

## Ministry Team

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 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 [howardsusearle@btinternet.com](mailto:howardsusearle@btinternet.com).



### Baptisms

Please contact  
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### Bereavement

At a time of loss 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.

**Bednall Reordering.** At the time of publication week 13 has been completed out of 20 and the project is still on track to complete on Friday 12th December. There have been very few challenges that our contractors have had to deal with that were not anticipated. The new heating and lighting is nearing completion for us to use and both will improve the previous provision immensely. We now look forward to testing the Royal Flush when the project is completed!!

**Did you know?** The most visited graveyard in the world is Père Lachaise in Paris. It houses the tombs of people such as Oscar Wilde and Edith Piaf and is renowned for its impressive garden design and also its elaborate tombs and mausoleums

**Churchwardens.** For more information on any Church matter please contact the Churchwardens. **Acton:** Roger Howarth. **Bednall:** Grete Willacy and Phil Clayton

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



# Acton and Bednall Cornerstone

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## Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of Cornerstone our monthly newsletter. Please let Phil have any content by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

### November and December Sunday Services

November 2nd	09:30	Patrol	David and Phil
November 9th	10:50	Remembrance	Delphine and Roger
November 16th	09:30	Holy Communion	David and Phil
November 23rd	09:30	Morning Prayer	Delphine and Roger
November 30th	09:30	Morning Prayer	Esther and Jonathan
December 7th	09:30	Holy Communion	David and Roger
December 14th	09:30	Holy Communion	Delphine and Phil

### Friday Services at St James, Acton Trussell

November 14th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Delphine
November 28th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Greg
December 12th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Delphine

**Church Finances.** 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 have received free banking. Now we have to pay a fee to bank all cash. We also pay to pay in each individual 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.

**Remembrance;** This year's service of remembrance is on **Sunday 9th November** starting at **10:50**. The service is being led by Delphine and Roger. It will be at **St James, Acton Trussell**.

A Zoom service is held on Sundays at 11:00. Please contact Roger for further information.

## Reflection

When there is a choice, I am someone who would opt for a forward facing seat on a train, as I like to see where I'm going. However, as I travel through life, it seems as if I'm seated facing backwards. What I experience is that the immediate is clear, the past is becoming increasingly distant, and the future still unknown. I know that, to prepare for what's coming, I need to be attentive to the present and learn whatever I can from what has already passed.

November is a good month when we can all reflect on the time that has gone by. This month starts with All Saints Day1, when traditionally we consider the examples of Christians whose lives have inspired us. This is then followed by All Souls Day, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, when we remember, amongst those who have died, the people who have loved us and encouraged us along our journey of faith.

Then a week later, the nation stops for Remembrance Sunday – a poignant time when the wars of the 20th Century cast their shadow on the global conflicts of this current generation. In solidarity with those who have endured suffering past and present, we say together, “we will remember them”.

This remembering can be most profound in private moments of personal reflection and in the corporate experience of holy communion. The eucharistic prayers used on Sunday mornings variously say of our Lord,

*“we remember his offering of himself”; “calling to mind his death”; “in remembrance of the precious death and passion”; “do this in remembrance of me”; “we remember all that Jesus did”; “we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption”; “we remember his dying and rising in glory”; “we do this in remembrance of him”.*

So be attentive, this month, to the circumstances in which you find yourself. Look back over your life to understand how God has led you and has prepared you for what is to come. Take inspiration from the lives of those who have gone before us. And, in words from the second chapter of Hebrews, “let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith”.

## David

1 The old name for All Saints Day is All Hallows, the Eve of which is 31st October, hence Hallowe'en.