

St Mary's Acton  
St David's Wettenhall &  
St Oswald's Worleston  
March 2026



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

Dear Friends,

March brings breezes loud and shrill  
To wake the sleeping daffodil.



It's March, the gateway to spring! The name comes from the Roman God, Mars and the Anglo-Saxons called it 'Hlyd Monath' - Stormy Month!

It's a special month in the Christian Church.

March 1st is the feast day of St. David, patron saint of Wales and founder of many Welsh churches, and of course Patron Saint of our own village church in Wettenhall. March 17th is celebrated as St. Patrick's Day in honour of the missionary who established Christianity in Ireland.

And of course, March is the season of Lent. A period of reflection and preparation for the greatest festival of the Christian year. It's often a time when Christians decide to give up something for forty days in remembrance of the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before his earthly ministry began. If you don't like the idea of giving something up for Lent, then it's not too late to do something positive instead and join the weekly Lent Course at the Vicarage Thursdays at 10 am.

Lent is traditionally the time of year when we take stock of our lives and notice the movement and growth in the natural world. As the days lengthen, nature begins to show signs of new life. Perhaps we need to take our inspiration from that exciting awakening.

Maybe we've lain dormant for long enough and now it's time for us to stir ourselves into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with our Creator. It's unthinkable that our lives should be disconnected from nature and its rhythms. We are all part of God's wonderful creation - we're just not all daffodils!

Before too long, those beautiful spring flowers will be dancing in the breeze and gladdening our hearts at the sight of them.

Let's pray that this Lent might be a season of growth and renewal in our spiritual lives and result in a joyful springtime for all of us.

Ann



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# Sunday Services

### Acton

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Wettenhall**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 10:00 am Messy Church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Church Minshull Palm Sunday**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 11:00 am Communion

### Church Minshull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Wettenhall**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am Cafe Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am Mothering Sunday / Messy Church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 11:00 am Communion
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Church Minshull Palm Sunday**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 11:00 am Communion

### Worleston

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Wettenhall Patronal**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30 am Communion
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar No Service
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Church Minshull Palm Sunday**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30 am Communion

### Wettenhall

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Wettenhall Patronal**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am Communion
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am Mothering Sunday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 6:30 pm Informal Communion
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00 am United at Church Minshull Palm Sunday**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 11:00 am Communion

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

St David's Church Wettenhall		
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	Mrs A Brooks
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mrs M Sherry
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Brownies
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Informal
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	United at Church Minshull
5 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Mrs A Brooks
<b>Find us on the A Church Near You website</b>		

### Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dora Cooper who died on 19th January. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rita, Helen and all who mourn.

Also the family and friends of **Carol Horner**, particularly to her husband **Duncan**, from Cholmondeston. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who mourn.

### From the Registers

Funeral  
27<sup>th</sup> January  
**Pauline Matthews** Aged 94

With Deepest Sympathy to family and friends

### Mothering Sunday

On 15th March we celebrate Mothering or Refreshment Sunday. There will be a special welcome for all mums and carers, followed by tea, coffee and cake at the end of the service.

### St David's Day

On Sunday 1st March we will celebrate St. David's Day with a United Service at 11am. Everyone is very welcome to join us, as we look forward to singing some rousing Welsh tunes, enjoy the sight of early spring daffodils, and share in delicious refreshments following the service.



### Coffee and Cake

**The next meetings will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.**



## Commemoration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RAF Accident

On 18th January we held a service of Commemoration for Flt Lt. Jim Downey and Flt Lt John Roberts who tragically died in 1976 during a training exercise over Wettenhall.

We were honoured to welcome their widows, Jenny and Judy, along with their wider family and friends. These included Jim's daughters Emily and Rebecca, and John's son Duncan, who laid a wreath on the Memorial dedicated to them. The Chair of the War Widows Association, Chris Dzuba and their mutual friend Cathy Nightingale also supported them. Sadly Cathy lost her husband Flt. Lt. Andy Bloxam in a similar accident 52 years ago in Germany. He was included in our remembrance.

