



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 June/July 2024

2nd June	09:30	Acton	HC	David
9th June	09:30	Bednall	HC	David
16th June	09:30	Acton	HC	Delphine/Roger
23rd June	09:30	Bednall	MP	Phil
30th June	09:30	Acton	HC	David
8th July	09:30	Bednall	Tba	Tba
15th July	09:30	Acton	Tba	Tba

Friday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

7th June	10:00	St James	Matins	Len
21st June	10:00	St James	BCP	Delphine
5th July	10:00	St James	BCP	Tba

Years Mind

At this time of year we remember **Derek Charles Harwood Jordan**. Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed, and very dear.

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 Burd
 Jonathan Burd

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.

Baptisms

Please contact Delphine.

Bereavement

At a time of loss contact Delphine

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

On being part of church:

Churches are communities of Christians, who often identify locally with the place where they gather to worship^(A). Churches link together in many different ways, from ecumenical groupings^(B) such as Churches Together in Penkridge, to global networks such as the Anglican Communion^(C). The Church of England is based around a parish structure divided into 42 dioceses^(D). Our parish, Acton Trussell with Bednall, has two centres of worship, St James and All Saints. Along with Coppenhall, Dunston, Levedale, Pillaton, and Stretton, we are part of the Penkridge Benefice^(E). The Bishop of Lichfield is responsible for the appointment of lay and ordained ministers to the Benefice to serve under the leadership of the Rector of St Michael's. Together, parishes across the Diocese of Lichfield contribute to the Diocese to cover the overall costs of this ministry^(F). The Diocese has some additional income from Glebe Land and investments which enables it to provide parishes with support such as advice on maintenance, social responsibility, and training^(G). The Church Commissioners meet the costs of Bishops, Archdeacons, the Dean and two Canons at the Cathedral^(H). The Cathedral and local parishes each has to meet the costs of maintaining their own buildings and surrounding grounds^(I).

To illustrate the above:

Growing up outside Glasgow, my family were part of St Mary's, our local Church of Scotland^(A). As a student I attended both the Anglican College Chapel and a Baptist church^(B). I was ordained deacon in the Church of Pakistan^(C) and served as a parish priest in the Diocese of Gloucester^(D). After we moved to Bednall, I resumed parish ministry part-time for 18 months, as priest-in-charge of Acton Trussell with Bednall - during which time, Delphine completed her curacy^(E,F). We came here because I had been appointed Diocesan Director of Transforming Communities, developing social responsibility in churches in and around Staffordshire, north Shropshire and the Black Country^(G). When I retired in 2021, I accepted the opportunity to serve in a voluntary capacity as a Canon at the Cathedral promoting the environment, social justice and community outreach^(H). Now I have retired again, the Bishop of Lichfield has given me permission to officiate, serving under the Rector of Penkridge in this group of parishes. As well as being part of the joint congregation of St James and All Saints, and leading worship twice a month, I look forward to working with the local community to raise funds for the reordering of All Saints, and see the building with its new facilities well-used by the wider community^(I).

David

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NHS—non emergency			111
Police—non emergency			101
Bednall, Acton and Teddesley Hay website		batth.co.uk	
The Churches page is		batth.co.uk/churches/	