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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 Sunday Services

1st November	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	David/Delphine
8th November	10:50	Bednall	Remembrance	Phil/Roger
15th November	09:30	Acton	Holy Communion	Delphine
22nd November	09:30	Bednall	Morning Prayer	Esther/Jonathan
29th November	09:30	Acton	Morning Prayer	Roger
6th December	09:30	Bednall	Holy Communion	David

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 offatory plate when entering Church. You can also donate by bank transfer or standing order. Please ask for details. Please be aware thart donations by cash or cheque do cost the PCC bank charges.

Friday Services at St James, Acton Trussell

November 6th	10:00	BCP	Greg
November 20th	10:00	BCP	Delphine
December 4th	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 Tueday. 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.

Advance Notice - Christmas Services

As we approach Christmas here are some dates for your diary.

Service of Readings and Carols	Sunday 20th December 6:30pm St James
Chrisingle Service	Thursday 24th December 2pm St James
Carol Service	Thursday 24th December 6pm All Saints
Midnight Mass	Thursday 24th December 11:15pm St James
Christmas Day Extended Communion	Friday 25th December 9am All Saints
No Service	Sunday 27th December

Messy Church

There are two Messy Church opportunities in December. All are welcome.
Saturday 5th December - Messy Advent. 2 - 4pm All Saints.
Thursday 24th December - Messy Christingle. 2pm St James.

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

Reflection - All Saints

All Saints' Day is a unique and sacred celebration within the Christian calendar, offering believers the chance to honour all the saints, known and unknown, who have entered into eternal life with God. It serves as a reminder of the profound unity that exists between heaven and earth—a spiritual connection that transcends time, culture, and status. The significance of this feast lies not only in honouring those who have gone before us but also in recognizing our own journey towards holiness and the ways in which we are called to live in the spirit of the saints.

One of the most striking aspects of All Saints' Day is its universality. Unlike feasts dedicated to specific saints, this day commemorates all the holy men and women who have faithfully followed Christ, even if their names and deeds are lost to history. At its heart, All Saints Day is an expression of hope. It points to the transformative power of God's grace, which turns ordinary people into extraordinary witnesses of love, charity, and faith. The saints, in all their diversity, provide us with a glimpse of what it means to live in communion with God. It reminds us that sainthood is not limited to a select few who achieved great fame or accomplished extraordinary feats; rather, it encompasses countless individuals whose lives, while perhaps quiet or humble, were nonetheless deeply rooted in faith. These are the mothers and fathers, the workers and neighbours, the ordinary people who lived out their discipleship in simple yet profound ways. This day calls us to remember that holiness is not reserved for the few but is open to all of us.

In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), which are often read during All Saints' Day liturgies, Jesus lays out the path to holiness in a way that is both universal and personal. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the peacemakers, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. These words reveal that sainthood is less about perfection and more about a life oriented toward God and others. The saints are models for us, not because they were sinless, but because they allowed God's grace to work in and through them, even in their weakness.

All Saints' Day also calls us to examine our own lives in the light of eternity. The saints remind us that our time on earth is fleeting, and that our ultimate home is with God. This should not provoke fear but rather inspire us to live with purpose and intentionally. As we reflect on the lives of the saints, we are challenged to ask ourselves:

1. What kind of legacy do I want to leave behind?
2. Am I living in a way that reflects God's love, justice, and mercy?
3. How can I grow in holiness in my daily life, with all its joys and struggles?

In contemplating these questions, we are reminded that sainthood is not about grand gestures but about fidelity to God in the ordinary. The saints teach us that every act of kindness, every moment of patience, and every instance of forgiveness brings us closer to God. *Phil*