The service was opened and closed with the 146 (Northwich) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets. They played a fitting and very moving arrangement of pieces capturing the essence of the occasion. This was complemented by Chris in his lighting and evocative display of images used during the service.

Afterwards we shared in a delicious lunch of roast beef, roast ham, vegetables and a wonderful assortment of desserts.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the service and to all who worked so hard in providing such a sumptuous meal.

And that is not the end of the event.....

Following the service Judy and Jenny revealed that they had ordered a gift to commemorate the 50th Anniversary - a beautiful 'Last Supper Candlestick'. This has since been received and was used at our Communion Service on 8th February. It is beautifully detailed, depicting Jesus and His disciples at the Last Supper. It sits perfectly on our Altar table alongside the engraved silver chalice in memory of John and Jim.

We are deeply humbled by their generosity and by the friendship which has grown from the sadness of that dark day in January 1976.

Fifty years ago we vowed that these two airmen and their families would never be forgotten in this village and we will faithfully honour that vow in the years to come.



Anyone who may be interested in viewing the RAF Commemoration service can access it on our A Church Near You website - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12840/news/>

Photographs Left The Last Supper Candlestick  
Page 7 The Airmen's Families

## Thank You

THANK YOU to Chris Pope for the many hours he has spent in church updating and simplifying the electrics for the heating, lighting and defibrillator systems. We are very grateful for his generosity and expertise in keeping us all compliant and safe! Thank you Chris!

## Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The Defibrillator at St David's Church is now back up and fully functional. It has been relocated into its new temperature controlled enclosure on the outside of the church. We have registered the AED on "The Circuit" which is the new facility set up by the British Heart Foundation and the Ambulance Service to both manage and report on the status of AEDs throughout the UK. The Circuit encourages each Defibrillator to have a dedicated Guardian – someone who regularly checks the Defib using the appropriate test routine and ensures that the batteries and pads are functional and in date. This information is then updated on the Circuit website so that the Ambulance service know, when advising the public, where a functional AED is located.

*If you suspect someone is having a heart attack ;-  
Try and stay calm*

*Call 999 or 112 – both numbers connect you to the Emergency Service – 112 operates throughout Europe as well as in the UK.*

*Follow their instructions – they may ask you to get hold of an AED, and if so, they will know the location of the closest functioning defibrillator and type of AED at that location, so that they can clearly instruct you on how to operate the device.*

*The Ambulance Service will be on their way and will be kept updated on what you have been asked to do*

*You can find more detailed information on the St. John's Ambulance and NHS websites.*

*The AED Guardian at St. Davids is Chris Pope – Tel:07771684000*

## Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who returned their home collection boxes for the Children's Society. The wonderful total of £96.10 has been forwarded to further the work of this caring charity.

## Give a Little

Donations to St David's, Wettenhall

Give a little - help a lot



St David's AED in its enclosure

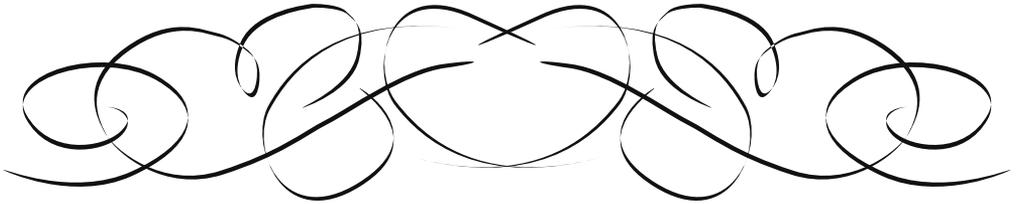


## Darnhall WI

### Darnhall and Wettenhall W.I. February Meeting

After the January break the February meeting of our W.I. is always a welcome opportunity to discuss the terrible weather, personal news and the year ahead. Friendship and support are the basis of the meetings, and just as well, because the speaker was unable to attend the meeting and the programme was rapidly altered. After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed. The committee then put into action their Plan B, a game of Bingo! Everyone was issued with two game sheets, pens and cups of tea. The games seemed to be long lasting because they were 'full house' only. The two winners went home with prizes and everyone had a good time. It was agreed that a Bingo evening may well be held at the Village Hall again.

