

TATTENHALL, HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

October/November 2026

Harvest Festival

at
St Alban's
Tattenhall

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH
@ 10.30AM



Sunday School Craft Activity



Collection of donated tinned and dry food for Tattenhall Free Pantry



The Church will be decorated in Harvest Splendour



Pet Blessing at the Porch Door at 11.30am



Refreshments and Harvest Share and Learn Lunch

A warm welcome for everyone

Remembrance Service

Sunday 8th November
at 10:00am
at St Alban's



A time to remember and honour the brave men and women who served our country in times of war and conflict.



There will be a procession to the war memorial to observe the two minute silence at 11am.

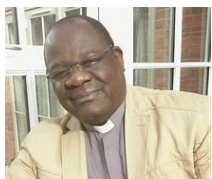
The laying of wreaths will follow.

Refreshments will be served in the Barbour Institute afterwards



*St Alban's Parish Church
for all*





Harvest and Thanksgiving: Giving Thanks for God's Abundant Blessings

As the leaves begin to turn golden and the days grow shorter, we are reminded once again of the changing seasons and of the wonderful rhythm of God's creation. Harvest is a special time in the life of the Church when we pause to give thanks for the food we receive, for those who grow and produce it, and above all, for God's goodness and provision. The Bible encourages us to recognise that everything we have ultimately comes from God. The words of the Psalmist remind us: *"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it." (Psalm 24:1)*

Harvest Thanksgiving therefore goes far beyond celebrating the gathering of crops. It is an opportunity to stop and count our blessings. In the midst of busy lives, it is easy to take for granted the food on our tables, clean water, our homes, families, friends and the people who care for us. Harvest invites us to look again with grateful hearts. Jesus Himself reminds us not to be consumed by anxiety about our daily needs. In the Sermon on the Mount, He points to the birds of the air and the flowers of the field and assures us of God's loving care

:"Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." (Matthew 6:26)

This does not mean that we should simply sit back and expect everything to be provided. Rather, it reminds us that we are dependent upon God and that we are called to trust Him while also playing our part in caring for one another and for His creation.

Harvest also reminds us that thanksgiving should lead to generosity. We receive God's gifts not simply for ourselves, but so that we may share them with others. St Paul writes: *"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God*

through us." (2 Corinthians 9:11) These words have particular meaning today. While many of us have much to be thankful for, there are people within our communities and around the world who struggle with hunger, loneliness, poverty and uncertainty. Our Harvest offerings, food collections and gifts to those in need are practical expressions of Christian love.

Harvest Thanksgiving is also a time to consider our responsibility towards God's creation. The earth is not ours to exploit without thought; it is God's gift entrusted to us. We are called to be good stewards of the world in which we live, caring for the soil, water, animals, plants and resources that sustain life. As we gather together as a parish here in Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley this Harvest season, may we therefore give thanks for the abundance of God's gifts. May we remember farmers and growers, those who work in food production and distribution, and all whose work brings food to our tables. May we remember those who have little, and may our generosity make a difference in their lives. And as we enjoy the fruits of the earth, may we remember with thankful hearts the God who gives us life, sustains us each day and calls us to share His blessings with one another.



🐾 Pet Blessing SERVICE 🐾

St Alban's Church, Tattenhall
(at the porch door)

🐾
Sunday October 4th
at 11.30am
🐾

A short blessing for all our
well behaved 4 legged friends
who enjoy a walk through
the church yard.

🐾 *All welcome!* 🐾



St Alban's Tattenhall **Harvest Collection**

for



Please help us
support our community

Donations of
dry and tinned goods
can be left at church
until **October 23rd**



Thank you.



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Sunday Evensong October 18th

at St. Alban's
with the



Vox Vocavit

Choir

6:30pm-7:30pm

Everyone is Welcome

Coffee and Quiz Drop In



First Wednesday
of the month
11am



St Alban's Church
Community Room

All welcome!

A Brief History of our Church



St Alban's Church, Tattenhall is the historic Anglican parish church at the heart of the Cheshire village of Tattenhall. It is a Grade II* listed building, recognised

for its special architectural and historic importance. The church remains an active place of worship within the Diocese of Chester. The site has been a place of Christian worship for many centuries. Historical evidence suggests there may have been a church here before the Norman Conquest (1066), and the church is known to have existed by about 1100, when it was associated with the Abbey of St Werburgh in Chester. Some researchers even suggest the site may have Anglo-Saxon origins. Little of the medieval building survives today. The oldest visible part is the west tower, dating from the early 16th century (around the 1500s). Small sections of the earlier church walls are also incorporated into the present building. Parish registers begin in 1654, providing a valuable record of baptisms, marriages and burials in the village.

