

A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to everyone

Christmas Services at St Alban's Church

Christmas Carol Service

19th December 6pm

Blessing of the Crib

24th December 5:30pm

Midnight Service

24th December 11:30pm

Christmas Morning

25th December 8am & 10:30am

From Father Lameck

'And the Word became Flesh'



"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:16)

God, the Son, left His sanctuary to be made lesser in the form of a human. He left behind heavenly perfection to live as one of us. This child restored the broken relationship, due to Adam's sin in Genesis 3, between man and God. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

My dear friends in Christ,

Christmas should be a time for us to remember that we, as Christians, have an obligation to leave the comforts of our everyday life to help those less fortunate just as Jesus did for all of us. The Gospels bring out this historical-political dimension clearly, in situating the nativity in a given historical framework with an Emperor, a King and a Governor, each playing a role in the overall narrative. The central event in this narrative is the incarnation. God is sending his Son in the form of a tiny helpless baby, born of a peasant girl and her carpenter husband to bring a message of hope and of redemption to the entire world.

In this event is also found a central paradox of the Christian faith. That the creator God, Lord of the universe, stoops low, "making himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant made in human likeness, humbly walking the path of obedience accepting even death by crucifixion" - the fate of a rebel or of a common criminal. The kingdom which this child Jesus strove to establish was one where the value system of the world was overturned and replaced by those of God's reign or kingdom which he announced was upon us. In this kingdom it was not the powerful who would inherit the earth, but the Meek, the Poor in spirit would inherit the kingdom of heaven and the Peacemakers would be called the Children of God.

As we enter into the season of Advent and Christmas and participate in the joyful celebration associated with this festival, let us not lose sight of the paradoxical message that the Christ Child brings us.

May God grant us his grace to see this "true light that lights every person who comes into this world".

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 so 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 here and no one and nothing can stop Him. You are seeing and experiencing a great light tonight--let it shine in your heart and free your passion to be a Christian in a very broken world.

May I on behalf of the Churchwardens and all members of our Parochial Church Council wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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





TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL



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The November meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Barbour Institute.

- In Public Participation, a member of the Youth Council asked for support from Councillors for the workshop which had been planned to make the youth shelter colourful and encourage inclusivity. Research had highlighted that it was important for young people to have areas where they could gather and socialise. A grant had been applied for to buy the necessary materials, and it was suggested that a request could be made on social media for the public to donate unwanted paint for the project.
- The state of the footpath from Chester Road to Manor Farm was raised and the Clerk confirmed that repairs to the bridge were scheduled for the week of the meeting.
- Items on the Agenda:
- A grant of £500 was approved to enable the Youth Council's work on the youth shelter to proceed;
- It was confirmed that planning approval had been given to the development of 30 houses on Chester Road;
- It was expected that CWaC would supply the trees for the Community Orchard in mid November and that the Borough Council had no objection to the orchard being part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project to mark her Platinum Jubilee. A Queen's Canopy Plaque would be purchased and installed at the orchard;
- Expert advice would be sought on the best way to manage Glebe Meadow, from Cheshire Wildlife Trust;
- Quotes would be obtained for the technical work required to undertake repairs on the War Memorial;
- Access to the Community Room sited at

the Park School was still proving difficult as the intruder alarm for the room was connected to the school system. Quotes had been obtained for the work required to separate these but little progress was being made.

- It was agreed to write to CWaC highlighting the issue and it was resolved that if no agreement could be reached, the Parish Council should request repayment of the £220,000 so that the money could be used elsewhere for the benefit of the community;
- Councillor Paul Kerr had offered to walk the Public Rights of Way to identify where kissing gates might replace stiles to improve accessibility, with the landowners' permission;
- The Parish Council would hold a children's party on the morning of Saturday 4th December at the Barbour Institute and show a film for older children on that same afternoon. Due to room restrictions, only 40 tickets would be available for each event on a first come, first served basis. Parents could obtain tickets on Saturday 13th November at the Barbour Institute;
- The Christmas Lights switch on would take place on Saturday 27th November at the tree on the Millfield at 4.00pm;
- Councillors noted the progress being made on the Spinney project and a meeting had been arranged to meet with residents who had concerns about the dipping pond area.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 6th December at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

The Parish Council wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Cllr. Pat Black





an evening of readings, Carols and Christmas Spirit.