Next meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 7.00pm at Darnhall Village Hall.



### Families of the "Wettenhall Airmen"



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## Darnhall Brownies

On Wednesday 28th January, our girls became authors, writing fictional books which will help them to earn their book lovers badge.



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**St Mary's Church, Acton  
Sidespersons**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>United at Wettenhall</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lesley and Peter Latronico
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tracey and Peter Foster
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Gill Evans and Phillip Percival
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>United at Church Minshull</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Sandra and Mike Houlston

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

**Tea at the Tower Guided Walks**

**The next walk is:**

1<sup>st</sup> March

12<sup>th</sup> April

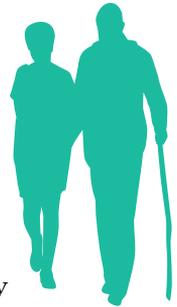
Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

On the above date 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.



**Movie Night Friday 6th March 2026 The Lost King Cert 12 at 7:30pm in Acton Parish Hall.**

**From the Registers**

**Service of Thanksgiving**

26th January 2026

Thanksgiving Service following Private Cremation

Revd Canon **John Allin Malbon** Aged 89

**Funerals**

29th January 2026

**Walter 'George' Ford** Aged 99

2nd February 2026

**Angela Bennett** Aged 67

25th February 2026

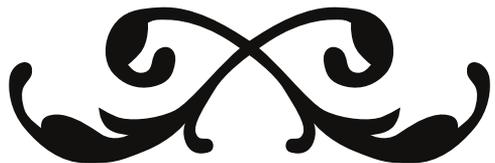
**Jean Osborne** Aged 85

**Burial of Ashes**

27th January 2026

**Christine Jean Tilley** Aged 72

**With Deepest Sympathy to family and friends**



St Mary's Church, Acton presents

# LET'S DO IT!

## CLASSIC COMIC SONG NIGHT

**IN AID OF ST LUKE'S HOSPICE**



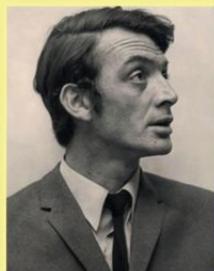
**Victoria  
Wood**



**Tom  
Lehrer**



**Flanders  
and Swann**



**Jake  
Thackray**

**and more...**

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PAUL THOMPSON  
ON  
JAKE THACKRAY'S  
GUITAR!**



**Acton Church  
Saturday 21st March at 7.00pm  
Tickets £10 available from Tea at the Tower  
or phone Stephan Davies 01270 624135**

## ACTON & REASHEATH WI

Here is the first report from Acton & Reaseheath WI for 2026. Our January meeting was a Soup lunch. Joyce Percival welcomed us to her house where we all enjoyed delicious soups and varied puddings which the committee had been busy making. We were all very well fed.

In February Graham Dodd gave a talk entitled 'A glimpse of life on the Shropshire Union Canal'. He showed us pictures of the Shropshire Union Canal, some historical and some modern photos of places we recognised. He gave us a history of the canal network. How the first canal was opened in 1757, with the 'Golden Age' of canals being between the 1770s and the 1830s. Canals were popular and profitable, as a horse drawn barge could carry up to 25 tons reliably, whereas a horse drawn cart could only carry 1 ton of goods on roads which were sometimes impassable. In the 1800s 'rapid transport' boats could go from Birmingham to Ellesmere Port in 29 hours (!) stopping if necessary at canal yards, where repairs could be made, horses changed or re-shod. However, by 1847 the railways were carrying more goods and people. Canals were still being used into the 20th Century but some gradually fell into disrepair until in 1947 the Inland Waterways Association helped to revive interest in canals as the leisure destinations they are today.

For our March meeting Chris Priddy, Head of Acton School, will be coming to talk about life at Acton school. This is an open meeting, so any ladies who would like to know more about the school are welcome to come and hear him speak. You don't need to be a WI member, you can come free as a visitor refreshments are served afterwards. The meeting is to be held in the Parish Hall on Monday March 9th at 7.00pm.