The church seen today is largely the result of a major rebuilding carried out in 1869–1870 by the celebrated Cheshire architect John Douglas, one of the region's finest Victorian church architects. During the rebuilding:

- The medieval tower was retained.
- Most of the remainder of the church was reconstructed in the Gothic Revival style using local red sandstone.
- Workers discovered evidence of an earlier church that had been destroyed by fire.
- Human remains were uncovered, including the skeleton of an unusually tall man outside

the north wall and a coffin containing bones beneath the church floor.

Excavations in 1982 uncovered:

- Roman pottery. (A suggestion of a very early icon/worship site?)
- Painted sandstone blocks that may have originated from a Roman building.
- Medieval painted window glass.
- Roman coins.

Today

St Alban's continues to serve both the parish and the wider community. Besides regular worship, the church hosts concerts, exhibitions, community events and heritage activities. A separate charity, the Friends of St Alban's Church Building, helps raise funds for the preservation of this important historic building.

The church keeps its doors open and unlocked during daylight hours and you are always welcome to come in, sit down and reflect on the long and rich history of our church. In that exact spot, did Roman soldiers hold icon worship? Did our Anglo-Saxon ancestors begin Christian worship on this raised land in the centre of the village? This church is definitely the place where Tudor Tattenhallers gathered for prayer, where Victorian parishioners fundraised to rebuild the dilapidated medieval building, where in the twentieth century the villagers came to honour residents who gave their lives in two World Wars. St Alban's has been the spiritual heart of Tattenhall for well over a thousand years (maybe even two thousand) Please use our village church and help us maintain the historical thread for the generations to come.



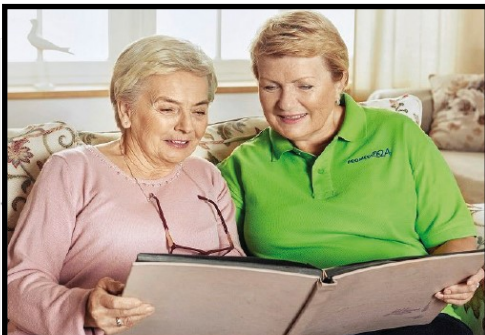
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	Ruth Morgan	01829 771841
Handley	Christine Walley	01829 771976
Burwardsley	Jo Parsons (Church Team Leader)	07711508790

Diocesan News



Diocese of Chester

Foundations for Ministry

Saturday 26 September 2026 at Church House

Whether you're exploring a sense of calling, looking to deepen your faith, or wanting to grow in confidence and effectiveness in serving God in your church, workplace, and community, this course offers an encouraging and accessible opportunity to learn alongside others from across the Diocese. The course began with a gathering on 26th September and will be followed by a series of evening sessions. For more information and to apply, please email ministry@chester.anglican.org

The death of Revd Canon Simon Chesters

The Diocese of Chester lost one of its dedicated ministers on Monday 20th July: Simon Chesters who was the Director of Ministry and Bishops' Advisor for Vocations. The funeral service took place on Friday 21 August. Our thoughts and prayers are with Simon's family and his church family at St Mark's at this time.

Bishop Mark has provided the following prayer for Simon:

Loving God,

As we give thanks for Simon, for his life, ministry, and friendship, so we pray for all who grieve - for those closest to him, for those with whom he served and those whom he counted it privilege to serve - rest with your gentle peace and kindly presence.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, his Lord and ours,
Amen

THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER



THREE PARISHES REGULAR SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

St Alban's Tattenhall	8.00am	Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer
	10.30am	Holy Communion according to Common Worship
	10.00 am	Every Wednesday Communion Worship Service
	N.B.	First Sunday of the month Family Service with Communion
All Saints Handley	9.15am	1st Sunday of the month Family Service with no Communion
	9.15am	3rd Sunday Holy Communion according to Common Worship
	4.30pm	2nd Sunday of the month only Songs of Praise
Burwardsley Parish		Last Wednesday of the month only Holy Communion

ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL

Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Harvest Lunch Appeal

Date:-4th October 12.30 pm Tickets are £10 (to include a Ploughman's sharing board and a harvest pudding.)



