



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 2024

3 rd November	09:30	Acton	HC	David
3 rd November	6pm	Bednall	Patronal	Phil
10 th November	10:50	Bednall	Remembrance	Delphine
17 th November	09:30	Acton	MP	Delphine/Roger
24 th November	09:30	Bednall	HC	David
1 st December	09:30	Acton	HC	Delphine
1 st December	4pm	Bednall	Advent	Phil
8 th December	09:30	Bednall	MP	Esther/Jonathan

Friday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

8th November	10:00	St James	BCP	Greg
22 nd November	10:00	St James	BCP	Delphine
6 th December	10:00	St James	BCP	Greg

Grave Talk It's not easy to talk about death, dying and funerals. But if we neglect these subjects, we can be unprepared for our own death and the deaths of those close to us. GraveTalk is a resource from the Church of England to help people start thinking and talking about these key topics. It has been tried and tested over two years and proved successful and popular.

The date selected is November 6th. The cafe style meeting will be held at All Saints but is open to all in the parish of Acton, Bednall and Teddesley. Time to be confirmed. This meeting will be hosted by David Primrose (who helped to devise the resource) and Aison Wassell. We will judge prospective numbers when introducing it in both churches in early October.

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
Phil Clayton
Roger Howarth

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 howardsueearle@btinternet.com. Howard is new to the role. We thank him for volunteering and serving our parish.

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.

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

Acton Roger Howarth

Bednall

Grete Willacy Phil Clayton

Reflection — Be still and know that I am God

For most of this week I have been wondering what to write in this reflection and the deadline is now upon me.

As I sat down to pray I opened an email from Tearfund in my inbox which had the heading that I have now chosen. It is from one of the Psalms - Psalm 46:10 to be precise and the whole verse reads “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

I don't know about you but those are the words I need to hear and I hope that they will resonate with some of you.

We can be in no doubt at the moment that we live in a busy, changing and troubled world.

On the global scale it is impossible to escape the day by day news stories of war and destruction across much of the Middle East and in Ukraine and my heart goes out to those suffering so terribly and those working to bring hope. I pray that God will raise up peacemakers and that the senseless loss of life, unbearable pain of loss for so many and the utter devastation will stop.

It seems incomprehensible after two world wars in the last century that wars continue and with ever more destructive weapons. When will the world ever learn?

And yet, we cannot be without hope. Whatever is happening and however terrible it is, as Jesus often pointed out, we can be sure that God is with all who suffer. We can find that stillness and in time he will be exalted among the nations and in the earth.

At a personal level, I am just far too busy right now - I am in danger of being overwhelmed but then I am reminded that God is always with us - he sent Jesus into our world to show us that. I need to be still and know that he is God.

The previous verse of Psalm 46 begins “He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth”.

As we become still before God, knowing that ultimately he is in control, we can have that sure and certain hope to share with others.

Esther

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The Churches page is		batth.co.uk/churches/	