eligibility - GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/eligibility>.

Bereavement Services and Pension Credit

As part of DWP's efforts to promote Pension Credit we are exploring life events that cause a change in circumstances that could make people over State Pension age eligible for Pension Credit. One of these is when a partner dies, and we are working with our own bereavement teams to ensure that appropriate content is included in Departmental guidance. We'd like to ask if you could include information about Pension Credit in any information you provide to older people who are recently bereaved. Search on <https://www.gov.uk> for further information.

State Pension age Campaign Update

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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

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Daniel Leather	Josie Cowap
Danielle Butler	Monty Alexander
Emily Drinkall	Nina Burrows
Emily Williamson	Oliver Sparks
Emma Revill	Romilly Tomlinson
Finley Burrows	Ruby Leather
Honor Nixon	William Ablard
Jack Latham	

Ukraine

For some time now we have had a small reminder in this magazine about the Ukraine war as we have the picture of a flag, with a dove of peace and 'Peace for Ukraine' written on it.

When the invasion of Ukraine began, Jacob Howard felt that he had to go and help. He has been there ever since and we have news of him as his grandmother, Josie Foster, lives in Worleston.

Jacob had served in the British army and had also done care work, and so had much to offer. He has helped in training the Ukrainians, and at the moment he is attached to a field hospital and fetches the wounded from the battlefield, driving whatever vehicle is available.

He has made, and lost, many friends in these last three years, and without doubt, the job is very stressful.

We send our best wishes to Jacob - the war doesn't stop for Christmas, and assure him that we remember him and all his family in our prayers. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.



Ladies Lunch

Wednesday 18th December

Cheerbrook, Nantwich

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

Dec	Jan	Jan	Tuesdays	
16 th	6 th	27 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				
Dec	Jan	Jan	Thursdays	
11 th	1 st	22 nd	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
Dec	Jan	Jan	Thursdays	
18 th	8 th	29 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; In the Bleak Midwinter

In 2008 the carol 'In the Bleak Midwinter' was voted by choir master's to be the best Christmas carol for trained choirs. It is a rather sombre and reflective carol, written by Christina Georgina Rossetti [1830-1894] in 1872 and originally called 'A Christmas Carol'. It was written as a poem and did not become the hymn until after her death, when Gustav Holst composed the melody 'Cranham' to accompany Rossetti's verse. Christina was born into a family headed by an Italian political exile, Gabriele Rossetti, and his wife Frances Polidori. It was a family active in politics, art, and Anglo Catholic religion. The family lived in Bloomsbury and experienced varying levels of wealth and poverty because of the ill health of their father. At 14 years old Christina suffered a mental breakdown, partly due to the threat of her working as a household tutor to assist with family finances. Despite this early crisis she went on to become a well known published poet, writer and subject of her brother's art. Dante Gabriel Rossetti was a founding member of the Pre Raphaelite Brotherhood and, in 1848, used Christina as the model for his painting of 'The Girlhood of Mary Virgin', followed by his 'Annunciation; Ecce Ancilla Domini [in English; 'Behold the Handmaiden of the Lord']'. Christa's poetry developed to include romantic, devotional and children's poetry, all included in the collected poems 'Goblin Market, The Prince's Progress and Other Poems'. In 1872 she wrote 'A Christmas Carol' and published it in the 'Scribner's Monthly'. It is a reflection of the humble birth of Jesus and the fact that our greatest gift to anyone, including Jesus, is our love and devotion. It draws on the poet's interest in life, nature and society. Christina loved London but could see it's two sides in her

walks through Regent's Park and the city streets. She opposed slavery in the USA, cruelty to animals [particularly vivisection] and the exploitation of young girls as prostitutes. Christina died as a result of Grave's Disease and cancer in 1894 and was buried in Highgate Cemetery in the family vault. In 1906 Gustav Holst composed 'Cranham' to accompany the poem, a melody suitable for a church congregation. This was followed by a melody written by Harold Darke, more suitable for trained choristers. Darke went on to compose a lovely melody for another of Christina's poems 'Love Came Down At Christmas'. Two beautiful Christmas carols for any congregation to sing when celebrating Jesus' birth.



