

**TATTENHALL HANDLEY
& BURWARDSLEY
PARISH NEWS
December 2020**



A very Happy Christmas to all

Christmas Services at St Alban's Church



December 20th	Communion Service 8am & 10:30am
December 20th	Carol Service 6pm
December 24th	Crib Service 5:30pm
December 24th	Midnight Service 11:30pm
December 25th	Communion Service 8am & 10:30am



Due to current circumstances, some services may be ticketed events in order to meet Covid regulations. Please check online nearer the time for more details.



A Christmas Message from Father Lameck

Giving to Christ at Christmas and bringing light to St Alban's Church

It is customary to give gifts at Christmas reminding us of the presents given to Jesus by the Three Wise Men: Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh. This year St Alban's needs a gift from you.

Everybody thinks the church receives money from the Church of England higher authority. IT DOESN'T. Our income comes from Fundraising events, weekly giving and donations. Not surprisingly the pandemic has slashed our income but not, unfortunately, our expenses. The financial situation is serious and we are running at a deficit of thousands of pounds.

The pandemic has changed our lives and lessons have been learnt. We are realising that annual holidays are important for us. We need a time and place to restore our energy levels and to reflect upon our state of mind but this year we could not go or didn't want to go. It gave us the opportunity to appreciate the church can be our spiritual oasis providing sanctuary and spiritual sustenance. It is so easy to lose perspective in the midst of the madness of our lives caused by this pandemic. Our days are so filled with people and projects, works and wish lists, homes and holidays that we can struggle to distinguish the important from the urgent.

I urge you to give a special present this year. No matter how large or small a donation to St Alban's Church will help keep the lights of our Church shining!!

Together, we can bring light, comfort and joy this Christmas
Merry Christmas to you All

Father Lameck



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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This year has been extremely challenging globally as a result of the pandemic. As we draw close to Christmas, most Christians will not be able to attend services or come together in person this Christmas. With what we have experienced so far, many people globally will be in hospitals and others in isolation. Just a few will be in the comfort of their homes but unable to visit or celebrate the Christmas that they have known over the years.

This however does not mean our Christmas celebration is going to be hopeless. As a church, we will be finding other ways to reach out to each other, with prayers and other kinds of support in our community. We will be using social media and other non-traditional methods to bring people together. We hear a lot about “flattening the curve” regarding Covid 19, using social distancing and stay-at-home orders to slow the rate of infection both to reduce casualties and to allow the health care system to more gradually absorb those who need care.

Jesus came into the world so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. He went about preaching and healing as signs of what was to come. He did not heal all the world’s illnesses or raise all who were dying. His healing was a sign that there was something more — a kingdom not of this world, though while in this world, we are commissioned to create our own signs by helping foster life, a life to the fullest. Perhaps nothing speaks of the worst of the human condition more than war — when death is not only part of the story but the dominant theme, death that is not the unavoidable circumstances but the deliberately intended outcome.

One of my favourite stories involves Christmas Eve in 1914, in the thick of World War I. British, French and German forces hunkered down on their respective sides during a lull in the fighting — undoubtedly frightened about what might come next. Suddenly, soldiers on one side heard singing of a Christmas carol from the ranks of their foes. Nervously, some of the soldiers on the other side joined in, and eventually there was widespread singing of Christmas carols, and eventually exchanges of gifts and an impromptu soccer game. If warring factions during a World War I battle can find a way to come together and celebrate Christmas, I think that all of us today, despite the shadow of COVID-19, can focus on the message of Jesus and his birth on Christmas Day. Thus, in this extraordinary time of Christmas, I wish for all of us to open our eyes and our hearts in order to recognise the many signs of life around us.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
(John 1:5)*

**Please note that Father Lameck will be on leave
from 10th January to 10th February 2021**



The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley Churches without Walls

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Diocesan News

Archdeacons' Visitation services 2020

Due to the ongoing pandemic, this year it will not be possible to hold the Archdeacons' Visitation services in church. This is indeed regrettable as we very much enjoy welcoming the Churchwardens into their role in person. There is, however, still a need to swear Churchwardens into post so this year this will be carried out via Zoom. These will be online. There are three dates available:

04 November 2020

23 November 2020

08 December 2020

Congratulations to our newly ordained priests and deacons

On 3rd October, twenty three people were ordained deacons and twenty two ordained priests at Chester Cathedral. Although the two services were by invitation only, due to covid restrictions, the services were broadcasted live on You Tube and many people were able to vie the proceedings from their home. Please remember them in your prayers as they begin their ministry.

