



# 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 March/April

3rd Mar	09:30	Bednall	MP	Phil
10th	09:30	Acton	Mothering Sunday	Delphine/Roger
17th	09:30	Bednall	HC	David
24th	09:30	Acton	Palm Sunday	Delphine/Roger
31st	09:30	Bednall	Easter HC	Delphine/Roger
7th April	09:30	Acton	Tba	Tba
14th	09:30	Bednall	Tba	Tba

## Other Services at Bednall

Maundy Thursday.	28th Mar 2pm	Agape	Delphine
Good Friday	29th Mar 2pm	At the Cross	Delphine/Roger

## Friday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

15th Mar	10:00 St James	HC	Delphine
29th Mar	10:00 St James	Stations at the cross	Delphine/Roger
12th Apr	10:00 St James	HC	Tba

## 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](mailto:roger.howarth@ifdev.net)

## Ministry Team

<b>Rector:</b>	Greg Yerbury
<b>Ministers:</b>	Delphine Howarth David Primrose
<b>Readers:</b>	Esther Bird Jonathan Bird

### 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](mailto:roger.howarth@ifdev.net)

**Moat House Dinner** There is dinner at the Moat House on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are available from Pat Bates and Mary Lewis.

### 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 20th March 2024, 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:

'Easter is a season of renewal and hope in the Church of England faith. It marks the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, a pivotal moment in the Christian narrative that has shaped our beliefs and practices for centuries. At its core, Easter is a celebration of faith, sacrifice, and forgiveness, and it holds valuable lessons that are still relevant in modern life.

The story of Easter begins with Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, where he was hailed as a king by the crowds. However, his message of love and compassion was seen as a threat by the authorities, who arrested him, tried him, and sentenced him to death by crucifixion. Despite this, Jesus remained faithful to his mission, even in the face of betrayal, denial, and pain. He forgave his enemies, prayed for his disciples, and ultimately surrendered his life for the sake of others.

But the story does not end there. On the third day after his death, Jesus rose from the dead, fulfilling the prophecies and promises of the Scriptures. His resurrection is a testament to the power of God's love and grace, and it is the foundation of our hope as Christians. Through his sacrifice and triumph over death, Jesus offers us the gift of eternal life and the assurance of forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

## What lessons can we learn from the story of Easter?

First, we can learn the value of faith and perseverance in the face of adversity. Jesus' unwavering commitment to his mission, even when it meant suffering and death, is an example of the kind of faith that can sustain us in difficult times. Second, we can learn the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation, both in our relationships with others and with God. Jesus' willingness to forgive his enemies and pray for his persecutors shows us the transformative power of forgiveness and the potential for reconciliation even in the most difficult situations.

Finally, we can learn the meaning of hope and renewal. Easter is a time of new beginnings, of letting go of the old and embracing the new. It is a time to reflect on our lives, our faith, and our relationships, and to renew our commitment to God and to each other. In a world that can be full of pain, suffering, and despair, Easter offers us the hope of a brighter future, a future where love, justice, and peace prevail.

In conclusion, the story of Easter is a powerful reminder of the enduring truths of the Christian faith. It invites us to reflect on our own lives and to seek the renewal and hope that come from a deeper relationship with God. As we celebrate this season, may we be inspired by the example of Jesus, and may we be renewed in our faith, our hope, and our commitment to love and serve others.

*Phil*

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