St Alban's Tattenhall Newsletter

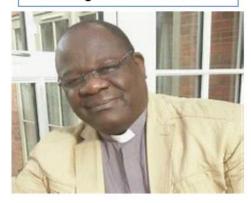
July 2020

'St Alban's Church: The Spiritual Heart of Tattenhall'

As we begin to emerge into a new phase it is a time for reflection, thanksgiving, lamentation and reconnection.

The church doors are now open regularly and Services have recommenced

A message from Fr. Lameck



A lot has changed since the outbreak of the pandemic but the environment of our church is even more spiritually welcoming.

The church opened its doors for public worship on the 5th July and we had 38 parishioners who attended that first communion service. The candles were lit and prayers said in memory of all those who died of Covid 19. Our safety during the service was ensured through a risk assessment and amended Service practices.

We are currently not allowed to sing but sit reflectively as the church organist plays. This is a new form of spiritual therapy with some of us humming all the way.

It is also good to know that funerals, weddings and baptisms are now allowed to take place in church.

- Weddings- only 30 people are allowed including the minister
- Funerals- only 30 people including the minister
- Baptism- only 30 are allowed unless the service is taken on a Sunday worship in which case the normal worship rules of 2 metres social distancing will apply.

Moving forward, Church Services will begin to return to our usual times (Please see over for full details), but for those who continue to shield or are unwell the Sunday Sermon will continue to appear as an audio file on the church website.

In blending the real and virtual world we now inhabit, I pray that the Holy Spirit will help you take intentional steps to promote the wellbeing of your family household and yourself. This should give priority, not least, to a proper break during the summer, for pausing, resting and restoring energy, making ready to pray and think through what promises to be an extraordinary future for Church and Society.

Meanwhile, continue to pray for those struggling with health and economic anxieties.

With my prayers,

Father Lameck



Please see overleaf for the latest service details.

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"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

Plant Sale for St Alban's



Following a very successful plant sale in support of Christian Aid, Carolyn held a second sale in her garden to raise much needed funds for St Alban's. £141 was raised so many thanks to Carolyn, to everyone who donated plants and to all who came to purchase them.

Flowers at St Alban's



Thanks to Sue and Gill for the beautiful summer flower arrangements in church. Thanks also to Eileen and Ron for donating the blooms from their gardens.

Table Top Sales at Church

Thank you to Eileen who has reinstated the sales table at the back of church. All money raised goes towards St Alban's church funds.



The Bells are Ringing Again

3 bells were rung to mark the recommencing of the 10.30am Sunday Service. Whilst there are 6 bells housed in the tower, there is only room for 3 ringers to be able to distance safely. Three of the bells are dated 1596, making them the oldest dated bells in Cheshire. The Bell Fund continues to look for ways to raise £30,000 to maintain and restore the bells and the Bell Tower so they can continue to be heard for another 500 years.

Tattenhall Foodbank

The St Alban's and Tattenhall Park Primary School Foodbank will continue to meet the needs of those in our community in food poverty. If you, or someone you know, are struggling please call. To access the foodbank:

01513557730 or 01244981260



Prayer Workshop

As part of the "thoughts" series of audio casts Carole Moore has led us in a series of Prayer Workshops culminating in a Zoom prayer meditation on July 15th.



July Services at St Alban's

Sunday
July 12th 10.30am
Communion

Wednesday
July 15th 10-12pm
Open for private prayer

Sunday
July 19th 10.30am
Communion

Wednesday
July 22nd 10am
Communion

Sunday
July 26th 10.30am
Communion

Wednesday
July 29th 10am
Communion

Sunday
August 2nd
8am Communion
10.30am Communion

If you would like to donate to any of the church efforts, please contact

> The Treasurer Jane Richards: 01829770482