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Here to worship God and share his love

Dear reader,

Welcome to the October magazine. You will find the events for October in the first half of the magazine, before the calendar on the centre pages. In the 2nd half, there are details of some November events, and some dates you may wish to put in your diary.

Do check out the vicar's letter of thanks on page 5, and look out for the latest Heritage information on page 14 and the Eco team's monthly contribution on pages 16 and 17.

If you have any suggestions about what you would like to see in future editions, please get in touch, using the contact details below.

Best wishes, Ali

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<https://stjohnsandway.wixsite.com/website>

Magazine submissions

Magazine deadline each month is the 1st of the month before.

Thank you to all contributors, and as always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please get in touch with Ali using the contact details below.

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There's been a bumper harvest of apples on my little apple tree this year – this has taken me by surprise as I thought that the crop would struggle given the lack of rain in the Spring and Summer months. The leaves of many plants in my garden are already dry and brown, but the apples are weighing down the branches. It's an unexpected bonus when the rest of the garden has struggled.

As I write to you this month, I've been pondering a verse from St Paul's letter to the Philippians that says:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

A few months ago, I outlined the financial challenge that we are facing at St John's following a steep increase in the payments we make to the Diocese of Chester each month. I have been hugely encouraged by the response to our giving appeal with many people increasing their giving or setting up standing orders. I am humbled by the generosity from people within the parish and beyond and see this as response to the prayers of the congregation. At the end of August, we also held our annual Gift Day and Celebration, asking for donations towards the cost of new chairs for church. Again, people responded so generously with over £4000 being given.



After several months of anxiety about our parish finances, I am hugely grateful! We are blessed with so many good things here and I'm grateful for all who give their time, talents and money to share in the mission and ministry at St John's. However, as I mentioned in my article in last month's magazine, it's hard for these words not to sound glib against the backdrop of international crises. If only other problems and disputes around the world showed signs of being resolved, if only prayers for Gaza resulted in relief for those who suffer on a daily basis! For people of faith the message remains – don't give up hope and keep praying for justice and peace.

Every blessing, Ruth

Baptisms from the registers

10th August	Talia O'Brien
24th August	Grayson, Hugo and Connie Greenwood
31st August	Daisy and Asher Billingham; Montague Turner

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

PRIZE BINGO IN AID OF THE POPPY APPEAL

WHEN 17TH October 2025

WHERE Methodist Church Hall Weaverham Road Sandiway

ENTRANCE £1.00 Adult 50p Children over 4 years

TIME DOORS OPEN 6.45PM, EYES DOWN 7PM

Book of 6 games £3.50 Min of two games £2

Quickie game £1.00 per ticket

Tea and biscuits will be served / juice for children

Mothers' UNION

**Tuesday 7th September
2.30pm in the church hall**

A talk on the work of the Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes

This is an OPEN meeting - all welcome

To find out more about the event, or joining the MU,
please contact Cherry (301513) or Wendy (883955)



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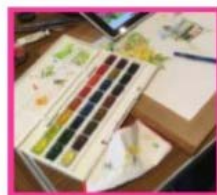
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Finley Spathaky Cello & Tristan MacWhirter Piano

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12 Noon Monday 06 October

St John's Church Hall, Norley Rd, Sandiway
Followed by a soup lunch also in Church Hall

Tickets £15 | Students £5 | Under 18s free

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JIMS

Enjoy playing guitar, ukulele, keyboard, violin, cajon?
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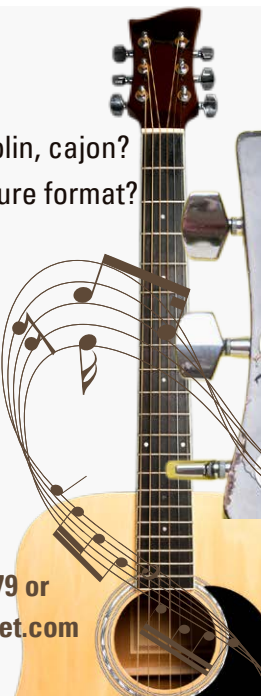
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For details contact:

Paul Stevenson 07885 265979 or

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Autumn Singalong with Paul & John

2-4pm Tuesday 21 October

**St John's Church Hall
Norley Road
Cuddington CW8 2JY**

Tickets £5

Including tea, coffee and cake



Plus a prize raffle



**Contact Julie on 07713 813147 or
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Joy to the World

Calling all individuals, families and groups

your help is needed

to fill the church with joy this advent!



