

**TATTENHALL HANDLEY
BURWARDSLEY
PARISH NEWS**

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ST ALBAN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

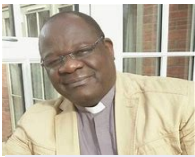
with The Tattenhall Singers

**Sunday 17th December
at 6:30 pm**



Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of readings, carols and Christmas Spirit, and then join us for mince pies and mulled wine after the service

search 'tattenhall church' for full details of our Services, events and how we can help you.



Father Lameck's Christmas Message "Christmas Presence" The True Light

The True Light of Christmas (John 8:12-21)

In John 1:1-5, we read that Jesus came into the world as the Light of the World. It is little wonder that a bright star revealed to the searching Magi where He could be found. After all, He was, and still is the Light. It is wonderful that we have so many lights burning brightly during the Christmas season in all our towns and villages. They are reminders in a bleak, dark world that there is a True Light that shines upon all mankind. Jesus came to be the Light, but the darkness does not accept Him. Only when we open our hearts to Him, can the light of truth, joy and peace come into our lives.

A little girl forgot her lines in a Sunday school presentation but her mother was in the front row to prompt her. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her daughter's memory was still blank. In the end, the mother leaned forward and whispered; "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud, clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world." This young girl was sincere, but sincerely wrong. And so are a lot of people today who are looking for Light in all the wrong places. But thanks be to God, Jesus came to be the light that can be seen by the eyes of faith. That is what Christmas is all about. Jesus came because we are in the dark.

The Gospel story has light in it. "The glory of the Lord shone around them,"

and we can only picture glory through light. This is the true meaning of Christmas--"Do not be afraid, for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people, to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Christmas arrives again with all the promise of remembrance and celebration.

Christians celebrate Christmas because the light did dawn. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was not only the fulfilment of Biblical

prophecy, but the dawn of a new age. As the angels declared to the shepherds, this infant is "a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." This is the very essence of Christmas: The birth of the Saviour. Whatever your Christmas is like, Jesus understands it and will fill it with His presence. There is no joy so great that Christ cannot raise it to greater heights, there is no disappointment, no bitterness so profound that he cannot come into it with his love. This is Christmas, the celebration of the birth of hope and joy in the Saviour who is come and no one and nothing can stop it.

Jesus said "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
John 8:12



On behalf of the Churchwardens of our three churches, and all members of our Parochial Church Councils I wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please note that Father Lameck will be on leave from 1st January to the 4th February. For funerals and any services, please get in touch with the churchwardens.



CAROLS

at the Letters

with St Alban's Church
Thursday 21st December

*Father Lameck cordially invites you to join us
from 7:00 pm at the Letters Inn
for Carol singing.*

*It's just singing with the voice that God has given
you - you don't have to be a chorister!*



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Parish Council Events for Christmas in Tattenhall

The Parish Council Christmas lights will be switched on before the Christmas Market in Barbour Square, on 1st December, illuminating the village for the festive season.



Decorated tractors will be on display in Barbour Square before setting on a run to Tarporley High Street in aid of Prostrate Cancer about 7.30pm.

There will also be a Hamper Raffle in aid of the Charity with tickets on sale beforehand in the Post Office and at the event. The draw will be at about 7.30pm at the Christmas Market.

Don't miss this chance to win lots of Christmas goodies.



Children from Tattenhall Primary School will be singing in Barbour Square about 6.30pm, followed by carols from the Tattenhall Singers at approximately 7.00pm and there will be traditional Christmas music from the Vintage Organ throughout the event.

Look out for Snowmen on Tattenhall High Street from 1st December.

Find the hidden letters (8 in all) and arrange them into a winter word.

Take your answer to the Spar before 31st December to collect your prize.



Post a letter to Santa in the special Parish Council post box. It will be sent by express delivery to Lapland and every child will receive an individual reply. The Post Box will be open from 1st to 20th December. Look out for details of where to find it.