As we prepare to celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, we warmly invite every member of our parish family to join us in giving thanks to God for His abundant blessings and faithful provision throughout the year. Harvest is a special time to come together in gratitude, worship, and fellowship. We encourage everyone to bring gifts of produce or non-perishable food items as harvest offerings. These gifts will be used to bless those in need within our community.

Following the Harvest Service, we will gather for a **Harvest Lunch**, providing an opportunity for us to share a meal, strengthen our fellowship, and celebrate God's goodness together. To make the lunch a success, we are having a speaker who will share with us an interesting story

soon after the main meal. Let us come together with thankful hearts, joyful spirits, and generous hands as we celebrate God's faithfulness. We look forward to worshipping and sharing this special day with you and your family. Please note that our Harvest Service will be followed by a Harvest lunch. We have more details to follow. *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."* — Psalm 107:1

Autumn Bible Study

23.09.26	God the Creator	Genesis 1:1-31	What does creation tell us about God?
30.09.26	Living Water	Ezekiel 47:1-12	How does God bring life and renewal?
07.10.26	Our Place in creation	Genesis 2:4-15	What does it mean to care for what God has entrusted in us?
14.10.26	Harvest & Generosity	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	How should gratitude change the way we live?
21.10.26	Hope for All creation	Romans 8:18-25	Where do we see God's promise of renewal

Remembrance Service 2026 8th November Time: 10 am

Remembering, Giving Thanks, and Working for Peace

Each November, as the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, we gather around our village war memorial and in our church in Tattenhall to remember those who gave their lives in war and conflict. In 2026, Remembrance Sunday falls on **8 November**, while Armistice Day will be observed on **11 November**, marking the anniversary of the end of the First World War in 1918. Across the country, people will pause for two minutes' silence at 11.00 am, joining millions in a shared act of remembrance. For many, Remembrance is deeply personal. It recalls family members who never returned home, veterans who still carry physical and emotional scars, or loved ones whose lives were changed forever by conflict. For others, it is a reminder of freedoms we often take for granted, secured at great cost by previous generations. In our Christian faith, remembrance is more than looking backwards. Jesus told His disciples, "Do this in remembrance of me." To remember is to make present once again the love, sacrifice and hope that shape our lives today. As we honour those who served, we also recommit ourselves to the values for which so many gave their lives: courage, compassion, justice and peace. The familiar words from Laurence Binyon's poem continue to speak across the generations: *"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."*



Yet remembrance is not only about the past. It also calls us to reflect on the present. Sadly, our world continues to witness war, displacement and suffering. We remember not only those who died in previous conflicts, but also all who live with the consequences of violence today: soldiers and civilians, refugees, aid workers, and families separated by fear and loss. The red poppy remains a powerful symbol of sacrifice and hope. As Christians, we see alongside it the deeper hope of the Cross and Resurrection. We live in the understanding that love is stronger than hatred, that life triumphs over death, and that God continues to work for reconciliation in a broken world. As our parish gathers for the Act of Remembrance this November, everyone is warmly invited to join us. Whether you come to honour a family member, to pray for peace, or simply to stand in silence with your neighbours, your presence is a reminder that remembrance is something we do together.

May we remember with gratitude, give thanks with humility, and pray with renewed determination for the peace of the world. *"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares... nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."* (Isaiah 2:4)

An Invitation to Choral Evensong

You are warmly invited to join us for a beautiful and reflective **Vox Vocavit Choral Evensong**. Come and enjoy an evening of music, prayer and quiet contemplation, as the choir leads us through this much-loved service of the Church. Whether you are a regular worshipper or have never experienced Choral Evensong before, **all are very welcome**.

Date Sunday, 18th October Time 6pm.

Come, pause from the busyness of life, and allow the beauty of choral music and the words of the service to bring peace and refreshment.

