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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.

October Sunday Services

4th October	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	TBA
11th October	09:30	Acton	Holy Communion	TBA
18th October	09:30	Bednall	Morning Prayer	TBA
25th October	09:30	Acton	Morning Prayer	TBA
8th November	10:45	Bednall	Remembrance	TBA

Giving. Many of you will have noticed that we now have a contactless machine at each Church. Whilst there are some preset amounts you may choose to donate whatever amount you wish to. If you prefer to enter your PIN code rather than use contactless please ask as the machine can accept chip and PIN. **Since introducing the machine our cash donations have gone down considerably.** The PCC is very concerned about breaking even. It is still possible to place cash or a cheque on an offertory plate when entering Church. You can also donate by bank transfer or standing order. Please ask for details. Please be aware that donations by cash or cheque do cost the PCC bank charges.

Friday Services at St James, Acton Trussell

October 2nd	10:00	BCP	Delphine
October 16th	10:00	BCP	Greg
October 30th	10:00	BCP	Delphine
November 6th	10:00	BCP	Greg

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

Places of Welsome The new community meeting room at All Saints, Bednall is open from 2pm - 4pm every Tuesday. Please do come along for refreshments and conversation.

Ministry Team

Rector:	Greg Yerbury	Readers:	Esther Burd
Ministers:	Delphine Howarth		Jonathan Burd
	David Primrose		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 safeguarding.abpcc@outlook.com

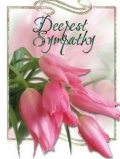
Baptisms

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 - Moat House

There will be a Sunday Lunch at the Moat House on Sunday 25th October. The lunch is 12:30pm for a 1pm sit down. In addition there will be a raffle and the traditional 'Heads and Tails'. Tickets are £31 per person and are available from Mary Lewis 01543 712190 and Pat Bates 01785 714091

Messy Church

Our next two sessions are planned as follows:

Saturday 3rd October 2 - 4pm All Saints: Bednall
The theme will be Messy Harvest

Saturday 31st October 2 - 4pm All Saints: Bednall
Pumpkin Messy

To book a place on either session contact Alison Primrose on 07794 515142

MacMillan Coffee Morning. This year there is a Coffee Morning at the Community Centre on 1st October 2026 with all proceeds to MacMillan Charity. 10:30 onwards.

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

Reflection - One Step at a Time

My wife Esther and I are recently back from a hastily arranged holiday either side of the border with Wales.

We had lunch on our first day in Llanymynech, which straddles the border. There used to be a pub in the town with one bar in England and one in Wales, with different licensing laws between the two countries! There is also a hole on the local golf course where the tee is in Wales, but the green is in England.

The place where we were staying, a few miles further on, was right out in the country, just right for walking. We could see plenty of promising looking paths marked on our recently purchased Ordnance Survey map. In practice, in the real world, we could follow hardly any of the paths, because we couldn't find where they started. There were hardly any footpath signs.

We did succeed in finding one path, which pointed us across a field. There, we were glad not to have an audience as we clambered over a fence. We continued along a track between two hedges, then a quiet country lane. The only drawback was that we had to return via the same route. Somehow, the dreaded fence presented a greater challenge in that direction, because it was leaning slightly towards us. I only just managed to negotiate it. If we'd known in advance about the fence, we may not have set out on the walk.

How often, when faced with a great challenge, do we shy away from embarking on it because we can't see the entire route ahead of us?

There is a verse in the longest Psalm in the Bible that says, 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.' (Psalm 119:105). It is to be noted that a small lamp only illuminates the next step to be taken; it is not a floodlight, showing the whole journey.

We do not need to see the whole journey ahead of us and every challenge that awaits. All we need to see is our starting point and the first step along the way.

As Christians, we are called to take the first step that God is asking of us, and trust that he will guide us in the steps to come, one step at a time.

Jonathan