Children's parties will be on Saturday 2nd December in the Barbour Institute. Places are limited to 40 for each party (Age 0 to Reception at 11.30 to 12.30 with Diddi Dance and Year 1-6 from 11.30 to 1.30 with Andy Green).

The Parish Council wishes you a wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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Facebook: 'What's on at the Flacca'

Christmas Day Lunch at the Flacca!

We are delighted to be offering a festive Christmas Day Lunch from 4pm at the Club again this year! Spaces are limited, so please call at the Flacca Bar for availability, menus and booking forms. Full payment and choices by 10 December latest. £45/adult; £30/child (under 12). Non-members welcome!

Gym: Now open from 5am – midnight, 7 days a week!

Our new extended opening hours are proving to be very popular! We are also pleased to announce that Katie Henshall of 'CoachedbyKTFitness' has joined Simon Fox and George Dobson on our team of Personal Trainers. Our PTs carry out the mandatory initial induction to the gym for each new member. Further personal training sessions at the gym can then be organised directly with them if wanted.

Gym membership is available on a monthly (great Christmas present) or an annual fee basis; it is also included in our new category of membership, AllSport, which gives you access to all our sections for a monthly fee.

For more details and all fees, go to our membership page on www.sporttattenhall.co.uk. If you would like to visit the Club in the meantime, we would be happy to show you round - just contact marketing@sporttattenhall.co.uk to request a visit.

Update on the Sport Sections:

Cricket: Plans are underway for 2024! Alongside the adult XIs, the Club is looking to enter U9, U11 and U13 mixed teams of all abilities next season – watch this space. Indoor nets will resume in March.

Croquet: The croquet season has drawn to a close; social afternoons of Board games have now taken over.

Football: Both AFC Tattenhall and JFC are well into their seasons now, with JFC

League and Cup matches on Saturdays, 9-11 am, and AFC, Sundays 11am. Please do come and support them; it is truly appreciated!

Netball: Juniors (Yr 4 upwards) meet Saturdays, 10 – 11am for drills and match play. Interested in joining in – contact Lindsay on 07740 023460 first, as during the winter sessions are moved indoors. Teen and Adults sessions on a Monday evening will resume in the Spring.

Running: The winter racing season is well under way, and Tattenhall Runners have been faring well despite the mud! Training Road Runs are held each Tuesday and Thursday, 6.30 for a 6.45pm start. Meet at the top car park just past the Club. New runners are always welcome!

Squash/Racketball: Tattenhall is fielding four league teams again this season, and to date wins and losses are more or less 50:50. Junior coaching is on Saturdays, 9.00 – 11.00am; with Ladies' group coaching also Saturday, at 9.00 am. Racketball club sessions take place Mondays and Thursdays from 4pm. New players are always welcome for both sports.

Tennis: Senior club sessions continue through the winter (we're hardy souls) on Tuesday evenings, Thursday mornings and Saturday afternoons, plus Thursday evening cardio tennis! Our Club Coach, Berin Ames, ensures the Junior sessions keep going – contact acetennisacademy@aol.com for more information.

Women's American Football: We've sadly had to say goodbye to the Cheshire Bears, as they have relocated to a site more convenient for the catchment area. We wish them well in their new venue.

Further details on all the above can be found at

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Study Day with Bishop Mark :2nd December 2023

Bishop Mark is offering a study day for Clergy and Readers at the beginning of Advent, exploring some biblical resources for living well in complex times. This will be based on the second of the 'Stones and Firelight' books, 'Called into Exile'.

Malpas Deanery Chapter

The December Deanery Chapter will be on 4th December at Farndon. The Deanery Chapter will be bidding farewell to Rev David Scur. This will be followed by lunch at The Hare in Farndon.

THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER



St Alban's, Tattenhall

Church Services in December

17 th December	6pm	Christmas Carol Service
20 th December	10am	Communion
24 th December	4pm	Crib Service
24 th December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25 th December	8.00 am	Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer)
25 th December	10.30am	Common Worship Eucharist
31 st December	10.30am	Just one service(There is no 8am service)



Lent Course 2024 (Theme: Faith as the Cornerstone of our Belonging)

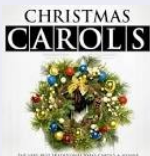
Dates: 21st February - 20th March 2024 Community Hall Time 6pm-7 pm

Jesus calls us to follow, to travel with him towards life in all its fullness. The journey may be hard at times, we may stumble and lose our way, but the call remains. We are not to win our own salvation, but to discover with joy the salvation that is already ours through the living, dying and rising of Jesus. This excellent Lent Course encourages us on our way, not by giving answers, or imparting a block of information, but by inviting us to deepen our sense of what it means, individually and with others, to walk the way of Jesus every day. For whatever our faith leads us to, will always be about bearing the fruit of our allegiance to Christ, pledged in our Baptism promises.

Lent Course 2024 Course Time Table

21 st February	Belonging (Romans 12:4-5)
28 th February	Learning (1 Corinthians 11 v1)
6 th March	Hearing (John 8:47)
13 th March	Giving ((John 3 v16))
20 th March	Hoping ((John 3 v16))
27 th March	Dying (John 12:24)s

From the Diary



Please come and join us at the Letters Inn which is our 'Traditional Village Pub in the heart of Cheshire'. There will also be raffle tickets on sale in aid of our local church in Tattenhall. This will be an evening of fun and laughter as we sing together all the memorable carols you can think of.

Please, do not miss this exciting moment to come and sing your favourite carol.

Loss Café

There will be no Loss Café in December. The next meeting will be on 26th January at 10.00am in the church community room.

From the Registers

Baptisms

16th September Louis Theodore Bastock
 28th September Alfred John Michael Owen

Obituaries



Marjorie Chalk (90 years old)

Marjorie Chalk was born in Connah's Quay in 1933. Marjorie enjoyed her time at school, working hard and going on to attend Grammar School. During this time, she also spent many happy hours in her Grandmother's bakery learning the craft of baking. Following her time at Grammar school she secured a place at Leicester College to build on her already competent domestic science skills. She had a desire to teach, and it was during her teacher training in Southampton that she met her husband to be Tony. They married and moved to Tattenhall in 1963. Greenlands was to be their family home for many years. In 1964 their daughter Susan was born, then two years later their son Martin.

Marjorie enjoyed a full and socially active village life. Teaching at Tattenhall Park primary school, she engaged in many extra-curricular activities. She was blessed with a granddaughter whom she adored, and this made her world complete. In retirement Marjorie and Tony set up Chalko Leisure organising trips for friends and family to shows in the West End and also walking parties to take in the stunning scenery of the Lake District. This was an extremely rewarding time in her life. Marjorie eventually moved to Gifford Lea retirement village in October 2022 where she spent the last few months of her life enjoying making new friends and socialising in the dining area. Marjorie's family would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy shown towards them at this time.



Molly Powell 1934 - 2023

Molly was born in London in 1934. She was a proud Londoner who enjoyed telling stories of her beloved city. Her memories of the Second World War were vivid. She often recalled a night during the Blitz air raids, watching from her bedroom window, the dome of St Paul's Cathedral lit up as search lights crossed and recrossed the sky searching for attacking planes. She learnt her times-tables sitting in the Underground during the air raids and loved waving to the pilots in their Spitfires as they flew over her house. Molly was one of the first children to have a new medicine called "antibiotics" when she was seriously ill with Bronchial Pneumonia, aged 10. The family doctor encouraged her to take the medicine whispering to her that it was a national secret that Winston Churchill had also been given these experimental drugs. The antibiotics kept her – and Winston Churchill - alive. Molly and husband John moved to Watford in 1957, where they had their three daughters. Teaching was her passion and during the 1980's she rose to become Deputy Head teacher at a large secondary school in London. During her time teaching she completed a BA degree from home. They were different times then; her young male tutor told her it was impossible to finish a degree whilst working and having three children. It was just what she needed - to prove him wrong! Molly and John worshipped in the Diocese of St Albans in Hertfordshire for over fifty years and she treasured that link when she came each Sunday to St Alban's Church, Tattenhall. Molly moved to Tattenhall three years ago to be nearer her daughters and where she made many good friends, both at church and Gifford Lea. Molly was an independent spirit, passionate about equal opportunities in education and work. She was always clever, often wise with a great sense of humour. That strong spirit has definitely been passed down to her daughters and granddaughters and will continue as her legacy.