Judith Canning

## Acton Church Concert

Soulful Jazz Night strikes a chord at St Mary's Acton

Music lovers enjoyed an evening of live jazz and blues as acclaimed local vocalist Megan Lee performed a fundraising concert at St Mary's Church, Acton on Friday 6 February 2026.

Backed by an accomplished trio - Dean Stockdale on piano, Gavin Barres on double bass and Gaz Hughes on drums - Megan delivered a polished and soulful set, combining original songs with contemporary jazz and blues covers. The Grade I listed church was filled for the performance, which was met with enthusiastic applause and standing ovations.

The church was transformed into an intimate 'jazz club' setting, enhanced by atmospheric lighting, with drinks and a prize raffle adding to the relaxed feel of the evening. The concert concluded with Megan's single Above & Beyond.

Speaking afterwards, Megan said: "It was such a privilege to perform in a space as beautiful and historic as St Mary's. Knowing the evening will help support the church makes it even more special."

Proceeds from the concert will support the ongoing upkeep of St Mary's Acton.

**Photos On Opposite page**



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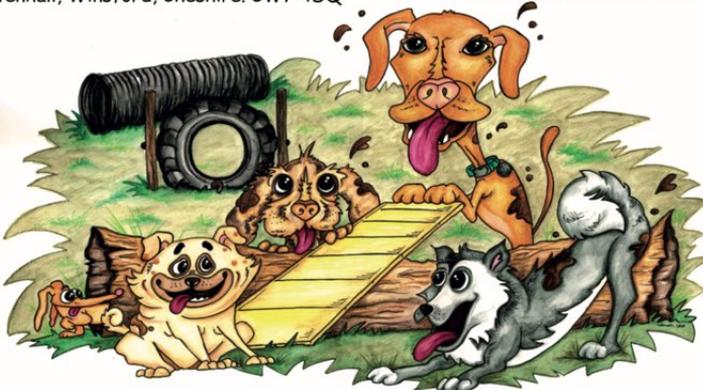


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## Holly Holy Day

St Mary's Acton brings Civil War history to life with Holly Holy Day celebrations. St Mary's Church on Monks Lane in Acton, near Nantwich, welcomed around 100 visitors for a morning of history, heritage and hospitality during the annual Holly Holy Day celebrations on Saturday 24 January 2026.

The Grade I-listed church opened its doors at 9.30am, with volunteers offering hot drinks and buttered toast, before Canon Anne Lawson set the scene with prayers delivered in the language of the English Civil War period. Local historian Mike Lea followed with an engaging talk on the Civil War and the strategic importance of Nantwich.

Members of the Sealed Knot Re-enactment Society, portraying a Sergeant of Pike and a Cavalry Officer, explained their uniforms, weapons and daily life as soldiers, while visitors explored a scale battle model on loan from Nantwich Museum and artefacts discovered near Henhull Hall Farm.

Guests also had the chance to climb the church tower or join a guided walk to the original battlefields. The Battle of Nantwich, fought on 25 January 1644, ended the Royalist siege of the town and has been commemorated ever since with the wearing of a holly sprig.



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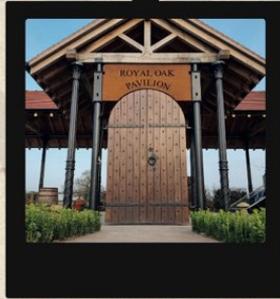
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## Cross Country Pages

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

this month to

Arthur Hassall	Scarlett Swain
Connor Farrell	Sonny Shaw
James Rowland	Sophie Briggs
Megan Drinkall	Trudy Tomlinson

### Special Birthdays

Special Belated Happy Birthday wishes go to **Mr Frank Ball Station** of Worleston who celebrated his 90th Birthday on 30th January 2026. He has lived in Worleston for 50 years and has been a true villager, keeping hedges and verges tidy across the village as his contribution to the community

Also to **David Drinkall** who celebrated his 90th birthday on February 8th.

