



# 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 October/November 2025

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|--------------|--------------|---------|-------------|---------------------|
| 5th October  | 09:30        | Bednall | HC          | David and Phil      |
| 12th October | 09:30        | Acton   | HC          | Delphine and Roger  |
| 19th October | 09:30        | Bednall | MP          | Roger and Phil      |
| 26th October | 09:30        | Acton   | MP          | Jonathan and Esther |
| 2nd November | <b>18:30</b> | Bednall | Patronal    | David and Phil      |
| 9th November | <b>10:50</b> | Acton   | Remembrance | Delphine and Roger  |

### Friday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

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|---------------|-------|-------|----|-----|----------|
| 3rd October   | 10:00 | Acton | HC | BCP | Greg     |
| 17th October  | 10:00 | Acton | HC | BCP | Delphine |
| 31st October  | 10:00 | Acton | HC | BCP | Greg     |
| 14th November | 10:00 | Acton | HC | BCP | Delphine |

**Church Finance.** Each year it costs over £50,000 to run our Church buildings covering service costs, payments to the Diocese, heating, lighting and insurance. We rely on the generosity of all the donations we receive and fundraising events for which we are most grateful. In the past we received free banking. Now we have to pay to bank all cash. We also pay to pay in each cheque and to write a cheque. These costs are significant. We are therefore asking everyone to pay direct into our bank account and receive payments electronically. Our details are **Lloyds Bank**. Account name: **Acton and Bednall PCC**, Sort Code: **30 98 00** Account Number: **02549299**. To receive money from the PCC by direct transfer please contact Alison Kendall our treasurer. These transactions are free.

## 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

**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](mailto: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.

**Sunday Lunch at the Moat House.** Our next fundraising event is on Sunday 19th October 12:30 for 13:00. Price £31 from **Mary Lewis** 01785 2190 or **Pat Bates** 01785 714091

**Did you know?** We often use the phrase "poor as a church mouse". Why do we say this? Catholic and orthodox priests have to scrupulously prevent any crumb of the sacrament of eucharist from falling on the ground so poor Church mice had no crumbs to feed on.

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

**Acton** Roger Howarth

**Bednall**

Grete Willacy Phil Clayton

## Reflection

I can remember from my early years at primary school loving the hymn; ‘*We plough the fields and scatter*’ like all young children I sang it with gusto but without a clue as to what it was all about. For someone, like me, a complete born and raised ‘townie’; ‘Harvest’ is a sort of alien concept. It was only on returning to faith that I re-encountered ‘Harvest’ the concept that we really do need to give thanks to God for it. What is ‘harvest’? What does it mean today? And is it still something we need to be conscious of each year, especially as we now live in a global economy and world where harvest occurs at different times and in different ways?

When you next look at a plate of food try and remember where each ingredient came from. As I drafted this reflection, I was conscious of a recent lunch which consisted of:

- sea bass from Turkey
- broccoli from Norfolk
- peas and beans from East Anglia and Kenya
- tomatoes from Spain
- and almonds from Greece

One plate of food but it had travelled a very international route to find its way to my plate. Without produce from around the globe and the skills and labour of people from different countries and cultures our diets would be ‘same-y’ and boring. Although harvests occur at different times in different places it is VITALLY IMPORTANT that at least once a year we stop, reflect and give thanks to God for all, that the many harvests of the world give to us. In that stopping and giving thanks we also need to remember to give thanks for those who grew and produced the harvest for us in the first place and to work out if we have exploited them in any way. Did I pay a fair price for what I ate? Did the farmer get well paid for their efforts?

It might seem trivial to us in the developed north of the world, but we do take too much for granted at the expense of those who are basically subsistence farmers providing goods for us that they could not afford even to taste. So, we really do need to pray for the Harvest.

To pray with thanksgiving for the good gifts that God gives us. To pray for the future food production and producers in this country and around the globe. And, to pray for an equal sharing of the world’s resources so that no one goes hungry or watches their children starve before them, especially when they are the people ensuring that we don’t starve.

It is always worth remembering that the world is precariously balanced and that we might not always be as all right as we think we are. I believe that our cry today should simply be:

**‘Thank you, God!’**

Thank you for all the good gifts around us and for all the things you give us to make our lives happy and healthy.

Never take the Harvest for granted and hold in prayer all those for whom harvest is a hope rather than a reality. All those who are facing a bleak future with a failed harvest or a poor one and ask God how we can support those in need who are so often those who produce the things we need and use.

***“All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord, for all his love.”***

*Phil*

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| <b>The Churches page is</b>                     |                                                                                    | <a href="http://batth.co.uk/churches/">batth.co.uk/churches/</a>                   |              |