

# AUTUMN PLANT SALE

## 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September



**The Autumn Plant Sale returns on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am to 5pm with our famous Dutch Spring Bulb Stall. Inside St Bart's church will be the usual refreshments but there will also be a Bric-a-Brac stall and Photographic Exhibition.**

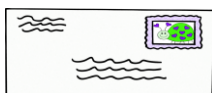
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### A Letter from the vicar



## Holidays and Holy Days

I'm writing this the day before I'm due to begin some holiday. By the time you read this, the holiday will be a distant memory, but that does not mean the holiday has not been of value. We all do need a holiday from time to time.



Even if we can't 'go on holiday', we can take 'minute holidays', perhaps meeting a friend, going for a walk, taking time for a hobby, playing with a pet, spending time with grandchildren. Much as many people enjoy order and routine, we also need a break from the humdrum of daily life, if only for an hour or so.

You probably know that the word 'holiday' comes from 'holy day'. It stems from the time when the only break people had from work and the routine of life was on the Holy Days of the Church year; Christmas, Easter, Ascension (my father had vivid memories in the 1930s of going to a school service, and then being given the rest of the day off on Ascension Day), Saints' Days etc. The Church festival or holy day provided an opportunity for a break from work and daily routine, but centred around the worship of God.

Including God in our holiday is a principle we've largely forgotten. Perhaps it's something we need to regain so that our holidays can become holy days; times of re-creation as well as recreation in the presence of God, who longs for his people to rest.

Rev. Anne

## The MAD Group



We are considering putting a Murder Mystery Play on for a night towards the end of November in the Village Hall. Interested? If so please contact John on 01270522353 or email [jh.headon@btinternet.com](mailto:jh.headon@btinternet.com)

## BAG A BARGAIN IN THE BARN

Henhull Hall, Welshmans Lane,  
Nantwich, CW5 6AD.

**Table Top Sale and Family Fun in the Farmyard. Come and support a number of local charities, games and refreshments. Free to enter.**

More info: Contact Joyce on 01270 624158

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 2pm**

Charities supported include Cross Country Parishes,  
Friends of Acton School  
Crewe and Nantwich Weaver Rotary Club  
Acton and Reaseheath WI

Date	St Bartholomew's Church Minshull	St Mary's Acton	St Davids Wettenhall	St Oswald's Worleston
6 <sup>th</sup> August	11am Worleston	11am Worleston 6.30pm Evensong	11am Worleston	11am United Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> August	11am United Café Church	11am Church Minshull	11am Church Minshull	11am Church Minshull
20 <sup>th</sup> August	10am Acton	10am United Messy Church	10am Acton	10am Acton
27 <sup>th</sup> August	11am Wettenhall	8am Communion 11am Wettenhall	11am United Communion	11am Wettenhall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	11am Café Church	11am Communion 6.30pm Evensong	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am Service of the Word	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	9.30am Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11am Communion	10am Messy Church	11am All Age	No Service
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11am Messy Church	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Harvest	9.30am Morning Prayer
1 <sup>st</sup> October	11am Service of the Word	11am Harvest 6,30pm Songs of Praise	11am Communion	No Service
There is a Communion Service at Acton every Wednesday at 10.30am				

## Church Minshull News

### The Badger PGA 2023 Golf Tour – North Wales



Late spring saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Badger PGA golf tour, with 12 players teeing up in sunny, North Wales. The first day was at Conwy Golf Club. Jordan Witt came out of the blocks with a fantastic 35 points. He was closely followed by Nathan, “Mr Captain” White on 34 points. Nearest the pin was won by Shaun Davies who hit his tee shot to 9 feet. The Longest drive going to Jeff Thompson with a 276 yard hit that split the fairway and the pair of bunkers set to the left and right of his ball. Day 1 was followed by hotel check in and dinner at the Imperial hotel, Llandudno. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round at Maesdu saw more clouds than

blue skies however the golf was still competitive but the result stayed the same with Jordan again coming out on top with a fantastic 39 Points followed by Steve Jones on 34 points and David “Mr President” Barrett on 33 points. The Nearest the pin contest was a bit of a no show on day 2 missing the green on both the initial hole and then the fall back hole, although Nathan made an incredible recovery and holed his 2<sup>nd</sup> shot. The Longest Drive was won by Roy Lindop with an impressive hit of 280 yards. Special mention of the tour must go to Nathan for the quality of his parking, although not so much for Shaun who seemed to provide roosting for the local seagulls. Due to the issues on day 2 and 3 of the tour it was decided that the nearest the pin contest, and trophy would be rolled over to our subsequent visit to Conwy at the end of May and went to Nathan who hit his tee shot to 4 feet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole to secure the trophy!

To close I want to thank everyone for making the 3 days such a lot of fun and we are always open to new members, so if you fancy joining us for our weekly golf games, trips to the driving range or even next years’ tour please contact Shaun at any time on 07979 647942 or drop me an email to [shaun.davies2000@gmail.com](mailto:shaun.davies2000@gmail.com)



In June, our subject was 'Creation' and we looked at evolution, before creating our own Bug Hotel in the churchyard.