Heather Pope



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Christmas Services in the Cross Country Parishes

Saturday 20th December

4:00 pm Longest Night **Blue Christmas**

At Acton



Christmas
Carols

Sunday 21st December

10:00 am Messy Nativity at Acton

11:00 am Messy Christmas at Church Minshull

5:00 pm Carol Service at Acton

5:00 pm Carol Service at Worleston

6:30pm Carol Service at Wettenhall

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Crib Service at Acton

5:00 pm Crib Service at Worleston

6:00 pm Crib Service at Wettenhall

7:30 pm Sound and Light Carol Service at Church Minshull

10:00 pm Midnight Communion at Acton (It will be midnight in Bethlehem at this time)



Merry Christmas

Christmas Day

9:30 am Christmas Communion at Church Minshull

9:30 am Family Service at Worleston

9:45 am Christmas Communion at Wettenhall

11:00 am Christmas Communion at Acton





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Recipe

Vegetable Lasagne

Serves 6

Ingredients

- ▢ 2 yellow or red peppers, seeds removed, cut into roughly 2cm/¾in chunks
- ▢ 1 courgette, about 300g/10½oz, quartered lengthways and cut into roughly 2cm/¾in chunks
- ▢ 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into roughly 2cm/¾in chunks
- ▢ 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- ▢ 1 large onion, finely chopped
- ▢ ½ tsp dried chilli flakes
- ▢ 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- ▢ 2 x 400g tins chopped tomatoes
- ▢ 2 tsp Italian seasoning or dried oregano
- ▢ 1 vegetable stock cube
- ▢ 200ml/7fl oz cold water
- ▢ 100g/3½oz young spinach leaves (optional)
- ▢ 9–10 dried lasagne sheets
- ▢ salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ▢ For the cheese sauce
 - ▢ 75g/2½oz plain flour
 - ▢ 75g/2½oz butter, cubed
 - ▢ 750ml/1¼ pint milk, semi-skimmed or full-fat
 - ▢ 125g/4½oz mature cheddar, coarsely grated
 - ▢ 75g/2½oz grated mozzarella, or extra cheddar

Method

- ▢ Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Put the peppers, courgette and sweet potato into a large baking tray. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons of the oil, season with salt and pepper and toss together.
- ▢ Roast for 30 minutes, or until softened and lightly browned.
- ▢ While the vegetables are roasting, heat the remaining oil in a large saucepan and gently fry the onion for 5 minutes, stirring regularly.
- ▢ Add the chilli and garlic and cook for a few seconds more. Stir in the tomatoes, Italian seasoning (or dried oregano) and crumbled stock cube. Pour over the water and bring to a gentle simmer. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring regularly. Set aside.
- ▢ For the cheese sauce, put the flour, butter and milk in a large saucepan and place over a medium heat. Whisk constantly with a large metal whisk until the sauce is thickened and smooth. (Use a silicone covered whisk if cooking in a non-stick pan.) Stir in roughly two-thirds of the cheeses and season to taste.
- ▢ Take the vegetables out of the oven and add to the pan with the tomato sauce. Stir in the spinach and cook together for 3 minutes. Season with salt and lots of ground black pepper.
- ▢ Spoon a third of the vegetable mixture over the base of a 2½–3 litre/4½–5¼ pint ovenproof lasagne dish and cover with a single layer of lasagne. Top with another third of the vegetable mixture (don't worry if it doesn't cover evenly) and a second layer of lasagne.
- ▢ Pour over just under half of the cheese sauce and very gently top with the remaining vegetable mixture. Finish with a final layer of lasagne and the rest of the cheese sauce. Sprinkle the reserved cheese over the top.
- ▢ Bake for 35–40 minutes, or until the pasta has softened and the topping is golden brown and bubbling. Stand for 5 minutes before cutting to allow the filling to settle.