In a struggling world, we sometimes need to look for joy - but it can be found in . . .

the beauty of creation, flowers, each other, families, friends, hobbies, memories

It can always be found in the everlasting love that God has for us all.

If you are thinking of an advent theme – the angels brought news of great joy to the shepherds - and for all people.



Please consider making something to go into our display – it needn't be complicated, it can be something very simple - colouring, cutting out and sticking – or maybe sewing, knitting, embroidery, painting, drawing, sculpting



If you are part of a group and would like us to come along and explain about the display, give ideas or help make things, please get in touch. We would love to help

We will be setting up the display the last week in November so please could you let us have any contributions by then.

If you would like more information, or items collecting, please contact Sandra on 01606 883029, 07957 733993 or sandrastevenson@live.co.uk

Prayer Support



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St John's Church Hall, Norley Rd,
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Including Fizz & Cake

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What's happening at St John's this month

5th Oct (Sunday)	Breakfast Church	10.15am	Church hall	
5th Oct (Sunday)	Evensong	6.30pm	Church	
6th Oct (Monday)	Lunchtime Concert	12pm	Church	Page 7
7th Oct (Tuesday)	Mothers Union	2.30pm	Church hall	Page 6
11th Oct (Saturday)	Wildlife Garden Group	10am-12pm	Church grounds	
11th Oct (Saturday)	JIMS music group	3-5pm	Church hall	Page 8
12th Oct (Sunday)	Morning Praise with Sunday Club	10.15am	Church hall	
12th Oct (Sunday)	Celtic Communion	6.30pm	Church	
18th Oct (Saturday)	Cheshire Chord	7pm	Church hall	Page 11
19th Oct (Sunday)	Holy Communion	10.15am	Church hall	
19th Oct (Sunday)	Take 40	6.30pm	Church	
21st Oct (Tuesday)	Singalong	2-4pm	Church hall	Page 9

25th Oct (Saturday)	JIMS music group	3-5pm	Church hall	Page 8
26th Oct (Sunday)	Morning Praise with Sunday Club	10.15am	Church hall	
26th Oct (Sunday)	Celtic Communion	10.15am	Church hall	
2nd Nov (Sunday)	Breakfast Church	10.15am	Church hall	
2nd Nov (Sunday)	Annual Memorial Service	6.30pm	Church	Page 15
3rd Nov (Monday)	Lunchtime Concert	12noon	Church	

Weekly services and events

Church open 10am-3pm
every weekday

Arts in the Ark	Wednesdays	2 - 4pm	Church hall	Page 6
Holy Communion	Thursdays	9.30am	Church	
Night Prayer	Thursdays	6.15pm	Church	
Ark Café	Fridays	9am - 2pm	Church hall	Page 8
Saturday Sanctuary	Saturdays	10am - 12 noon	Church	

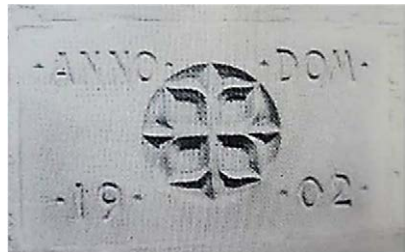
Heritage Snippets



So, how was it that the Earl of Mansfield (see left) came to lay St John's foundation stone? It seems a strange choice! At the ceremony in 1902, the Earl explained that his "...ancestors had been connected to Weaverham Parish since 1738" and it was only "right and proper" that he should be there as the "...interests of the parish were equally his interests".

In 1738 his direct ancestor, Daniel Finch, 2nd Earl of Nottingham, married The Honourable Anne Hatton whose family originally came from Hatton, near Daresbury. Anne had at least 20 pregnancies and 13 children. One of her sons was named Daniel after his father. The enclosure of Gorstage and Sandiway was included in the Weaverham Enclosure Act of 1794 and the younger Daniel, Earl of Mansfield purchased 140 of the 338 acres. The fields were situated, on the left when traveling along Hodge Lane from Hartford towards the A49.