From The Registers



Church and Crematorium

Arthur Rutherford Aspinall

Church Service and Burial

7th August 2026 Richard James Charmley

Our Dad, Richard James Charmley, was born 6 July 1935. to Gwen and Richard Charmley. He was born in Blacon, Chester and lived at Stone Park, Blacon. Dad got married on the 11 May 1960 at Tattenhall church to our mum Audrey, better known to many as Alice. This was the end of his road trips as he eventually took the tenancy of Ford Farm Newton Lane Tattenhall. His Dad described it as a "wet hole" but Dad loved that little 54 acre farm. He was also at his happiest with his grandsons talking farming with Ben, machinery with Michael, and rugby with Jonny. He was delighted to meet his great-grandchildren, Ted and Millie, and held a special place for Pip, Holly, and Charlotte. There is one lady who is not on the list because she has a special whisky who Tim and myself would like to thank. I just can't put it into words what she has done to help us and mum and dad(POPPSY thank you so much)

May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY



Dear Friends and Benefactors

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the launch of *'The Friends of All Saints'* and as a thank you for your support, we would like to invite you to a *Harvest Lunch* on **Sunday 4 October 2026 at 12noon**

at Millbank, Burwardsley Road, Tattenhall, Chester CH3 9NS

(courtesy of Judy Meredith and Mike Weightman)

It will be a Ploughman's Lunch with dessert to follow. To assist with catering, please let us know by 20 September (together with any food intolerances) if you are able to come.

We hope to see you!

Replies to: Jan 07962 880275 or Judy 07966 781738 or Ruth 07889 394281

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PS There will be a raffle – please bring cash!

The 'Friends of All Saints Church Handley' is run by a sub-committee of the PCC of All Saints

AN INVITATION TO OUR HARVEST SERVICE

Harvest Service- 4th October As part of our tradition, we will be having the Harvest Service on Sunday, 4th October at 9.15 am

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest... shall not cease.” — Genesis 8:22 With grateful hearts, we warmly invite you, your family, and friends to join us for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Come and celebrate God's faithfulness, provision, goodness, and abundant blessings throughout the year. It will be a joyful time of worship, thanksgiving, praise, prayer, and fellowship. Come with a heart full of gratitude and invite someone to share in this special celebration. Come and let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and mercy! We look forward to celebrating with you.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY



Harvest Service- 11th October 2026 Time: 4.30pm

All are invited to our Annual Family Harvest Festival. As part of our giving, this year, we will be giving to our local charity. The things that will be most appreciated will be, dry goods, such as pasta and rice, tinned foods and toiletries. All families are invited to this year's celebration. Thanking you in advance for your love and generosity to those in need.

Bank Holiday Weekend Fundraising Tea



A special thanks to Jo, Mick, Beryl and all those who worked tirelessly in raising the much needed funds for our beautiful church on the hill during the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Thank you who came and supported our team. The future of our church is in our hands.



Loss Café

Wednesday 30th September at 2.00pm

Have you experienced a loss so profound that it feels like a part of you is missing? A relative, friend, pet, job, a major part of your life – gone, leaving loneliness, emptiness, despair. YOU ARE NOT ALONE! We know how it feels; we share your pain. Come to St Alban's and join us in a non-religious, small group setting. A qualified bereavement counsellor will explain the 7 stages of grief and how we may become 'stuck' at any stage. We learn to move forward by listening and sharing our experiences. Sometimes we have music, we laugh and it's okay to cry. We share coping strategies and support one another. We can't replace who or what you have lost, Everyone is warmly welcomed. For more information, contact the Rector on 01829 770245.



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JANE'S JOTTINGS

Do happy and content mean the same thing?

Can you experience both at the same time?

Google defines the two words as follows:

Adjective

HAPPY Feeling, showing, experiencing, pleasure, joy and satisfaction.

CONTENT A state of peaceful happiness.

Noun

HAPPINESS An emotional mental state marked by joy, contentment and feeling content.

CONTENTMENT A peaceful state of being happy and satisfied with our current life and what we have.

(the meaning of the other content you can look up yourself!)

It doesn't take a rocket science degree to answer the first question but the second is trickier when you get down to it – well I think so. One could easily say if one is happy, being content must follow. That may be so but occasionally things happen - the dog dies or you lose a wedding ring or something. You will probably continue to be content with your life, but you wouldn't be very happy would you?

I have based my answer to question two from a couple of my experiences.

Having stayed overnight, early in the morning, our granddaughter (7 months) was happy sitting in bed with me. Then Granddad arrived carrying a couple of her favourite books and her bottle! She was beyond excited, bouncing up and down and clapping her hands together. She was one happy AND contented baby!