Malpas Deanery News

Our Next Deanery Chapter Meeting is on 7th December at St Peter's, Waverton

Three Churches Together



ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

December Activities and Services

Due to the pandemic, the following services will NOT be taking place in church this year:

The Bach Singers Concert

Tattenhall Primary School Nativity Play



The following Services ARE planned to take place, but may change in line with Public Health Restrictions and Church of England Permission. Please check the website for the most up to date information. www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk

Sunday December 20 th	6.00pm	9 Lessons and Carol Service
Thursday December 24 th	5.30pm	Family Crib Service
Thursday December 24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Friday December 25 th Friday December 25 th	8.00am 19.30am	Christmas Morning Communion Christmas Morning Eucharist
Sunday December 27 th Sunday December 27 th	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist

From The Diary



St Alban's Autumn Bible Study 2020

Many thanks to all those who managed to come to our Autumn Bible Studies. Our next Bible study will be during Lent.



Due to the current lockdown and the rise in Covid-19 cases, 'The Loss and Listening Café' will not be available until further notice.

From The Registers

DAVID JOHN THOMAS (1933-2020)

David was a proud Welshman but not overbearingly so. He was the life and soul of any party and adored by those who knew him. At the start of the Rugby Six Nations, he would quietly put the Welsh flag outside the front door until they eventually stood no hope and then equally quietly bring it back inside.

David's parents ran a family corner shop and Post Office in a small village outside Swansea where he was brought up. They were commended for bravery when they fended off 2 thieves, his mother hitting one with a flat iron and his father bringing the other to the ground with a true Welsh rugby tackle. David clearly inherited their strength of character.

David married Marilyn in 1958 and one year later, Amanda arrived. David elevated himself from the corner shop to become the Manager of Fine Fare, later Tesco, and was known for standing on a chair and auctioning turkeys to clear them at knock down prices just before Christmas. He and Marilyn shortly thereafter began working together by buying and converting a country house into a tea room which

became a well known restaurant and then opened another restaurant. Together they were not afraid of hard work with David always front of house charming the customers and Marilyn producing her excellent food in the kitchen.

In more recent years, David's quiet strength has brought him through 2 heart attacks, the passing of Marilyn and last year a severe illness from which he, against all odds, recovered again. He is now doing what he said he wanted to do and to be again with Marilyn....but he always has been

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

December Church Services

6 th December	Family Service	9.15 am
20 th December	Christmas Carol Service	4.30pm
25 th December	Communion Service	9.15 am



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

December Church Services

10 th December	Christmas Carol Service	4.30pm
25 th December	Communion Service	9.15 am



Jane's Jottings (Some thoughts from The Church Treasurer)

I have often referred to my concern about the shortfall between income and expenditure when writing in this magazine. The evil spread of Covid19 has turned concern into a huge state of alarm. The financial situation in which your village Church finds itself is very serious indeed.

Christmas is about many things including, of course, giving gifts. As suggested by Fr Lameck I hope this year St Albans will be on your gift list. Some amazing people have given their gift already! St Alban's has benefitted from a couple of very generous donations, cheques from "non church goers" and most of those who have not yet managed to get back to regular worship still send in their offertory.

My favourite moment came from a lovely lady who lives in the village. She phoned me for bank details so she could set up a monthly standing order. She said it wouldn't be much but hoped it would help! To me it was like she had offered the world. EVERY amount helps and means so much.