The Earl, who laid St John's foundation stone with a silver trowel, William David Murray, was born in 1860 and died childless in 1906. Buried at Scone Palace in Scotland, he was the son of William David Murray, Viscount Stormont Mansfield. The Earl, who was known as 'The most eligible bachelor' in London, threw lavish parties at Kenwood House, his home in the capital. A friend of King Edward VII, who was the same age and equally fond of socialising, he served in the Grenadier Guards, retiring in 1894 with the rank of captain. He was JP for Clackmannanshire, Dumfriesshire and Perthshire and was appointed Privy Counsellor in 1905. He was succeeded by his brother Alan.



Jill King

Annual Memorial Service

All are welcome as we remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have died



Sunday 2nd November

6.30pm St John's Church

If you would like the name of someone read out during the service, please contact Sue Hadden with their details.

Email: shplush@yahoo.co.uk

Save the Date!

Dates to put in your diary for November and December
- more details to follow in November magazine.

**November 3rd, Lunchtime Concert:
Sophie Rosa & Peter Liang Violin Duo**

November 8th: Marcus & Friends

December 6th: Christmas Fair

Eco Matters

Kerbside Recycling

Thanks to a very useful leaflet delivered to my home this summer, I discovered that our borough (Cheshire West and Chester) is in the top 5% for recycling in England. This achievement is due to the efforts of people who live in the borough recycling as much as they can. So, what can and can't be recycled at the kerbside in our borough?

The following items can be placed loose, straight into the Red lidded bin (no plastic bags!);

- ✓ Clean plastic bottles and lids, Plastic pots and tubs, clean glass bottles and jars, empty aerosols such as deodorants, tins and cans, clean foil and takeaway trays.
- ✗ Please don't include: Black plastic, Black plastic packaging and wrapping, polystyrene, hard plastics such as toys.

Your blue lidded bin can receive the following loose (un-bagged) items:

- ✓ Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Directories, Junk mail and envelopes including windowed envelopes, paper gift wrap and plain gift cards, cardboard boxes with all other packaging removed, shredded
- ✗ Please don't include: Plastic packaging and wrapping, textiles, tissues and kitchen roll.

The following items can be recycled at the kerbside by leaving them in a separate container next to your recycling bins:

Spectacles, household batteries, mobile phones, small printer cartridges, small electrical items (smaller than a toaster), cooking oil (leave in a sealed container next to your food caddy).

Textiles are no longer collected at the kerbside. Instead, they should be taken to a clothing collection point or a charity shop.

The Brown caddy bin is for unpackaged food waste, including leftovers and spoilt produce, including raw and uncooked meat, fish and bones. You can also add fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags, coffee grounds, eggshells and pet food.

The contents of your brown food caddy bin are taken to an anaerobic digestion facility where it is broken down naturally to produce biogas. This is either used to produce electricity and heat for the national grid or as a fuel (biomethane) for carbon neutral transport. According to the leaflet, one caddy of food waste can generate enough electricity to power a home for an hour!

Find out more at: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-bin

What to do in the garden this October.

October sees the leaves flying off the trees, try to keep on top of raking them up and composting them or using them for leaf mould.

October is an important month for wildlife, providing food as it becomes naturally scarce with the colder weather will allow hibernating animals such as hedgehogs to fatten themselves up. It is also a good time to start putting food out for birds.

It's time to clean out any bird boxes you may have and a very good time to build a bug hotel to help insects through the cold winter months. You may want to look at the one in the church garden for inspiration.

Remember to bring any glazed pots and tender plants into a greenhouse or shed for over wintering.

Special Eco dates in October

4th St Francis Day <https://www.stfrancisday.org/en/>

4th No Disposable Cups Day <https://nodisposablecup.com/>

14th International E-waste Day <https://weee-forum.org/iewd-about/>

24th Water Night <https://waterwise.org.uk/campaign/water-night/>

May we all work together to tread a little more lightly on our precious earth.

Alison, Jane and Bev

Turkey & Tinsel Evening

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 7-9.30 PM
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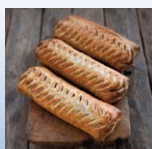
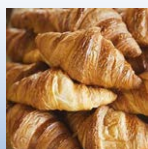
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