### Congratulations

**Brenda & Graham Tucker** celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary this month.

### Important Notice

Unfortunately the Safeguarding training for all PCC members on 7<sup>th</sup> March has had to be cancelled. It is hoped to rescheduled for a saturday in June possibly the 13<sup>th</sup> but this has yet to be confirmed. We will update you as soon as possible.

Tom Doyle

### Dorfold Autumn Gala

As we welcome the first day of Spring on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, please note that we will be holding a special fundraising lunch at Dorfold Hall at the beginning of Autumn, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets will be £50.00 for a three course lunch and a glass of wine, and can be booked with Joyce Percival 07703292900

### Ladies Lunch

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
at  
**The Little Man, Wettenhall**  
12:30 pm  
Soup and Sandwiches  
£13  
All Welcome

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

### Mobile Library

Mar	Mar	Apr	Tuesdays	
10 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	Arr	Dep
Badger Church Minshull			10:20	10:45
Home Farm Park South Lea Green			11:10	11:20
Home Farm Park North Lea Green			11:30	11:50
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20
Station Rd Calveley			13:35	13:55
Tollemache Arms Alraham			14:05	14:30

Mar	Apr	May	Thursdays	
5 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre Poole			11:00	11:25
Worleston Station Aston Juxta Mondrum			11:35	11:45
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10

Mar	Apr	Apr	Thursdays	
12 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms Ravensmoor			10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall Faddiley			10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green			11:05	11:20

## Archbishops Of Canterbury: Thomas Becket

The most famous of all the historical Archbishops of Canterbury is probably Thomas Becket. He was born in Cheapside in London on 21st December 1118 to a family of merchants and had three siblings. He was sent to France for his education and studied at the University of Paris before returning to England to complete his education at Merton Priory. In Paris he had dedicated his life to the church and made a vow of celibacy. His Patron was Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, and a powerful man. Thomas became a friend of the future King Henry II, who was crowned in 1154 and made Thomas the Lord Chancellor in 1155. In 1162 he made Thomas the Archbishop of Canterbury, and their relationship started to become divided by the power of the State and the demands of the Church. Thomas put the requirements of the church above those of the King, including excommunicating the bishops who conducted the Coronation of the Young King Henry, who shared the throne with his father Henry II. They had crowned the Young King in Westminster Abbey, rather than at Canterbury Cathedral.

Thomas was known as a pious priest, wearing a hair shirt [complete with lice] beneath his rich clerical clothing. He prayed alongside the community of monks at the Cathedral. His relationship with the King broke down completely and legend has it that Henry II called out that he wanted to be rid of his 'troublesome priest'. Hearing this, four of his knights planned to murder the Archbishop at Canterbury. They set out on 29th December 1170 and hid their weapons and armour beneath their cloaks.

There are eyewitness statements of the murder, telling us of how Thomas was dragged out of the service of vespers to the altar of the cathedral. He was ordered to go to the King, he but refused, and the attack started with his cry of 'for the name of Jesus and protection of the church, I am ready to embrace death'. He suffered multiple head injuries and died in front of the monks. He was buried by the monks and declared a martyr, being canonised by Pope Alexander III on February 21st, 1173. On 12th July 1174 King Henry II attended a public penance at Becket's tomb at St. Dunstan's church in Canterbury. It became a place of popular pilgrimage and in 1220 the remains were moved into the centre of the chapel and into a richly jewelled casket. The pilgrims visiting the tomb reported 703 miracles, including the healing of blindness, epilepsy and leprosy. However, Saint Thomas of Canterbury was unable to rest in peace. In 1538 Henry VIII was in the process of Reformation, replacing the Catholic Church with the Church of England. He did not want to have a saint who had defied a previous King Henry as the centre of pilgrimage at Canterbury. Thomas was first banned as a Saint and then his shrine was destroyed. Yet even this King Henry could not destroy the faith of those who wished to be pilgrims at the feet of St. Thomas, and his bravery and martyrdom are remembered and celebrated today.



