



Acton and Bednall Cornerstone

Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of Cornerstone our new monthly way to keep in touch. Information for inclusion should be with Phil by the 20th of the preceding month.

Sunday Services for November/December

5th	09:30	Acton	MP	Esther/Jonathan
12th	10:50	Bednall	Remembrance	Roger
19th	09:30	Acton	HC	Delphine
26th	09:30	Bednall	HC	David
3rd	09:30	Acton	MP	Delphine/Roger
3rd	16:00	Bednall	Advent	Phil
10th	09:30	Bednall	HC	David

Zoom

Every Sunday at 11:00 we have a service on Zoom. To receive details please contact Roger telephone 01785 714527 or email roger.howarth@ifdev.net

Remembrance Service

The annual service of remembrance will be at All Saints Church Bednall on **Sunday 12th November at 10:50**. The service will be led by Roger.

Ministry Team

Rector:	Greg Yerbury
Ministers:	Delphine Howarth David Primrose
Readers:	Esther Bird Jonathan Bird Phil Clayton Roger Howarth

Baptisms

Please contact Delphine.

Bereavement

At a time of loss contact Delphine

Safeguarding. Every parish must have an individual to contact regarding safeguarding. This is a point of contact for any safeguarding questions or concerns. Our Safeguarding Officer is Roger Howarth who can be contacted on 01785 714527 or 07770 502330 or by email at roger.howarth@ifdev.net

Advent Market. There will be an advent market held at All Saints Church, Bednall on Sunday 3rd December from 2pm to 4pm followed by a short Advent Service at 4pm. Please do come and support the event in aid of church funds. Tombola, gifts, refreshments, cake, books, jigsaw, name the cuddly toy and many other stalls. All welcome.

Weddings

Weddings are possible at both Churches in our parish and are ideal in combination with the award-winning nearby hotel of The Moat House at Acton Trussell. Please contact our parish wedding coordinator Pat Bates, Revd. Delphine or Grete Willacy to discuss your requirements.

Communion — The current guidance from the Church of England is that communion can be received in both wafer and wine. Receiving the bread only is considered as receiving communion in full. If you wish you may also receive wine from the common cup. If you prefer to have your wafer dipped (intinction) then this can only be done by the minister. Please indicate to the minister if you wish this to happen.

PCC - The next meeting of the PCC is on Wednesday 15th November 2023, 7:30pm at St James Church, Acton.

For more information on any Church matter please contact one of the Churchwardens:

Acton Roger Howarth

Bednall

Grete Willacy Phil Clayton

Reflection: Remembrance

November is a month for remembering – we have Armistice day, All Saints and All Souls, special prayers for loved ones, remembrance services and blessing of graves. When we remember we bring to mind someone or something; we draw on our memories. But, of course, because we're human beings, what we remember with our minds evokes feeling in our hearts and in our bodies.

Memories may feel warm and comforting – they may fill us with joy, or they may be filled with sadness, sorrow and regret – they may make us feel low. And that's where our feelings often translate to bodily aches and pains. For example, we know that it is possible for people to die of a broken heart.

I read that in Hebrew, to remember means more than simply bringing to mind. When God remembers his people, he also does something for them. When God remembers us, he does something for us as well. I often wonder, in that great moment of the inception of the eucharist at the Last Supper, when Jesus took bread and wine – simple ingredients on the Passover table – as instruments of remembrance – whether there was something of his own human hope that he would be remembered and his mission passed on, as well as a desire to gift his disciples some way of keeping his memory alive when he was gone. We Christians believe that in the mystery of the Consecration, Jesus is made truly present in the simple elements of bread and wine.

When we feel lost and low and broken because we have lost someone dear to us, the presence of Jesus may offer some comfort and consolation. Light in our darkness perhaps. It is not coincidence perhaps that as the days shorten, human beings have found symbols of light to remind us of the hope that lies beneath our cold and bleak winter world, Hope for brighter light and shoots of new life that will break through as spring comes again. It is a theme we find in the psalms: 'My soul waits of the Lord like a watchman for daybreak' and it is echoed in cultures and religions across the world.

At this time, churches and hospices invite us to light up a life celebrations so that we can remember together, those who have been important to us. By remembering, we keep their memories alive and, by bringing them to mind we too can somehow keep their presence in our lives.

Often we light candles as a sign of remembering and, like the remembrance of God, we do something too. As we light the candle we say a prayer for that person that they may be enjoying the marvellous light of heaven. The candle light reminds us that we too have the opportunity to share the light of hope, that we carry, with others. When you are in a dark place, the warmth of a smile or a kind word can mean a lot.

It may feel that our own light is very small and insignificant in times of much darkness but each time it is shared, it is not halved but doubled. Together we really can make a difference.

Phil

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