I was sitting in a café garden one beautiful May morning with my granddaughter after shopping for slippers! I took her from her pram to sit on my lap. My coffee and her bottle of milk on the table ready to drink, when I was overwhelmed with joy and satisfaction. I felt happy AND content.

My answer to the second question therefore is yes, you can!



On Thursday 15th October, we welcome Isabel Robertson, who will transport us back to the Edwardian era with *Miss Eliza Dutton*. Presented in costume, Isabel will offer a fascinating glimpse into life in Edwardian Chester through the eyes of this

engaging character, promising an afternoon with a difference.

Why not come along and join us? Our meetings are held at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall, from 2.00 pm, with the speaker beginning at 2.30 pm. If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of West Cheshire Rural u3a, please contact our Membership Secretary at membershipwcru3a@gmail.com or visit our website to discover the wide range of activities and interest groups we offer.



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All things planning...

Tattenhall & District Parish Council is very aware that the planning process is not simple and with the deluge we are currently experiencing it is more confusing than ever... Planning applications are decided by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) as a Parish Council we can submit comments as can everyone else. We always encourage residents to submit their own comments on planning applications they feel strongly about.

How to submit comments

You can submit comments **online** at:
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/see-or-comment-on-planning-applications>

By email to:

planning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

By post: Planning, Cheshire West and Chester Council, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA

If you are commenting by email or post always include the planning application reference number.

All comments regardless of how they are submitted will be published online.

What should I say?

When you are commenting on a planning application the following things are taken into account:

- the appearance and character of the area or street, including the design and materials of buildings
- other environmental issues such as noise
- traffic and road safety
- employment and the local economy
- impact on public services

- impact of a building on the amenity of neighbouring properties, for example privacy or physical effect of the building.

However, the following matters are not considered:

- the fact that development may have already begun
- 'trade objections' from potential competitors
- moral arguments for example opposition to betting shops or amusement arcades
- the belief that an application is submitted with the intention of selling the property at an enhanced value
- the loss of an attractive view from private property
- the fear that a nearby house might be devalued
- the fact that the applicant does not own the land
- allegations that a proposal might affect private rights, such as restrictive covenants or rights of way. Such rights will not be affected by a grant of planning permission.
- the fear that a building may be used for a different purpose in the course of time.

Still need help?

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Celebration Organ Recital

On September 13th the organ at St Alban's was rededicated and blessed. After a successful fundraising drive, the 1879 organ has been fully restored to its original glory.

Graham Eccles returned to the church, after providing an initial fundraising recital on the "not fully functioning" organ at the beginning of the year. It was a stunning opportunity to hear the full magnificence of this heritage instrument played to its fullest musicality. The trumpet stops have been replaced, the bellows re-leathered and the organ pipes and all internal working have been deep cleaned. The impact on the resonance and tone is without parallel. The audience enjoyed a wide-ranging programme of music which included Handel, Bach, Vidor and Walford Davies as Graham put the grand old lady (nearing her 150th birthday), through her paces.

At the fundraising recital Graham had shown us that we are indeed, in ownership of a very prestigious instrument that once repaired to its full glory it could provide a high calibre sound and musicality. Despite the organ's limitations prior to its repairs, the resonance with which Graham played, filled the church with a sound not heard from the organ for



many years. So imagine the treat of hearing the organ played to its full capacity.

Graham Eccles has enjoyed a rich and varied musical career, starting his organ studies at Workso

College, where he picked up his first diplomas before training at the Royal Northern College of Music where he gained top qualifications and prizes along the way, including the prestigious FRCO and Alice Shawcross Prize for Church Music. He went on to become a familiar sound on radio 4 as a regular organist for The Daily Service.

His cathedral roles have included assistant organist at Chester cathedral, and organist and master of choristers at both St Asaph and Bangor cathedrals. Since 2004 Graham has enjoyed a busy freelance career teaching, accompanying and performing and he is regular demand across the Northwest playing with orchestras such as the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the Halle. He also continues to regularly step in at Chester Cathedral and so, having him find time to come along to St Alban's in Tattenhall was a great privilege.

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What is missing from St Alban's great team of

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Can you spare some time to help us...

Look after the grounds?

Meet & greet at events?



Arrange flowers?



Keep the church tidy?

Do a bit of maintenance?



Read a lesson?

