



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 July and August 2025

6th	July	09:30	Bednall	MP	Phil/Roger
13th	July	09:30	Acton	HC	Delphine/Phil
20th	July	09:30	Bednall	HC	David/Delphine
27th	July	18:30	Acton	Patronal	Delphine/David
3rd	August	09:30	Bednall	MP	Roger/Delphine
10th	August	09:30	Acton	HC	David/Roger
17th	August	09:30	Bednall	HC	David/Delphine
24th	August	09:30	Acton	MP	Jonathan/Esther
31st	August	09:30	Bednall	MP	Phil/Delphine

Friday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

11th	July	Friday	10:00	Acton	BCP	Greg
25th	July	Friday	10:00	Acton	BCP	Delphine
8th	August	Friday	10:00	Acton	BCP	Greg
22nd	August	Friday	10:00	Acton	BCP	Delphine

All Saints - Reordering The PCC have now received permission from the Diocese to install new heating and lighting in All Saints. At the last meeting the PCC appointed Messenger to complete the work and this is likely to commence before the end of July 2025. Further information will follow.

Friends of Bednall - Future Events

10th August	Tea Party	Home of Toni Castle
14th September	Lunch	Home of David Primrose

Ministry Team

Rector: Greg Yerbury
Ministers: Delphine Howarth
 David Primrose
Readers: Esther Burd
 Jonathan Burd
 Phil Clayton
 Roger Howarth

Baptisms

Please contact Delphine.

Bereavement

At a time of loss contact Delphine

Nicene Creed - We believe

Join me for an autumn study course based on the Nicene Creed. It was 1,700 years ago this month, that bishops meeting in Nicaea agreed this basis of our Christian faith, and it is still being professed by members of all major denominations. The Church of England has prepared material to help us explore its relevance today. The five-session course is accessible for all, whatever stage we are at in our journey of faith. Details are available online at <https://cofe.io/NiceneCreed>. We will be running two parallel groups, starting in September, on various Monday mornings and then the following Sunday evenings, ending in November. If you are interested, contact David Primrose 07975 644044, primrose01@talktalk.net

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.

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.

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

Acton Roger Howarth

Bednall

Grete Willacy Phil Clayton

Reflection - Who do you Think you Are?

I have never been an avid watcher of the BBC genealogy series Who Do you Think You Are? Nor have I particularly been one to delve into my family tree. However, others have carried out research. They have discovered for instance that in the 1831 Census nearly all the people in England with my mother's surname were farm labourers in this local area.

The Burd family history is more colourful. One theory is that my ancestors were French Huguenots, who fled to this country. That idea was superseded by one that the first Burds in England were of Swedish origin. Either way, they found their way across the Channel by boat, then gradually spread out from the south coast.

My renewed interest has been sparked by the recent discovery of a very surprising piece of information about my own grandfather, something my father never told me about. I now regret there is no-one left of my father's generation to speak to. Why do our family roots matter? Is it because they help us discover our identity?

The Bible, in particular in the letters of Paul, has much to say about identity, pointing out that, as Christians, our true identity is in Christ.

In Christ we are loved, created with a purpose.

In Christ we are chosen. God sent his own Son to die in our place, to give us the opportunity to be children of God.

In Christ we are forgiven. Because Jesus, who was without sin, died the death we should have, we can be forgiven of sin. What we've done wrong is not counted against us, and all that Christ did right is counted for us. This forgiveness allows us to be considered children of God.

In Christ we are redeemed. Christ has paid the price and bought us back from the forces of sin and evil. 'If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.' (2 Corinthians 5:17) We can each walk in the identity of someone who is made new in Christ.

And in Christ we are adopted. We are adopted into God's family, all members together of one big family. There is no greater security than that.

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