



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 May/June 2024

5th May	09:30 Acton	MP	Delphine/Roger
12th May	09:30 Bednall	HC	David
19th May	09:30 Acton	HC	David
26th May	09:30 Bednall	MP	Esther/Jonathan
2nd June	09:30 Acton	Tba	Tba
9th June	09:30 Bednall	HC	David

Friday/Thursday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

9th May (Thursday)	10:00 St James	Ascension	Delphine/Roger
24th May (Friday)	10:00 St James	HC	Delphine
7th June (Friday)	10:00 St James	Matins	Len

Annual Parochial Church Meeting .The annual meeting where elections to the PCC will be held on **Wednesday 1st May at 7pm** in All Saints Church, Bednall. Please do your best to attend.

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

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 Howard Searle who can be contacted on 01785 715640 or howardsuesearle@btinternet.com. Howard is new to the role. We thank him for volunteering and serving our parish.

Please note that Greg is on sabbatical from 5th May until 4th August 2024. Please do not contact Greg during this time. He is working on a history project about Penkridge. If you need pastoral support please contact one of the other ministers or Churchwardens.

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.

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

Acton Roger Howarth

Bednall

Grete Willacy Phil Clayton

Reflection – Up and Alive

As I write this, we are still in the Easter season, so I begin with:

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

For me, Easter also means Spring Harvest. This year we were in Skegness from Easter Monday for 4 nights.

It really was a spiritual high for us – probably one of the best Spring Harvests we have attended with all age worship that was truly all age, one of the most informative and inspiring bible expositions on Ephesians, excellent speakers, including a little boy aged 13 who preached better than some adults I have heard. The worship was sensitively led by Lucy Grimble, with songs and hymns from all eras which fitted with the worship each time.

The title for this year was **Up and alive**. The blurb on the back of the theme book begins **If there's one thing we all need today it's hope** and it ends with **Here's to being up and alive in Jesus**. All very appropriate for us as we remember that Jesus is indeed alive today.

Reading the bible accounts of what happened in the days immediately following that first Easter morning, I really noticed this year that every time Jesus appeared to the disciples he said **Peace be with you**. Whenever angels appear to frightened people, like the shepherds at Jesus' birth, they say **Fear not**. But Jesus appears to his frightened disciples and says **Peace be with you**.

I think that is wonderfully encouraging - God's peace is a peace which passes all understanding and enables us to be at peace in times when nothing seems peaceful.

In just a few weeks' time we will be remembering Jesus' ascension and his great commission to spread his good news and hope in all the world, together with his promise that he will be with us to the end of the age.

Ten days after that it will be Pentecost when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit. In John's gospel Jesus greeted the disciples with the words **Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit**.

So, we can live with the knowledge of Jesus' blessing of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit each and every day as we live our lives being **Up and alive** with hope in our hearts.

Esther

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