*Heather Pope*

## Installation of Rev'd Canon Anne Lawson

College of Canons

On Sunday 1st February our Vicar, Sarah Anne Lawson, was licensed and installed at Chester Cathedral as an Honorary Canon in the seat dedicated to St. Aidan.

Representatives from St. Mary's were honoured to be present at this event and to attend the service of Choral Evensong seated in the medieval splendour of the Quire. I'm sure that all parishioners of the Cross Country Parishes will join together to offer Anne our hearty congratulations and thanks for all she does for us.

*Sue Hull*



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## Thank You

Thank you to all those who have offered congratulations on my installation as Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral. It was good to see members of the churches and the wider rural community in the congregation when I was installed in the seat dedicated to St Aidan on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Thank you, too, to all those who couldn't come to the cathedral, but joined me on line. It was greatly appreciated.

*Canon Anne*

## Celebrating Plough Sunday 2026

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February members of the 4 churches, together with staff and students from Reaseheath College, members of the Nantwich Agricultural Society (Nantwich Show), Nantwich Young Farmers and the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy gathered in the Horticultural, Environment and Sustainable Technology building at Reaseheath College to celebrate Plough Sunday.

We were joined by Revd Canon Dr Judy Hunt, a retired Priest with experience of rural life as a Vicar, Archdeacon and, prior to ordination, as a farm vet. Judy preached on 'resilient continuity'. The resilience which says that, despite poor harvest, the ground will be ploughed and sown in preparation for the next harvest. The resilience that says responsibility will be given to younger generations, whilst experience and wisdom walks alongside, encouraging and sharing experience.

We continue to be very grateful to the staff of Reaseheath College who generously support this Service, not only by attending, but by ensuring we are well looked after before, during and after the Service.

*Canon Anne*



St Oswald's Church, Worleston			
Sidespersons		Coffee	
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5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ann Fletton		
Flowers		Cleaning	
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5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Marilyn Booth		

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### Cleaning Note

All that is required is that those who come to services give a quick vac of the carpet and porch but only if it is needed. The rest has been attended to, as age has caught up with the cleaning volunteers!

## Worleston WI

### Worleston WI – Our First Meetings of 2026 and the Year Ahead

Well, the New Year started off with a bang for Worleston WI members who were treated to an entertaining evening by the Drama Group who presented their version of “Call my Bluff”. Visitors and Members first enjoyed a scrumptious buffet provided by Members before a short business meeting. The Crafters Group led by Linda Smith, and ably helped by Barbara Parkinson and Jean Soddy went head to head with the Grafters Group led by Lyn Whitmore and ably assisted by Hazel McLean and Chris Hulme. The organiser Rosalind Lea kept all in order – despite having to use her “fog horn” on several occasions and with final audience participation the Grafters triumphed.

At our February meeting we were pleased to welcome John Ball who talked to

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## Coffee and Cake

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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.



Members about the “Beyond Childrens Charity” and on 11th March we will be welcoming June Wilkinson talking from “Cow to Cone” about her family history of ice-cream making. Since samples will also be available this is sure to be a popular evening.

Members have a lot to look forward to over the coming months with several trips in the pipeline as well as many entertaining Speakers and Demonstrations. A Spring Skittles Evening with carvery, a Summer Garden Party fete with Afternoon Tea as well as a Barbeque are planned for this year. Additionally our Craft Group is already working hard on ideas for contributing to the Nantwich Show as well as other projects just for fun!

New members are always welcome. We are a very friendly and easy going group who aim to have a fun evening and you can try us for free to see if you agree! We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Acton Parish Hall from 7.15 to 9.00 pm. and often car share is available. Further details contact Secretary Lyn Whitmore 07778503191 or President Annita Grunner 07751257937



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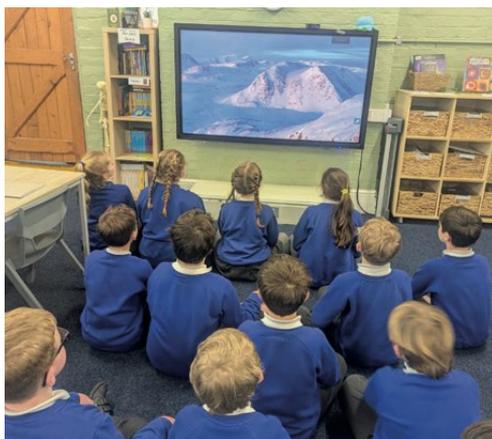
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## Calveley School