Burial of Remains

19th October Arthur John Shone

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY



December Christmas Services

3 rd December	Family Service	9.15 am
17 th December	Christmas Carol Service	4.30pm

The Parish Church cordially invites all our parishioners to come and join us at our annual Christmas Carol Service. The Church welcomes everyone from the village and beyond, including those who will be visiting us during the festive season. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after the service.

Support for All Saints Handley

The former Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury once said; "The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members'. Whilst this is a true statement, what we need to understand is that the same people, who are not beneficiaries on the institution, are called upon to support and keep the lights on. All Saints Church is one such an institution that calls upon all of us in the parish to play our part by constantly supporting its existence in whatever shape or form. You may not be a regular parishioner but to leave all responsibilities in the hands of few people or families, will not help us in keeping the doors of the church open in the future. All Saints is our mother church and most of us have or will one day make use of this beautiful building hence the need to take care of it. What to do. You may choose to pay monthly by direct debit whatever amount you can afford or ask the churchwardens for any work that keeps our building or churchyard in good shape. Please get in touch with the churchwardens for any further information regarding the support of our church. May we enter 2024 with the spirit of transforming the life of our church and knowing that the future of All Saints is in our hands.

Churchwardens contacts: Chris Whaley (07840808898) and Alison Carter (07828 098859).

Burial of Remains

30th September Elizabeth Sheila Moseley (Davenport)

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

Services

Sunday 10th December 4.30pm Carol Service

25th December Christmas Morning Service @ 10.45am

Sunday 14th January 4.30pm Songs of Praise



Christmas Morning service this year will be at the time of 10.45am to enable Rachel (Hall) to 'hot foot' it from playing at Bickerton Church service to play for us on this special day.

On behalf of Burwardsley Parochial Council, thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the general maintenance of the churchyard, To James Perry and Pete Stockton who repaired the boundary wall, Stuart Brown who has painted the gate and the Ashley Family for cleaning the gutters and removing the ivy before the 'Biblical Rains' came down.

As our homes require maintenance the Church does too and this requires funding. We are solely reliant on donations. St John's Church is struggling these past few months as the collections and standing orders do not cover the monthly outgoings so we are running out of money.

We are appealing to you to make a regular monthly donation by standing order if you want to see this beautiful church kept open. Our Bank details are Nat West Bank: Sort Code 60 40 08: Account No 03377741: Account Name Burwardsley Parochial Church Council.

Burwardsley Village Hall Committee will be hosting the refreshments after the Carol Service with entertainment, raffle, hot drinks, mince pies all to get us in the spirit of Christmas and to raise much needed funds for the Church. All welcome

CAROLS AT THE PHEASANT St Johns are hosting **Carols at the Pheasant** on Friday 22nd December from 7pm please come and sing with us on what will be a fun evening.

Thank you for your support, on behalf of Burwardsley Parochial Church Council.

We look forward to seeing you and wish you a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year

TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL



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At the November meeting the new Chairman of Governors of the primary school, Peter Brown, introduced himself together with Nicky Bolton, the new head from January 2024. He confirmed that the school intends to work closely with the community and the Parish Council welcomed this.

A question was raised as to who had asked that a report be prepared on the Recycling Centre and why the subsequent changes on the site had been made. It was confirmed that the Health and Safety Executive had required the report and the subsequent changes after a review of all Cheshire and North Wales sites following a site accident in North Wales.