There has been a good response to requests for help with jobs too and we now have an immaculate churchyard, storage shed with shelves, commencement of work on the Prayer Garden, shelves in cupboards, cupboards tidied and decluttered (to be continued) and most amazingly the entrance from the Bell Tower has been cleared

and cleaned. It is the first time I have seen the floor there in all the years I have been going to St Albans. *Thank you everyone.*

No-one can tell when this horrible situation will get better; no-one can tell you to support your village church. What I can tell you though is if you need a place and a purpose, a sanctuary to restore spiritual sustenance, be assured the Church will always be there for you. Give a gift to St Alban's this Christmas by attending, giving or helping, You won't regret it.

I do hope we will all manage to have a lovely Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

Jane Richards

Treasurer

Last Will and Testament

WILLS

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?

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH welcomes all gifts left in Wills – large or small. Our policy is to use the gift wisely and it would almost certainly go towards maintaining the

fabric of the church building thus ensuring it will remain in a stable and safe condition for generations to come.

YOUR WILL is of course a very private matter and you do not need to disclose anything about what you leave or to whom. There are plenty of Solicitors who can guide and help you write it.

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) or the Treasurer (Jane Richards 770482).



We Will Remember Them

Although the usual Remembrance Day service and parade to the War Memorial could not take place this year, a short service was held by George, the War Horse, the names of the fallen were read out, the Last Post was played and the two minute silence was observed, after which wreaths were laid.

A field of crosses was set out to commemorate all those local men who lost their lives during the two World Wars.



TATTENHALL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS ELF TRAIL

We've heard a rumoura quiet whisper
that naughty elves will be visiting Tattenhall.

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Is creating an **Elf Trail** this Christmas ...

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The trail will run from 1st December until 2nd January

If you haven't registered to take part in the Elf Trail, there's still time. Contact the Clerk to have your location added to the trail. Anyone can get involved—families, businesses—you just need to make sure your Elf is visible to passers by.

For more information,

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Please remember that if you miss the deadline your item may not be published. There is no January edition so the next deadline is **15th January 2021** for the February magazine.

**12th February; 12th March
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Ask Your Expert!!!.....

So, we've had even more great questions from readers this time – thank you and please do keep them coming. We like to keep Rebecca on her toes!

The question we've selected for this edition is: -

"About 6 years ago and at the same time as we made our Wills, my husband and I also made Lasting Powers of Attorney for Property & Financial affairs. We did not prepare Lasting Powers of Attorney for Health & Welfare. I think that, at the time, we thought that we and / or our sons would make these kinds of decisions anyway. As time has passed, I am not sure this was the right decision. Should we be thinking about preparing Lasting Powers of Attorney for Health & Welfare, now?"

Rebecca says:

It is a common misconception that being someone's next of kin allows them to make decisions on behalf of their relative, in respect of their health and / or their finances.

In fact, for anyone (irrespective of whether they are your next of kin) to be able to make such decisions on your behalf, a valid Lasting Power of Attorney must in place.

Without a valid Lasting Power of Attorney for health & welfare, healthcare professionals can refuse to engage with a patient's next of kin and proceed to make decisions without consulting them.

The Lasting Power of Attorney can appoint your next of kin and / or other relative(s) if that is your preference. The preparation of the documentation can helpfully provide an opportunity for you to discuss the appointment with your chosen Attorney(s) so that they are fully aware of your wishes in respect of things such as what kind of care you would prefer (and where) and in what circumstances you would want life sustaining treatment to be given or withdrawn.

Once the Lasting Power of Attorney is in place, you will have peace of mind that all such important decisions can be made by an individual who you trust and knows you well rather than an external team of professionals.

Without a valid Lasting Power of Attorney, your relative would need to apply to the Court of Protection for authority to make decisions on your behalf. This can be time consuming, costly and burdensome.

If you have a question relating Lasting Powers of Attorney feel free to call Rebecca on 01829 700 333.



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The November Zoom meeting started with the introduction and co-option of John Bailey onto the Parish Council.

In the public participation part of the meeting, when anyone can address the council, the future of Huxley school, CWaC's planning portal and a hedge on Chester Road were discussed.

Items in the Actions part of the agenda included an update on the war memorial and the groundwork investigations following small sink holes which had appeared. The Highways department advised they would be carrying out a drain investigation.