In July, we discussed the importance of taking a break or holiday and looked at how Jesus took time for a rest and how holidays then were different to the holidays we take today.



We had Hymns and prayers and refreshments with biscuits, but we also made postcards and had lots of games to play. Thank you to all who helped and attended, we had such a happy time to start the holidays.



Our June service revolved around a video about the endurance of God's love .....



.... While in July we discussed how we follow Jesus. This was a topic that many wanted to explore and the children were quick to add how following Jesus could be problematic for them. Our music was part accompanied by Richard on the harp but we finished with 'I will follow Him' from 'Sister Act'.



**Our Condolences** go to the family and friends of Kathleen Hall, 'Aunty' to many of the Astbury family. After a service in St Bart's on 25<sup>th</sup> May, followed by a cremation, the ashes were buried in the grave of John Joseph and Sarah Astbury on July 20<sup>th</sup> in the churchyard.

## Scavenger Hunt – 23<sup>rd</sup> July

The Sports and Social Club ran a scavenger hunt from the village hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July which ended with tea and cake. Ten teams took part and it was a brilliant, fun afternoon, searching for answers to challenges and items to collect along the way.



Eventual winners were Shaun and Liz Davies, John Headon and Pryce Jones, but the real stars of the event were Andy and Lesley Baddiley, who set the questions and marked all the answers.

**Congratulations** also go to our very own churchwarden, David Barrett, who achieved his History doctorate in July and is pictured below with his wife Jo, who is also a doctor.



## Books on Wheels



The Cheshire mobile library bus service will be visiting Church Minshull next on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, then on September 19<sup>th</sup>. It will arrive at the Badger Inn car park at 10am then travel to Home Farm Park South at 11.10am and Home Farm Park North at 11.30am.

**Hough Congratulations** as Megan marries Rob Jones on June 3<sup>rd</sup> .....



.... And Faye gets her degree at Exeter University on July 18<sup>th</sup>.



## The Horse



WHAT A SHAME!  
I have stood here with my master for nearly 6 years, through storms, snow and wind and never moved. What a pleasure it was until somebody came

along and vandalised the churchyard. Flowers, vases and me, upsetting many people and the granddaughter who asked me to look after grandad. I do so hope that someone could find me and take me back to where I belong, doing my duty, looking after grandad. Please help me, then I will be happy again.  
*The horse.*

## Summer Sudoku Challenge

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## Church Minshull Parish Council - 11<sup>th</sup> July

1. The Clerk confirmed that the Lengthsman could not support the pavement cleanse as discussed at the last meeting as this was outside his remit. Councillors were recommended to report such issues on the FixMyStreet portal as these were the responsibility of Cheshire East Council.

**2. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** Borough Cllr Becky Posnett provided an update on matters at Cheshire East Council which advised that she had been elected to the Children and Families Committee and Environment and Communities Committee. Cheshire East Council was planning to introduce a charge for the green bin service, which would be discussed at the next Council meeting. There had also been a consultation regarding the reduction in library opening hours across the Council area. These two proposals were a result of the Council needing to reduce expenditure by £46M over four years. With regards to highways issues, the importance of reporting all issues on the Cheshire East FixMyStreet portal was emphasised. The Clerk was asked to invite Borough Cllr Browne to talk to the Parish Council about highways and related issues. Becky had invited the Flood Risk manager to visit Church Minshull to review the flooding issues. Parish Councillors thanked Borough Cllr Posnett for her support in dealing with all of these longstanding problematic issues within the village.

**3. ROAD ISSUES** With regards to the need for the repainting of road markings, any defects should be reported on the FixMyStreet portal.

**4. VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT** Cllr Boote advised that the next meeting to discuss the redevelopment



was to be held the following day. Therefore, an update would be available following this. There was a discussion regarding the telephone exchange land but it was confirmed that this land would not be available.

## 5. VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

a) Pavements - Councillors discussed the poor condition of some of the pavements in the village and the importance of reporting these issues to Cheshire East Council.



b) Defibrillator - Cllr Lewis confirmed that this was checked on a monthly basis.

## 6. FINANCE REPORT

a) Councillors reviewed the Finance report which identified that there was currently £6,477 in the Council's bank accounts and the forecast outturn was £4,511.

b) PAYMENTS RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved: Payee Reason Total VAT Net HMRC PAYE Q1 290.00, 290.00. Media Website Hosting 784.80, 130.80, 654.00. Church Minshull Village Hall Booking 30.00, 30.00.

**7. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS – TREE FELLING** on Eachus Lane: Cllr Smith advised that he had not received an update from the Forestry Commission regarding the felling reported previously.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING subsequently set for Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023.



I'm here from the government after reports this church discriminates against sinners.



  
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