A survey had been conducted both online and through the Parish News about the possible installation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and outdoor gym equipment. 218 surveys were completed. The responses to the question "Would you support the creation of a MUGA in Tattenhall" were Yes 68%, Maybe 10%, No 22%. A working group was set up to consider the detail of the responses and to agree next steps.

The availability of sandbags provided by Chester West and Chester Council is under threat as they will no longer provide these in advance of potential flood risk but only when there is an incident. There is concern that this will lead to too long a delay to supply sandbags and the Parish Council agreed to investigate where sand/

sandbags could be safely stored within the village which villagers could access.

The Parish Council owns a number of allotments at Gatesheath. The fees for the next year were considered at the meeting with the annual fee for a large plot set at £56 with concessions for those over 60. All the plots are currently occupied but if you wish to be put on the waiting list please contact the Clerk at clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk.

The Parish Council is organising a Christmas event at Barbour Square on Friday 1st December between 6pm and 8pm. Decorated tractors will be on display prior to leaving at 7.30pm on a tractor run through Tattenhall. Tattenhall Singers and school children will perform and food and drink will be available with free hot chocolate for children.

The Rotary Club of Tarporley will again be helping Father Christmas to take his float around the village starting at 5pm on Thursday December 14th.

It was agreed that a funding application would be made to expand the number of defibrillators in the Parish.

All residents are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and can raise any issue in the 15-minute Public Participation section at the start of the meeting. The next meeting is on 15th January at 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute.

Councillor Andy Scarratt

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New year.

JANE'S JOTTINGS

I often think about my late mother in law. I think about her every time I hang out the washing for instance because my peg bag was given to me by her. She probably made it actually which makes it even more special. She would be amazed to know that another reason her memory lives on is because of something she once said. We were probably clearing up after a party – I remember someone at the sink furiously washing up and several others clutching tea towels, one of them being Irene (mother in law). She was much too nice to say anything herself but someone else made a comment about the slow progress of the “washerupper” and Irene said “A good ‘washerupper’ should be able to keep 3 dryers occupied constantly!” That has stayed with me and I always quote her whenever the situation presents itself.

As it happens it did the other week when we had a dinner party. We were between Dishwashers at the time so at the end of the evening everyone pitched in to help tidy up. All with a job to do – apart from me, I was observing and making sure the three people drying up had a constant supply of things to dry!

Everyone was chatting away. I was so struck by this I began to ponder on the way

we communicate today and whether the way we do is killing the art of conversation. It seems to me that not so much face to face takes place anymore. Yes I know one can see a face even though the person who owns it maybe thousands of miles away but there is always a screen in the way. I am not decrying this. With social mobility as it is thank goodness we do have this facility.

Many moons ago when I worked in an office we wrote or typed on a piece of paper which was then put in an envelope. The envelope was addressed and stamped and finally it was put in a large red box! You may remember this was called a letter! We also communicated by telephone. At work the equivalent of an email was a thing called a memo. Imagine this though – sometimes we would even rise from our chairs, leave our office and go and see colleagues and have a face to face conversation. These days one doesn't even leave the house!!

Don't fret if you do think that the art of conversation is on the wane – all we need to do is get rid of all the electrical Dishwashers!!

Jane Richards

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?



All volunteers help to keep the church alive!

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Perhaps an hour or two each week whatever the task?

Visit www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk for full details of how you can help us at St Alban's.

Family Songs of Praise with Breakfast

Come and join us at 9:45am on the first Sunday of the month for a scrummy breakfast followed by your favourite hymns and songs chosen by you at 10:30am!

There is a Sunday School craft activity during the service.



Visit www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk for full details

SPOTTING THE SIGNS OF FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ABUSE



Rebecca Robinson
Private Client Solicitor

Financial abuse is a very serious form of domestic abuse and is more common than you would think. The signs of financial abuse can often be difficult to spot. Lisa Harbour, Associate in the Family Law Team at Swayne Johnson Solicitors says:-

Financial abuse involves controlling a victim's ability to acquire, use, and maintain financial resources often over an extended period. It's a very powerful form of abuse because it limits a victim's ability to help resulting in them staying in abusive relationships for longer.

