



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.

February and March Sunday Services

February 1st	09:30	Acton	Morning Prayer	Roger
February 8th	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	David
February 15th	09:30	Acton	Holy Communion	Delphine
February 18th	18:30	Bednall	Ash Wednesday	David and Delphine
February 22nd	11:00	Community Centre	Community Service	Team
March 1st	09:30	Acton	Holy Communion	David
March 8th	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	Delphine

Friday Services at St James, Acton Trussell

February 6th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Delphine
February 20th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Greg
March 6th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Delphine

A Zoom service is held on Sundays at 11:00. Please contact Roger for further information. Call 01785 714527 or email rogerhowarth@icloud.com

Ash Wednesday - This year we will be holding a traditional Ash Wednesday service in All Saints at 7.30pm on 18th February. There will be an opportunity for ashing. Delphine is celebrating, and David will be introducing our Lent Course.

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.

Ministry Team

Rector: Greg Yerbury
Ministers: Delphine Howarth
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 howardsuesearle@btinternet.com.

Baptisms

Please contact
Delphine

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.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our service of dedication on Sunday 25th January we hope that all are pleased with the outcome of the work that has been undertaken at All Saints.

We are looking to improve the audio visual facilities including the hearing loop at All Saints and the estimated cost of this work is £10,000. If anyone would like to make a donation to help fund this work please see the Churchwardens or Treasurer.

Bookings can now be made to use our meeting room please speak to the Churchwardens or Treasurer. The cost is £15 per hour or part thereof.

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

GROW

Often during Lent, we take the opportunity to get together to consider an aspect of our Christian life. This year, we're meeting on Wednesday evenings in the new Meeting Room at All Saints, to talk and plan together, sharing ideas to enrich our church life and strengthen our community.

During the current vacancy, our churches has been blessed with the leadership provided by our churchwardens, Grete, Phil and Roger, by our PCC chaired by Greg, and by our ministry team. The congregation enjoys worshipping in both of our church buildings, welcoming new members. The re-ordering at All Saints has been successfully completed. Now is an opportunity to consider the ministry of our church over the coming years. In the absence of any designated vicar or priest-in-charge, we are inviting everyone to take part.

One way in which you can participate is to join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent when we will be using the resources of the GROW course. My colleague, Lindsey Hall, who designed the course writes, "GROW seeks to find ways not to add to the burdens of people who are already stretched, and spreading resources thinly, but rather to help them to focus on the best place to invest time and energy. The key focus is on exploring the ways in which each parish is uniquely the body of Christ in its own community."

What are our **G**oals? What's our current **R**eality? What **O**pportunities are there? And what is the **W**ay Forward?

Whatever your church experience, we would love to include your particular contributions to our discussions. If you aren't able to join us in person, please do share your thoughts with any of our churchwardens or ministry team. We also will include comments and suggestions gathered from the wider community at our Open Morning at the end of January.

We will be launching this on Ash Wednesday, with meetings on 25th February, 4th, 11th and 18th March. We'll be gathering from 7.30pm-9pm in the Meeting Room at All Saints.

Intercessions

We are grateful to all those who have led our prayers during our Sunday morning services. We are forming a team of people willing to share in this ministry. On Sunday evening, 15th February we are providing some basic training. This will include resources for the various ways in which our intercessions can be shaped and guidance regarding content. If you might be interested, please contact one of the churchwardens or ministry team.

David

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NHS—non emergency		111
Police—non emergency		101
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The Churches page is	batth.co.uk/churches/	