Enjoy



HJ Lea Oakes

Independent British Millers / 1675

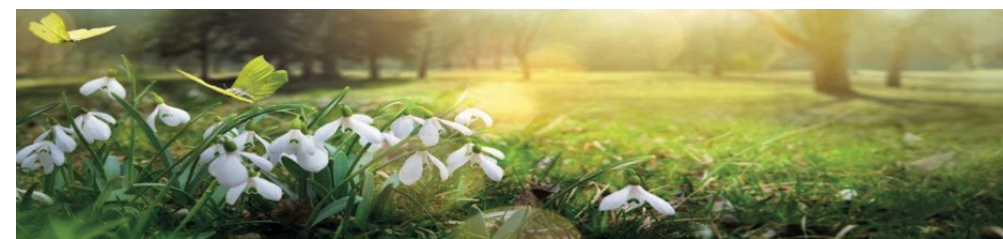
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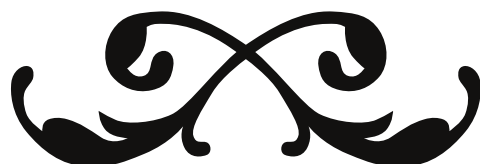
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We send our very best wishes and congratulations to Barbara Callwood who will be 90 on Christmas Day.
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From the Register

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31st October 2025

Brian Mullock and Katie Ollerton

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Worleston WI

An Annual General Meeting, Craft and Produce Show took place at the Worleston WI November Meeting.

At the business meeting, reports to the members were made initially by the Secretary Lyn Whitaker, recalling all of the activities that Worleston WI had been involved with in late 2024 and 2025, including a trip to The Black Country Museum, fundraising events during summer and monthly talks from invited speakers. The Treasurer, Jeanne Soddy, thanked Lynn Whittaker and Rosalind Lea for undertaking the fundraising, which had helped to pay for all of the speakers during the year. Jeanne also mentioned Linda Smith who had helped keep the costs of speakers down during the year by inviting two speakers who did not ask for payment.

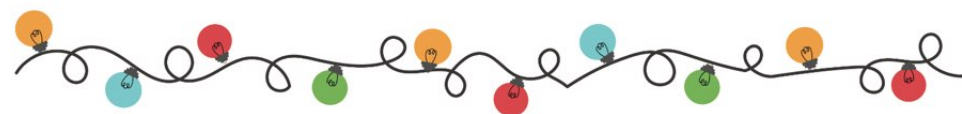
President Annita Grunner thanked the members of the WI Committee for all their work during the year in helping to run Worleston WI. Annita also thanked all members for their ongoing support throughout the year. This completed reports from Committee.

It was then required that the President should be up for re-election. Annita Grunner was unanimously voted back as President for another 12 months

After the official business, refreshments were served and a craft making time was held to make additional items for decoration of Acton Christmas Tree that Worleston had agreed to decorate. The theme for the tree decoration was the book The Hungry Caterpillar and Linda Smith instructed members in the making of card caterpillars with glittery decoration.

Following the craft session, a number of games of Dominoes were played for the Stephenson Rose Bowl. The winner was Rosalind Lea with the lowest score of 24 points.

Finally, judges from Nantwich Show announced the results of the Worleston Craft and Produce Show. Annita Grunner was awarded the cup for Produce, Rosalind Lea the cup for Craft with Jeanne Soddy being given the cup for 'Best in Show' for the beautiful lace scarf she had made.



Thanks

At the year's end it is right to thank all those who have made a contribution to St Oswald's so that the church is still able to provide services, and can continue to serve the community.

Our thanks go to those who keep the churchyard in very good order, put out the bins, put up the notices and clear up fallen branches, and sweep the path.

We have flower arrangers, coffee makers, cake makers. We have those who will read the lesson in a service, or count the collection, or make sure that the church is tidy for visitors. We have had the help of a young man who willingly climbs into the loft when others can no longer do it!

We also have a band of magazine deliverers whose help is invaluable.

Many thanks to you all. Your contributions are very much appreciated

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Calveley School

As the autumn term continues, our school has been buzzing with creativity, kindness, and exciting new opportunities for our children. This week, we took part in a special art project to mark Remembrance Day. Each class created beautiful poppy-themed artwork to help us reflect on the importance of remembrance and honour those who served. Willow Class used their hand prints to work together, while Sycamore used watercolours to create their scene.

