



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 April and May 2025

6th April	09:30	Acton	HC	Delphine
13th April	09:30	Bednall	HC	David
20th April	09:30	Acton	Easter HC	Delphine/David
27th April	09:30	Bednall	MP	Roger
4th May	09:30	Acton	MP	Jonathan/Esther
11th May	09:30	Bednall	HC	David

Friday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

4th April	10:00	Acton	BCP	Delphine
18th April	10:00	Acton	Stations at the Cross	Roger/Delphine
2nd May	10:00	Acton	BCP	Greg

Easter Services 2025

Palm Sunday	13th April	09:30	Bednall
HC David			
Maundy Thursday	17th April	6pm	Bednall
Agape Delphine			
Good Friday	18th April	10:00	Acton
Stations Roger/Delphine			
Easter Sunday	20th April	09:30	Acton
Easter HC Delphine/David			

Did you Know? The oldest legible gravestone in England is thought to be that of Ann Green who died on 3rd April 1518 and is buried at St Peter's Church, Alstonefield, Staffordshire.

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.

Baptisms

Please 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.

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 for Easter

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