Tattenhall's Village Hall

Tel: 01829 771649

Email:

info@barbourinstitute.com www.barbourinstitute.com



Friday Drop-in, coffee and a chat, all welcome!

10am—12 midday, every Friday up to and including 17th December.

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All welcome for tea, coffee and biscuits (and maybe a mince pie!) It's a chance to meet up with old friends and make new ones. There's plenty of parking and in the Hall we have lots of space to spread out.

Pass on the word to family, friends and neighbours. Looking forward to seeing you soon, Graham.



200 CLUB

The first draw of the new membership year took placed on Saturday 13th November.

The winning numbers were:

£60 number 67

£25 number 23

£15 number 38

It's not too late to get involved in the 200 Club. Forms are available from the office or on the website and your support of Tattenhall's Village Hall would be much appreciated. The cost is just £5 a month and there are several ways to pay.

The Trustees of the Barbour Institute would like to wish all Tattenhall residents a Happy and Healthy Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming everyone into the Village Hall in 2022.



The Village Surgeries Group

When the surgeries are closed, in case of emergency, telephone 01829 771588

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2021

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

There is no magazine in January.
The deadline for the February
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The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley Churches without Walls

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Churchwardens Tattenhall George Richards 770482 Ruth Morgan 771841

Handley Alex Park 771556 Christine Walley 771976

Burwardsley Barbara Sculthorpe 770418

Diocesan News

OUR THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER







Please note that Father Lameck will be on sabbatical leave from January to the 10th March. For funerals and any services, please get in touch with the churchwardens.

ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL



The new Bishop of Birkenhead; Julie Conalty will be visiting us at Tattenhall Church on Christmas Day and will take the 10.30am service. All are most welcome.



Church Services in December

19 th December	6.00pm	Christmas Carol Service
22 nd December	10.00 ' am	Wednesday Communion
24 th December	5.30pm	Crib Serviće

24th December 11.30^{pm} Midnight Mass 25th December 8.00 amCommunion Service

25th December 10.30am (Book of Common Prayer) Common Worship Eucharist

26th **December 10.30am** Common Worship Communion Service

N.B. There will be one Communion service on Sunday 26th December at 10.30am



ALPHA COURSE 2021

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE MEANING OF LIFE Alpha - autumn 2021. The Alpha course begam on Wednesday 6th October and will run for 10 weeks until 15th December 2021. We meet at 6 pm every Wednesday.



Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. We don't assume any background knowledge of or belief in Christianity and everyone is welcome.

What is Alpha?

After this pandemic, may be this is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The Alpha course consists of a series of talks and looking at different topics. You don't have to come to the whole course – just pop along for the first night and see what you think. No pressure.

The course follows a simple and relaxed format when you arrive- watch a 30-40 minute DVD- discussion groups (with no pressure to talk)

Talks remaining:

- * How can I resist evil?
- * Does God heal today?
- * How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Okay, I'm interested...

Please simply 'come and see'. For more information, contact **Father Lameck on 01829 770245.**

From The Diary



7pm Friday 17th **December**- Christmas Carol Singing in the Letters. You do not have to be a singer, just come and sing along with others as we celebrate Christmas as a community together



There will be no Loss Café in December. The next one will be on Friday 28th January 2022 at 10.00am in the Church Community Room.

From the Registers

Baptism

17th October Isla Elizabeth Hannay

Burial of Remains

26th October Georgina Blackhurst

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

Christmas Service
19th December- Christmas Carol Service: Time4.30pm

It is that time of the year when the church invites all those who live in our community and beyond to come and be part of our Carol Service.

Last year, we managed to sing together whilst outside the church building and we all enjoyed singing as one community. Please invite your friends and relatives this year as we once again meet after the pandemic and celebrate the coming of the Messiah; Jesus Christ. See you then!

9.15 am- Common Worship Eucharist Service

The churchwardens and all of the P.C.C. wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

Christmas Services

12th December 4.30pm Christmas Carol Service **25th December** 10.30am Common Worship Eucharist Service

We look forward to seeing you all

Date for the Diary

Come and join the Village of Burwardsley social evening in the newly refurbished Village Hall/Institute on Sunday 12th December from 5.30pm live music Scratch Band, mulled wine, tea, coffee, cake, mince pie, stalls and a not to be missed raffle. All proceeds to go to the restoration fund of St Johns Church. Looking forward to seeing you all for a fun evening!