We took part in Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on this year's theme: "Make a Noise About Bullying." Through class discussions, role play, and creative activities, pupils will explore how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

We were thrilled to virtually welcome visitors from the Royal Ballet for a very special ballet workshop. Our pupils learned about movement, expression, and storytelling through dance — and even had the chance to try out some simple choreography! It was an inspiring experience that reminded us all how powerful the arts can be in building confidence and creativity.

Exciting things are on the horizon! Members of our school council recently visited the new Alpraham and Calveley Village Hall in to kick-start and plan a secret project. We can't reveal too much just yet — but we promise it's something that will bring our school and community even closer together. Watch this space!

Our pupils have continued to use their My Happy Mind journals to reflect on their feelings, celebrate successes, and build resilience. It's been wonderful to see how this positive mindset work is helping our children understand themselves better and support one another in school life.



St Oswald's School, Worleston

We are so proud of our incredible Year 5 and 6 pupils who spent last half term creating activity booklets for children on the oncology ward at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Both staff and children on the ward have thoroughly enjoyed completing the puzzles and colouring pictures that our pupils designed. Well done, Foxes – you've done an amazing job!

Last half term, we also held a film night, and the proceeds went towards getting pets for each class. The children voted for the pet they wanted, and we're thrilled to announce the results:

Owls now have two beautiful budgies.

Foxes have welcomed their adorable new hamster.

We can't wait to see what pets the children in Deers and Hedgehogs will choose next!

In addition, Mrs Mullock has launched an after-school Gardening Club, which has been a big hit! The children have enjoyed building a bug hotel to keep insects cosy and preparing the beds for planting winter vegetables. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for nature and sustainability.

Thank you to everyone who has supported these fantastic initiatives. Our school community continues to shine!



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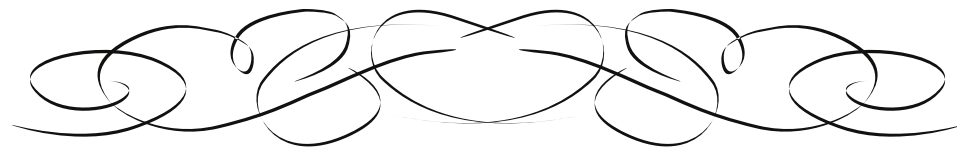
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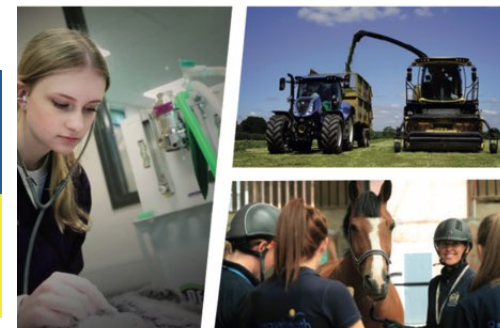
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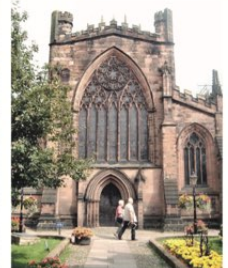
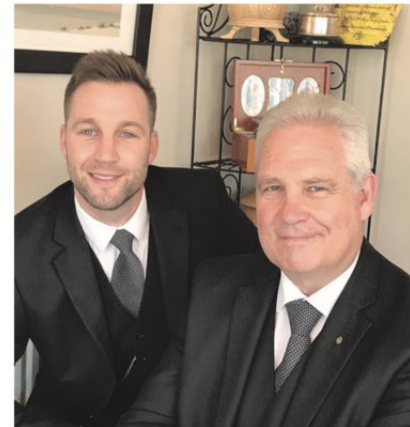
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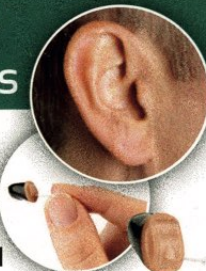
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