The Parish council objected to the proposed closure of Huxley C of E primary school for various reasons including the loss of a valuable local resource, a lack of parental choice in the area, and that it would be premature as there had been an increase in the numbers of houses in the local area.

Two planning applications were discussed, both of which the Parish Council supported as both were compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The use of S106 funding allocation was discussed, notably the provision of a MUGA (multi use games area) and a community orchard.

It had been reported to the clerk that there had been a lack of maintenance on Rean Meadow. The Clerk would follow this up with Redrow and CWaC.

The Spinney Project (Milbrook Nature Park) was discussed. The Clerk had received many messages of support for the project. It was decided that the PC was to have an EGM to discuss the ongoing project and grant funding. This would be held on 23rd November 2020 via Zoom.

There had been a few incidents of anti-social behaviour occurring in, on and around the youth shelter area. The local police had been informed, and would monitor the situation.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the virtual meeting, and set the date for the next monthly meeting on 7th December 2020, 1930 via Zoom.

The meeting is open to anyone, and to get access links, please email the Clerk at tattenhallpc@outlook.com

Cllr. Jonny Kershaw

Christmas may be a little strange this year,
but the trees and lights will be going up in the village as usual.

The Parish Council wishes all its residents

A Happy Christmas

and a Safe and Peaceful New Year.

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Keep safe and take care!

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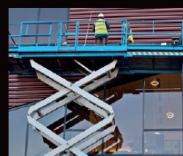
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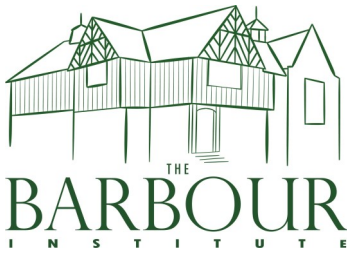
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In line with Government regulations, sadly the Barbour Institute had to close its doors again during November. At the time of writing, the building is due to re-open on 2nd December.

We are open for bookings for any gatherings or exercise classes which can be safely held within the guidelines current at the time and look forward to welcoming back any groups which can meet in a socially distanced way.

This is a difficult time for the Barbour Institute, as for many small charities, as our income has been severely reduced this year. The Trustees will do all they can to keep the building open for community groups and societies to use as we move forward into the New Year.

In the meantime, staff and Trustees would like to wish everyone

A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Safe New Year!

CHRISTMAS MARKET PLANS

The December impact of coronavirus is inevitably difficult to predict. At the moment the plan is for Christmas Markets to take place on three Saturdays in December from 12—3.00pm.

- * Saturday 5th December 2020
- * Saturday 12th December 2020
- * Saturday 19th December 2020

There is uncertainty about what Covid-19 regulations will be in December. Public safety continues to be our number one priority so plans will be determined in line with up to date guidance.



Christmas Market

200 CLUB

The first draw of the new membership year was made by Nick Collier of Harland Collier on the High Street on 14th November.

The winning numbers were: £50 number 75; £25 number 18; £15 number 64.

If you haven't yet rejoined this year, there is still time! Your support for the Barbour Institute will be greatly appreciated.

Emma Littler

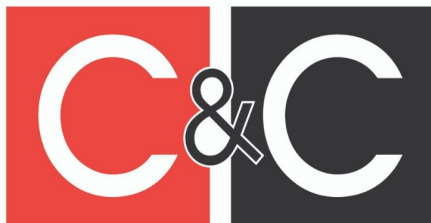
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The Children's Society and The Christingle Service

A photo from the St. Albans archives



Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

Over the last 50 years, Christingle celebrations have raised millions of pounds to support the life-changing work with young people that is carried out by The Children's Society. The Christingles are homemade from an orange, a ribbon, a candle and sweets and dried fruit.

During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are lit to create a warm, magical glow that symbolises the light of Christ bringing hope to people in darkness.

Each element of the Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- ◆ The orange represents the world
- ◆ The red ribbon represents the love of Christ circling the world
- ◆ The sweets and dried fruit represent creation
- ◆ The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people in darkness.