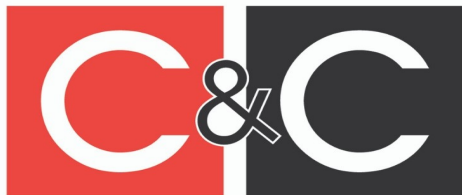


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TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFS)

Chairman: Noel Atkinson 01829770808

At the AGM in August Noel was re-elected Chairman, Katherine, Vice-Chair and Keith, Treasurer. Carol was re-elected Secretary but only until Easter next year. The committee was also re-elected. Noel read his annual report and Keith tabled the accounts.

Following the AGM members enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea provided by The Poffee at Burwardsely to celebrate TOF's 17th birthday.

At the September meeting the speaker was Mandy Sinclair from Cheshire Wildlife Trust who spoke about the work of the trust and some of the projects they are involved with. She also talked about the things we can plant and things we can do to encourage wildlife into our gardens.

The meeting on Thursday October 1st will see the return of magician and illusionist, Peter Turner and Thursday November 4th will be Christmas Bingo, which anyone is welcome to attend; we will end the year with Christmas Lunch on Thursday 3rd December.

Travel with TOF's

There wasn't a coach trip in July but in August we took our always popular outing to Llandudno. Most managed to dodge the odd shower and a good day was had by all. In September we travelled to the Lake District. After some free time we boarded the boat at Bowness to Lakeside and then took the little train to Haverthwaite where we had some more free time before getting the coach home.

Final trip of the year is: Thursday 26th November – Bents Garden Centre, Warrington. 9am

We are a fun group with a variety of events throughout the year and end our afternoons with tea / coffee, biscuits and a raffle. There is no membership fee just a payment of £2 each meeting.

New Members are always welcome



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WORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

The list below contains the names of areas or items you will see in the church. Your task is to find those names in the paragraph below! The names appear as 'mixed-up' or correct spelling in a string of letters where spaces or punctuation may be ignored. GOOD LUCK! No prizes – just the satisfaction of solving the puzzle.

PULPIT	CHOIR STALLS
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As I entered the church using a door latch with a real rattle, a volunteer, who had just swept up some tulip petals from the floor, was tapping her phone's irksome keypad and groaning about carrying a gardener's large syringe reliably used for misting the larger arrangements seen often in churches. By chance, looking across, I was standing, so idle, wondering at the beauty of the place here. Best of all, Christ so loves tryers like me. A table and chairs wait for a social chat; with nibbles, tea or coffee to select, urn ready and hot; with a proper cup not a rusty, can mug. On average, visitors of all beliefs enjoyed their time with us, and some wrote their thoughts in the guest book.

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Deadlines for 2026:

**9th January; 13th March; 15th May;
10th July; 11th September;
13th November**

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We are a small friendly club playing duplicate bridge.

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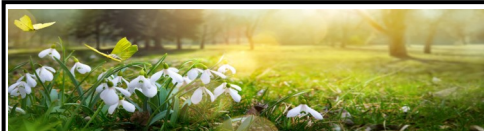
The club provides the ideal introduction to club duplicate for anyone who has some knowledge of the game. You do not need a partner to join us.

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The Loss Café is not a religious group. It is for all people from all walks of life who would like to share their moments of despair and how they are managing their respective situations. Loss is not always about death but anything that adds value to your life. Please let us know if you would like to join the Loss Café either as:

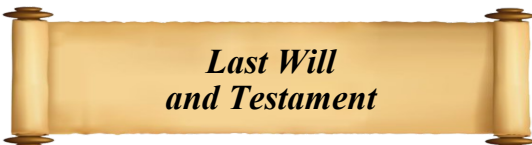
- a. A volunteer just to make tea/coffee for others
- b. A member of the loss Café willing to come and share, listen or teach

If you fall into one of the above categories, please get in touch with: Father Lameck-01829 770245/07903951541

N.B. *We only meet once a month on the last Wednesday at 2.30pm in the community room.*

Don't be Alone! Just come and share

Come along to the loss café where you can get a cup of tea and cake in a friendly environment while talking, listening or sharing your journey with like-minded people. We offer all kinds of advice/positive solutions/counselling/advice on hobbies/home visits/guest speakers.



Last Will and Testament

Have you written yours?

Have you considered writing one but haven't got round to it yet?

Have you considered leaving something to St Alban's Church?

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If you would like a general no obligation chat with us before deciding or would like information about what will happen to your gift should you leave one, please contact the Rector (Lameck Mutute 770345).

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