Our Oak Class residential to Aviemore was an unforgettable week, giving children the chance to explore Scottish culture and history, enjoy the stunning Cairngorms, and take on the challenge of skiing—many for the very first time. We are incredibly proud that every child managed to ski and that staff repeatedly praised their behaviour, teamwork, and enthusiasm. Our pupils were outstanding ambassadors for Calveley. A huge thank-you goes to the staff who supported the trip, both in Scotland and behind the scenes from school, ensuring everything ran smoothly. The week was about far more than skiing—it was about confidence, independence, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime

Back at school, Sycamore Class took part in the WWF's live lesson on the polar regions, exploring the science and geography of these fragile environments. They also created beautiful watercolour paintings inspired by Kandinsky, experimenting with colour, shape, and movement. Meanwhile, in Art, our youngest children in Little Acorns produced fantastic planet prints, showing great creativity and enthusiasm in their work.





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## St Oswald's C.E Primary School Worleston

This month in Nursery, our youngest children have been full of energy and enthusiasm as they've taken part in weekly PE sessions with our specialist coaches. The children have loved exploring the climbing apparatus, building not only their gross motor skills but also developing confidence as they navigate new challenges. It has been wonderful to see them using rich positional language - over, under, through, beside - as they learn through movement and play. Their joy and sense of achievement have been clear for all to see.

We were also treated to a truly spectacular visit from Mad Science, who filled the school with awe and excitement through a series of amazing experiments. The children were mesmerised - especially when our scientist made flames balance in her hand and then soar dramatically into the air! The session sparked endless curiosity and conversation, and we are delighted that she will be returning next month to run an after-school science club for our pupils.

Across Key Stage 2, pupils have been reflecting deeply on the theme "Let your light shine." Using this message as inspiration, they created thoughtful and expressive artwork that celebrates how Jesus is the light of the world. Children considered the many ways His light shines through us, in us, and to us, guiding our actions and helping us share kindness with others. Their reflections brought a real sense of spirituality to their artwork.

The finished pieces are truly something to be proud of - each one unique, heartfelt, and beautifully crafted. Pupils were eager to share their creations, explaining the meaning behind their designs and the messages they hoped others would see in them. As staff, we couldn't be more impressed by their thoughtfulness, creativity, and faith in action. St Oswald's has certainly been glowing brightly this month!





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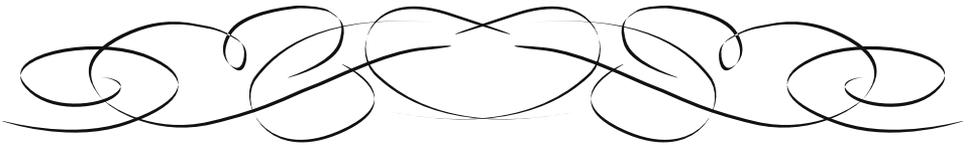
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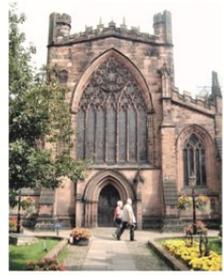
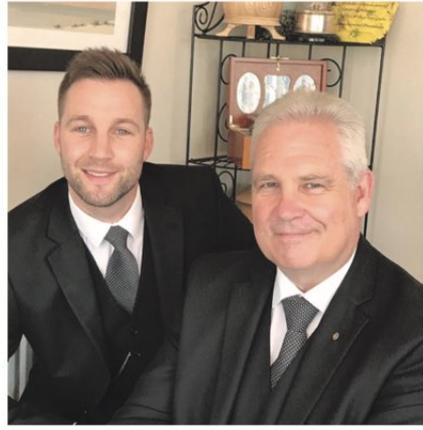




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