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



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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.

### March and April Sunday Services

March 1st	09:30	Acton	Holy Communion	David
March 8th	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	Delphine
March 15th	09:30	Acton	Mothering Sunday	Roger/Delphine
March 22nd	09:30	Bednall	Morning Prayer	Delphine/Roger
March 29th	09:30	Acton	Holy Communion	David
April 5th	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	Delphine/David
April 12th	09:30	Acton	Tba	Tba

### Friday Services at St James, Acton Trussell

March 6th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Delphine
March 20th	10:00	BCP Holy Communion	Greg
April 3rd	10:00	Stations at the Cross	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](mailto:rogerhowarth@icloud.com)

### Lent Course

Our Lent course continues led by David. Sessions are on 4th, 11th and 18th March. Please contact David on 07975 6444044 or [primrose01@talktalk.net](mailto:primrose01@talktalk.net)

**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](mailto: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.

### Sunday Lunch at the Moat House

Sunday lunch is being held at the Moat House on Sunday 19th April 2026. Please arrive at 12:30pm for a 1pm Lunch. Tickets are priced at £31 for a 3 course lunch plus coffee and mints. Tickets are available from Pat Bates telephone 01785 714091 and Mary Bates 01785 712190

### Easter Services 2026

Sunday 29th March	Palm Sunday	HC	09:30	Acton
Thursday 2nd April	Maunday Thursday	Agape	6pm	Bednall
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday	Stations	10am	Acton
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday	The Cross	2pm	Bednall
Sunday 5th April	Easter Day	HC	09:30	Bednall

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

### Reflection

This month I am fortunate to be able to write this reflection having undergone major surgery and am extremely grateful for the prayer and good wishes that I have received from the many parishioners and members of our worshipping and extended community.

Our new meeting room is now being well used with new activities for our community with a course on sustainability and the current course, GROW, both run by David Primrose. These have proved to be popular and we do hope to run further study in the coming year. Our new weekly Places of Welcome have been well supported and I am most grateful to Grete for organising the sessions. Many thanks to all who assist Grete in the running of the afternoon activity.

Was Jesus happy in this life? His earthly existence was marked by hardship. He was born in a manger, escaped Herod's attempt on His life as an infant, and likely lost Saint Joseph at a young age. He endured 40 days of intense temptation by Satan, was rejected by His own people in Nazareth, and, though loved by many, was hated by others. Ultimately, He was betrayed, unjustly condemned, beaten, and crucified.

Is that happiness? Not in a worldly sense. But Jesus' happiness was in doing the will of His Father. This obedience, this perfect fulfillment of His divine mission, brought a happiness beyond our human comprehension—a deep, abiding joy rooted in perfect love and surrender to God's plan.

As we begin Lent, a good question to ask ourselves is: "Am I happy?" Many people struggle with this question. Like our Lord, we endure trials, suffering, and disappointment. Jesus wasn't exempt from these; He faced the full range of human experience. He likely faced rejection as a boy because He was different. He knew the sorrow of losing loved ones and faced the daily demands of work to help support His family.

In the mystery of the Incarnation—God becoming man—the Son of God intimately shares in every human suffering. He understands our struggles and sorrows firsthand. This is why Jesus can look at us with compassion and say, "I understand." He is not only divine and transcendent, He is also intimately close, having lived through the very trials we face.

It is this reality that makes His words so powerful: "Take up your cross daily and follow me." The Cross is the roadmap to true happiness. Our human nature might seek to avoid suffering, but Jesus invites us to embrace it with grace, uniting it with His own suffering. Through the Cross, we find victory and fulfillment in ways that our natural reasoning could never grasp. Reflect today on the wisdom of the Cross. Human reason alone will never fully comprehend it or accept it as the path to happiness. Let God's truth elevate your mind to see beyond the false promises of the world. Embrace the Cross with trust, knowing that it is the gateway to true joy, peace, and eternal life.

*Phil*