



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 September/October 2025

7th September	09:30	Acton	HC	Delphine/Roger
14th September	09:30	Bednall	MP	Roger/Phil
21st September	09:30	Acton	MP	Roger/Delphine
28th September	11:00	Community Centre	Harvest	All
5th October	09:30	Bednall	HC	Tba
12th October	09:30	Acton	HC	Tba

Friday Service at St James, Acton Trussell at 10am

5th September	10:00	Acton	HC	BCP	Greg
19th September	10:00	Acton	HC	BCP	Delphine
3rd October	10:00	Acton	HC	BCP	Greg

All Saints - Reordering Work has started on the reordering of the Church. The work now includes new heating and lighting and over the coming weeks we will see the benefits. Whilst there will be some slight disruption it is hoped that services will still take place in Church during this time. The work is scheduled to complete in December 2025.

Friends of Bednall - Future Events 14th September Lunch from 12:00 Home of David Primrose

Please speak to David or Alison Primrose for Tickets. 07975 644044

Harvest Service 2025—The harvest service this year will be on Sunday 28th September at 11am and be held at the Community Centre. The service will be followed by lunch. Donations for the food bank are welcome.

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 *David.*

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

As I sit to write this reflection our news is dominated by the meeting yesterday in the White House where Presidents Trump and Zelensky met with European leaders in the latest attempt to bring an end to the war in Ukraine. In Israel mass demonstrations took place at the weekend and Hamas have reportedly said to be prepared to accept the latest moderator terms of a ceasefire. In all these we will see...

As we watch our TV screens seeing images of destitute and starving people across these and other wars my mind is always drawn back to Paul's words in Colossians 3.11 "In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile,^[c] circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized,^[d] slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us."

'Christ lives in all of us' - Jew gentile, barbaric, uncivilised, slave or free – which just about covers all of humanity, including Russians, Asylum seekers and even Islamic fundamentalists (just they don't realise it yet!).

It's shown in Jesus' glorious story of the hated but wonderful Samaritan (could have been a Philistine Gazan).

Mandela could see the Spirit of God in the cruelty of the guards on Robben Island (if only for a second). As Christians we need to see Christ in all people including those who flee and fear persecution enough to risk their lives in rubber boats in the English Channel. Glory to St. Michael's for their welcome to the folks who came to Penkridge.

Jesus doesn't live in people who are 'just like us' - he lives in everyone, indeed chances are that Jesus' own physical appearance wasn't like us at all. Whisper it, he may have been dark-skinned!

The big talk today is all about 'Security Guarantees' following any peace deal. What stops Russia re-arming and re-invading? What prevents Hamas from future attacks?

What security guarantee did Jesus have as he entered Jerusalem and staggered to Golgotha?

The same one we have – the certainty of a Loving Father who in the end will make all things well.

So lets Love our Neighbours, whoever they may be, secure in the knowledge that we are loved and safe.

Roger

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