Economic abuse is broader as it includes controlling access to and use of things like transport and technology (which allow us to work and stay connected), food and clothing. It can include destroying items and refusing to contribute to household costs.

Possible signs of financial and/or economic abuse are:-

- Monitoring bank accounts, asking to see receipts, providing a limited 'allowance' to live off or refusing to discuss the household finances.

- Preventing you from working or insisting that you limit your hours, without good reason. Sometimes they may not say this, but they may make you feel guilty for working in the hope that you will choose to stop doing so.

- Taking out debt in your name without your knowledge or forcing you to take out liabilities for their own benefit.

- Forcing you to pay all joint outgoings, despite them having the means to contribute towards the same.

- Limiting your use of joint assets, for example the family car.

- Monitoring your tech devices.

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AUTUMN ANTICS – ST ALBAN’S HARVEST APPEAL

(This account is very concise but space is limited so needs must!)

I wanted to do something different which would make a decent amount of money for the Harvest Appeal but what possessed me to have four different events on four consecutive weekends is beyond me! I seemed to spend October consulting lists and re-writing them! I had a lot of wonderful help but you know what it is like (or maybe you don't) when responsible for an event there is lots to do!

WAS IT WORTH IT?

Minimal expenses have been claimed and we had some wonderful donations. There was also a decent turnout of people attending the events too so thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Those who set up, cleared up, washed up, turned up, dressed up, shopped, baked, performed, bought raffle tickets and loads more. Because of you we just about reached £4,000! The answer to that question, therefore, is:

YES IT WAS!
Jane Richards



TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOF's)

Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808

It has been a busy Summer for Tattenhall Over Fifties (TOF's).

The June, July September and October meetings had speakers on diverse subjects such as the police and prison service to Scousers and photography.

August was the AGM when it was nice to welcome some new committee members and then to enjoy a lovely buffet provided by The Poffee and be entertained by Paul Stuart.

In November we held our Christmas market and huge thanks go to all the stallholders.

Coach trips have taken place to Aberystwyth, Llandudno and Bakewell and the final coach trip of the year is on Saturday 2nd December to Matlock Christmas Market

Thursday December 7th at 1pm will be the Christmas Lunch in the Barbour Institute with food provided by Alisons Country Kitchen and entertainment from Nathan Turner.

The meeting on Thursday 4th January 2024 will be a quiz.

TOF's meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month in the main hall of the Barbour Institute between 2 and 4 pm and new members are always welcome.

As the festive season approaches Tattenhall Over Fifties (TOF's) would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have supported the group in 2023 and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024.

Village to Village Tattenhall - Hera

St Alban's Church ADVENT APPEAL 2023

The appeal runs throughout December and January

Can we continue to help
a village in need?

We are collecting Items for St David's Primary School and Sanzaguru High School in Hera village, near Rusape, Zimbabwe; this is Father Lameck's home village. We would like to ship out drums of items to help the schools. Once free, State-provided education now requires funds to be raised and schools are struggling to source basic equipment such as stationery and books, let alone electronic and IT equipment, as supply chains are in chaos.

St David's



Please help us to help the children in these schools get the education they deserve. Donations may be left in the back of the church or in the porch.

Thank you.

Our 'shopping' list:

7 years old and under

**Early-reading books
(new or good-as-new)**

Blank exercise books

Educational posters

Child's small back-packs

Girls' School request

**Sanitary products and
new underwear**

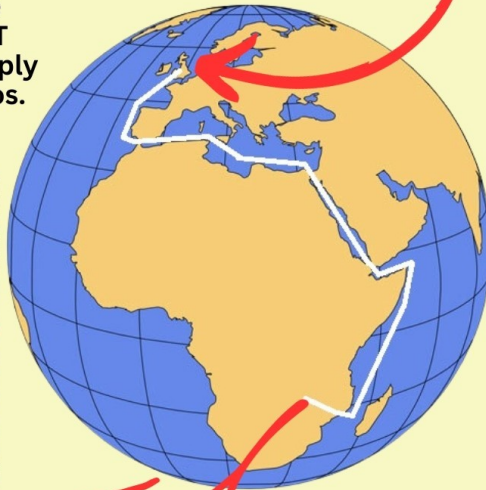
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behalf.