December has come round far too quickly I'm sure you will agree. This time last year we were in the throes of the pandemic . We were blessed to have our Carol Service but the church then closed until we were able to open our doors and the sun shone down on us for Easter Sunday . Songs of Praise has taken place on the second Sunday of each month although, unfortunately, we have had to suspend the communion service for the time being.

We want to reassure you St Johns Church is open and take this time to thank you all for your support. We look forward to seeing you and wish you a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year





Churchyard Team Thank You Supper

Do you ever wonder how the grounds of St Alban's are so beautifully maintained? They are in the safe hands of a team of committed volunteers who ensure the churchyard is kept to the high standards of well mown grass, clipped hedges and tidy paths that we have now come to expect.

In appreciation of their dedication and hard work over the year the churchwardens treated the team to a hotpot and crumble supper. An enormous thank you to all who give their time (equipment provided) to keep the churchyard a pleasant place to walk through and a respectful space for remembrance.

If you have time, enthusiasm, community spirit and like working outdoors then please get in touch with George Richards (Church Warden: 01829770482) as we are always recruiting new volunteers.











Holy Dusters

If you have time, enthusiasm and community spirit and prefer to work indoors, then please come along on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30am to join the volunteers who keep the church polished and sparkling. Dusters provided!

Family Songs of Praise

Come and join us on the first Sunday of the Month at 10:30am

We are inviting the children to attend a Sunday School story and craft activity

We are pleased to say that Breakfast is back. Come and join us for a pastry or a bacon sandwich at 9.45am



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).

JANE'S JOTTINGS

I am speechless! I don't mean in the totally gob smacked shocked kind of way, apart from the fact that it is one day off deadline day as I write this. I mean in the "I don't know what to write kind of way"! The deadline does come around quickly every month but I usually have something in mind. I suppose I could use the space to ask for money or I could bear in mind it is the season of goodwill and say some thank you's! A much better idea. But where does one start?

There are people in my private life I owe a great deal of thanks to for their help and support and love and understanding. The Parish News, however, is part of my Church Life and I want to thank so many people who do good works for the Church. I am not going to actually name individuals - apart from the risk of forgetting somebody these people don't work their socks off for public recognition. I am going to list the jobs. You might then understand how much is involved in making sure St Alban's is always there for you and for the generations to come and why I am always asking for Volunteers!! Please forgive me if I fail to mention a particular job and do tell me if I do because the PCC could do with compiling a comprehensive list!

Firstly though I must thank everyone who contributed financially and the many people who donate consumables. Our appeals have been well supported and without your input St Alban's would be in a very dodgy place.

IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER – TAKE A MOMENT TO REALISE ALL THESE JOBS ARE COVERED BUT WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SPREAD THE LOAD!

- mow and strim churchyard,
- sweep up debris, weed, cut hedges
- tend graveyard and all that that entails
- weed flower beds, sweep paths
- clean inside the church and community room
- wash altar linen.
- change altar table cloth in line with Festivals
- bell ringing, play organ/piano
- arrange flowers
- decorate on special occasions
- read lessons

- Sidesmen duties
- purchase supplies e.g. candles, wine, wafers
- organise rotas for readers
- sort hymn choice
- change hymn numbers
- set clock
- raise flag
- write for Parish News
- collate and edit contributions
- bundle magazines
- distribute magazines
- promote/monitor advertising
- count/bank cash
- selection of paperwork and admin
- publicity/posters/pew leaflet
- grant applications
- serve refreshments, make cakes
- organise sales table
- breakfast/brunch/fund raising
- church warden, assistant church warden
- PCC member
- treasurer
- PCC secretary
- keep the Rector on his toes
- which leads to Lameck himself!!

TO THOSE WHO DO THESE JOBS, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Oops nearly forgot YOU! THANK YOU for reading this magazine and Jane's Jottings!

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Jane Richards 01829 770482









Welcome to 2022

We welcome an old friend to Tattenhall Music Society ... Jonathan Fisher who will accompany two singers from the Royal Northern College of Music in St. Albans on Sunday 9th January at 6.30pm. Jonathan will be remembered for his memorable concert for the Armistice in 2018 at the Barbour Institute. He is an outstanding accompanist, in great demand and we are delighted to welcome him and the singers to Tattenhall. This will be the third of our season of five concerts.

Tickets will be £12 and paid on the door; we ask that you have the right money if possible to avoid giving change. Under 18 years are free.