Maybe this year you can make a Christingle at home.
(childrenssociety.org.uk)

West Cheshire Rural



We are planning our future meetings online with our usual speaker slot. Many of the speakers we had lined up for coming months are seasoned speakers who are used to giving their talks online.

In January our planned speaker will be Chris Tynan who will give us a presentation on Garden Birds, in advance of the British Bird survey that takes place each year in February.

A representative from the charity Blood Bikes will talk to us in February. Blood Bikes transport blood, platelets, samples, surgical instruments, human donor milk and many other clinical products across the UK & Eire. We never know when we will need their services.

For more information about joining contact Hilary Scarratt at hilary@scarratt.com



Dear Residents

Further to last Months finding of cannabis on the High Street, again some used Nitrous Oxide containers have been found discarded on the Flacca field where youths had previously been meeting. This is sometimes referred to as Hippy Crack or Laughing Gas. There were 25 deaths (amongst other serious health issues) directly related to the inhaling of this gas in the recent past. Please make sure our young people are informed of the serious health dangers associated with this.

Two white males in a white van were seen attempting to remove bathroom fittings from a driveway in Covert Rise. The dismantled bathroom fittings were damaged to obtain the taps for scrap. Please look out for Scrappies trespassing on your properties, looking for easy pickings.

There was a report of a white male acting suspiciously on the drive next to a vehicle at two locations in Tattenhall. He was scared off by the house owners, and photo footage was passed on to the Police.

To report non urgent information on suspicious activity, call our local PCSO email jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk at Dragon Hall tel 101.

or e-mail <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about>

If you see a crime taking place and if the offenders are still in the nearby area call 999 immediately.

To report information anonymously in complete confidence call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111/

or Anti Social Behaviour through your Council,

email :

ASBUnitChesterandRuralWest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Electrostatic HomeWatch window stickers are now available as well as a small number of UV marker pens. If your existing HW sticker needs to be replaced or you are a new member and would like one, please get in touch.

Police Surgeries are an opportunity for residents to meet local officers and report any concerns or issues they might have. Please come and say hello at Dragon Hall Police Station

For further dates and locations ring 101 for advice.

The Police always welcome your call on 101. Let them make the decision on its urgency and the method of dealing with your concern. If you aren't sure about a suspicious situation you can always call HomeWatch 01829 771641 for advice, or speak anonymously to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Rural officer contact details.

PC Stephen Gardner

Please call 101, If you wish to email Steve his address is

stephen.gardner@cheshire.pnn.police.uk If you would like to be included in our email HomeWatch updates contact list, send your details

to graham@gmarsden.co.uk together with your address and phone number in case of e-mails bouncing back.

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Camping mat
Sleeping bag/blanket
Scarf
Hat
Gloves
Jumper
Thermos mug
Soup sachets
Cereal bars
Tissues
Toothbrush/ paste
Soap

Joy

Hot chocolate sachets
Sweets/snacks
Wet wipes
Lip balm
Hand gel
Comb
Toiletries
Stamped blank card & pen
(To encourage contact with
lost family)

Donations of filled bags can be dropped off at St Alban's and left in the porch. All donated bags will be delivered to the Harold Tomlin's Centre for Chester Homeless on December 20th





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TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFS)

Chairman: Noel Atkinson 01829 770808

As for everyone and every group this has been a very strange year for TOFs. It started with such promise with interesting speakers booked and coach trips arranged to new places, and all ended just after the March meeting.

We've not been able to meet since then and many club milestones such as the Easter bingo, Summer afternoon tea and the Christmas lunch and pantomime have all had to be crossed off the calendar.

We have missed lots of birthdays, so belated good wishes all members, and we've not been able to say

proper goodbyes to some friends who are no longer with us.

So as we say goodbye to this strange year we start to look forward to 2021. TOFs will meet again, we don't know when but we will make it happen as soon as we are able.

In the meantime as the festive season approaches stay safe, stay healthy and keep your families close.

Tattenhall Over Fifties (TOF's) wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and hopefully a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021



**Christmas at
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