



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 2024

24th Mar	09:30 Acton	Palm Sunday	Delphine/Roger
31st	09:30 Bednall	Easter HC	Delphine/Roger
7th April	09:30 Acton	MP	Esther/Jonathan
14th	09:30 Bednall	MP	Phil
21st	09:30 Acton	HC	Delphine/Roger
28th	09:30 Bednall	HC	David
5th May	09:30 Acton	MP	Delphine/Roger

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

Good Friday	29th Mar	10:00	St James	Stations	Delphine/Roger
	12th Apr	10:00	St James	HC	Delphine
	26th Apr	10:00	St James	HC	Greg

Ascension

9th May (Thur)	10:00	St James	HC	Delphine
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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

Ministry Team

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

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

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

Baptisms

Please contact Delphine.

Bereavement

At a time of loss contact Delphine

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 the APCM on Wednesday 1st May 2024, 7:30pm at All Saints Church, Bednall.

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

Acton Roger Howarth

Bednall

Grete Willacy Phil Clayton

Reflection:

I recall, as a university student, attending morning worship on the first the Sunday in Advent. There was an expectation of Christmas; but in announcing the first hymn, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, the minister proclaimed that every Sunday is Easter Sunday!

How true. For we are Easter people. Resurrection and renewal are all around us, if we care to look - springtime and harvest, in regeneration, in healing, in forgiveness.

The events of the first Easter Day transformed history and our world, but it was infinitely more than an event in history. As the first disciples soon realised, the Risen Jesus is not confined by time or place. As Easter people, we know his risen presence with us today.

And what assurance and hope that brings; not least in a world where there is so much darkness. We know that this Easter, brothers and sisters, not only in Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, but in many other places of strife across the world, will be experiencing grief, anxiety, and suffering. For many, the consequences of the recent pandemic and economic shock are keenly felt. Climate crisis has not gone away. For some, there will be the individual pain of the loss of a loved one, or anxiety about illness or other personal grief.

John's Gospel tells us that the light which shines in the darkness has never been extinguished and the Easter message affirms that. For the Risen Jesus' first words to the disciples were 'Peace be with you' and 'Do not be afraid.'

Our prayer, this Easter, must be that those who are suffering or are afraid will know that they are remembered by God and experience that reassurance of peace and hope.

Such comfort won't necessarily cancel the physical pain or anxiety, but it does remind us that through his suffering and passion on the Cross, Jesus has suffered the worst that violent humanity can do. He hears our cries and understands our pain. But through his resurrection, love has conquered hate, hope has prevailed over despair and life has triumphed over death.

What a message that is for a violent and anxious world! What a challenge to us, as Jesus' followers, to take that message to all peoples everywhere and to serve our Risen Lord through our service to others in a suffering world, a world crying out for justice and peace.

May you all know God's love and blessing this Easter Day and may your lives be illuminated by the light of the first Easter morning throughout all the days ahead. For Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Phil

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