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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

April 5th	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	Delphine/David
April 12th	09:30	Acton	Tba	Tba
April 19th	09:30	Bednall	Tba	Tba
April 26th	09:30	Acton	Tba	Tba
May 3rd	09:30	Bednall	Tba	Tba
May 10th	09:30	Acton	Tba	Tba

## Friday Services at St James, Acton Trussell

April 3rd	10:00	Stations at the Cross	Delphine
April 17th	10:00	BCP	Greg
May 1st	10:00	BCP	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)

**Places of Welcome** The new community meeting room at All Saints, Bednall is open from 2pm - 4pm every Tuesday. Please do come along for refreshments and conversation. Please speak to Grete for further information.

**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 - *Phil*

Easter is a time for reflection on themes of hope, renewal, and the victory of light over darkness. It signifies that, despite the pain of Good Friday, death and despair do not have the final word. It offers a chance to embrace new life, transformation, and God's enduring love, reminding us that even in life's darkest moments, the resurrection promise brings hope.

Easter, for me, isn't just about chocolate eggs and bunny rabbits. Don't get me wrong, I do love a chocolate Easter egg, but it is also a time that holds a deeper meaning—one of renewal, hope, and reflection. As I take a moment to think about what Easter really means to me, I realise it's also more than just a religious holiday; it's a time to reconnect with myself and the world around me. Growing up, Easter was always a fun time filled with family gatherings, days out together and Easter egg hunts. But as I've gotten older, I've come to appreciate the spiritual significance behind the holiday more and more. One of the things I love most about Easter is the idea of renewal. The timing of Easter coincides with Spring, which feels like nature's way of hitting the reset button. It's a time to let go of past mistakes and move forward with a renewed sense of purpose and direction. In many ways, Jesus hit the ultimate reset button for each of us, the old order of things passed away and the new has come – the resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate victory! Easter is also a time of introspection. It's a chance to take a step back and think about what truly matters in life. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it's easy to lose sight of the things that are most important. But Easter gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with our values and beliefs. This Easter, take some time in the presence of Jesus, and allow Him to refresh you and be reminded of all that He has done in your life. But perhaps the most powerful aspect of Easter is the message of hope it brings. In a world that often feels chaotic and uncertain, when we turn on the news and see darkness and fear across our world, Easter reminds us that there's always light at the end of the tunnel. It's a reminder that even in our darkest moments, there's still reason to believe that things will get better. It's a message of resilience, strength and an unbreakable love that I find incredibly comforting, especially during challenging times.

As I sit here reflecting on Easter, I feel a sense of gratitude wash over me. Gratitude for the incredible reality of the victory Jesus accomplished on the cross and through His resurrection for us, for the beauty of nature, for the love and support of my family and friends, and for the opportunity to experience life in all its ups and downs. Easter is a time to count my blessings and to remember just how fortunate I am to be alive, and to know and love Jesus. So, as I celebrate Easter this year, I'll do so with a heart full of gratitude and a renewed sense of optimism for the future. If you have a spare moment over Easter, why not take a moment to pray and reflect through these three questions:

How has your understanding and appreciation of Easter evolved over time, from childhood traditions to a deeper spiritual connection?

Reflecting on the themes of renewal and hope discussed in the piece, what specific aspects of your life do you feel inspired to renew or change as you move forward?

In what ways do you find yourself connecting with the message of hope in Easter, especially amidst the challenges and uncertainties of the world today?