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Educating girls is crucial to the long-term prosperity of families. An educated mother will educate her family. Keeping girls attending school regularly is essential. One of the biggest hurdles is "period poverty".

Sanzaguru



*Blessing of the Crib
at St Alban's
Sunday 24th December
at 4:00pm*



All your family are welcome to join us for a half-hour service to see the Church in all its Christmas splendour, to bless the Crib and remember the real Christmas story.



Do come in your Christmas jumper or Nativity costume!



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A FESTIVE MESSAGE

Thank you everyone who is associated with this publication – Advertisers, Contributors, the Printer, Bundlers, Distributors, Readers and last but not least the Editor who sorts it all out and makes the Parish News the delightful publication it is.

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL 2024

Jane Richards

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**It will close on 14th
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**Phone lines will switch
to NHS 111 at 1.00pm on
training afternoons and
will re-open at 8.00am
the following morning.**

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West Cheshire Rural u3a does not have a monthly meeting in December, but meetings will resume again on January 18th 2024 when our speaker is Simon Michael – a retired Barrister with a talk “My life in Crime”. His talk relates tales from the Bar and Old Bailey and speaks about writing crime novels and his family history.

Join us at the Barbour Institute Tattenhall from 2pm with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm. For more information of u3a membership contact our membership secretary Dorothy Turpy at membershipwcr3a@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2024

Please remember that if you miss the deadline your item may not be published.

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 13th September and 8th November.**

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Tattenhall Music Society



**Sunday January 14th 2024 at the
 Parish Church of St. Alban, Tattenhall
 6.30pm, doors open 5.45pm**

We welcome back to Tattenhall the ever popular Metropolitan Brass Ensemble to bring in our New Year. They delighted everyone when they opened the 2022/2023 season and we look forward to their return visit. They will be led as usual by the entertaining Tim Barber and there will be a mix of brass pieces both traditional and modern.

Tickets £13 (under 18 years are free) and are available on the door or in advance from Tattenhall News and Tattenhall Post Office. If you want any information do get in touch....

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Meditation in the Church



Every Tuesday
6.15pm - 7.00pm

*Come and join us for 30 minutes
without words in the tranquil
surroundings of our church.
Feel free to bring along any
downloaded meditations/aids on
devices with headphones.
Warm clothing is advised as the
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Loss Café at St Alban's

Are you struggling with grief caused by
the loss of a loved one or pet?

Have you lost your way in today's world?

At 10:00am, on the last Friday of the month,
as part of our pastoral responsibility in the
Tattenhall community we have a 'Loss Café' in
the Community Room, which is similar to what
was known as 'Forget-Me-Not'.

Come along to the
Loss Café where you
can get a cup of tea
and cake in a friendly,
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environment whilst
talking, listening or
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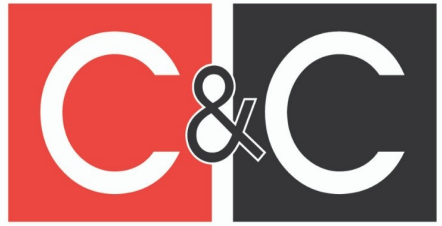
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YOUR WILL is of course a very private matter and you do not need to disclose anything about what you leave or to whom. There are plenty of Solicitors who can guide and help you write it.

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 (Steve Laurence 0795 890 0184).

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6:30pm

Wednesday 20th December
Holy Communion
10:00am

Sunday 24th December
Blessing of the Crib
4:00pm

Sunday 24th December
Midnight Mass
11:30pm

Monday 25th December
Christmas Morning

8:00am Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer
10:30am Common Worship - Eucharist

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