Any queries to **Anne McGrath: 01829 770932 or** mcgrath.prickleygreen@btopenworld.com



Editor's Note

At this time of year, it always seems appropriate to thank all those who volunteer so that the magazine can be sorted out and distributed across the three parishes.

Their commitment and dedication means that the Parish News can reach the furtherst corners of Tattenhall, Burwardsley and Handley keeping residents up to date with what is going on.

There is no magazine in January so that everyone can have a well earned rest but we will be back in February 2022.

In the meantime, may I wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

Pat Black



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<u>www.cheshirenw.org.uk</u> to find your nearest coordinator and group.

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In the event of seeing a crime taking place or 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@cheshi rewestandchester.gov.uk

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 <u>always welcome</u> your call on 101, let them make the decision on its urgency and method of dealing with your concern.

Rural officer contact details.

PC Stephen Gardner

Please call 101, or if you wish to email Steve his address is stephen.gardner@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

> POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS EMERGENCY calls ONLY: Ring 999 INCIDENT calls: Ring 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFs) Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808

At the TOF's meeting on 4th November members were entertained by singer Roy Clinging. And at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 14th November Carol Spencer laid a wreath on behalf of TOF's membersThe next meeting of TOF's will be the Christmas lunch which will take place on Monday 6th December in the main hall at the Barbour Institute at 12 noon. Entertainment will be provided by local singer Nathan Turner. Cost will be £10; contact Catherine Bosley on 771660 to book a place.

There will not be a trip to the pantomime this year but plans are already in place for coach trips next year and for speakers and entertainers for the monthly meetings.

It's been a short year TOF's wise but it's been lovely to see the members who have returned and the new friends who have joined us. And we hope to see you all again on Thursday 6th January 2022.



As the festive season approaches Tattenhall Over Fifties (TOF's) wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and hopefully a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022.

TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB Established in 1982



We meet on Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at St Albans Church, Tattenhall

This small friendly club is ideal for anyone ready to try club duplicate bridge.

Visitors and new members welcomed. You do not need a partner to join us.

If you are interested please contact the Secretary:

Email Val_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01829 770781



There is no meeting of West Cheshire Rural u3a in December, We will resume our meetings on January 20th 2022 at the Barbour Institute in Tattenhall from 2.00pm with a talk by **Julie**

u3a Monthly Meeting 20th January 2022 at 2pm Barbour Institute, Tattenhall Julie Smalley - Place Names, Pleasures, Pitfalls & Puzzles



u3a learn, laugh, live

Smalley on Place Names in Landscapes Pleasure Pitfalls and Puzzles.

The linguistic imprint on the landscape is everywhere, and we use these labels every single day. But what exactly are the many place-name elements and what do they suggest?

Visitors are welcome - for membership enquires please contact our membership secretary Dorothy Turpy via the contact page on our website https://

u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/contact

	VILLAGE DIARY	
DECEMBER		
4th	Village Christmas Market	Barbour Institute @ 2-5.00pm
4th	Children's Events	Barbour Institute—see page 17
6th	TOFS Christmas Lunch	Barbour Institute @ 12 noon
6th	Parish Council Meeting	Barbour Institute @ 7.30pm
9th	Santa Comes to Tattenhall	
10th	Friday Drop In	Barbour Institute 10-12 noon
11th	Village Christmas Market	Barbour Institute @ 2-5.00pm
12th	Burwardsley Christmas Social	From 4.30pm
17th	Friday Drop In	Barbour Institute 10-12 noon
17th	Christmas Carols	The Letters @ 7.00pm
18th	Village Christmas Market	Barbour Institute @ 2-5.00pm
18/19th	Flaca Festive Fun	Sport Tattenhall
19th	Nine Lessons and Carols	St. Albans @ 6.00pm
24th	Friday Drop In	Barbour Institute 10-12 noon
24th	Crib Service	St. Albans @ 5.30pm
JANUARY 2022		
3rd	Parish Council Meeting	Barbour Institute @ 7.30pm
6th	TOFs Meeting	Barbour Institute @ 2.00pm
9th	Tattenhall Music Society	St. Albans @ 6.30pm
14th	Parish News Deadline	
20th	U3A Meeting	Barbour Institute @2.00pm

BROWN KNOWL METHODIST CHAPEL Rev. Rob Weir 01948 663936

The Chapel is now open for Sunday Worship at 10.45am only.



On Sunday, January 23rd there will be a United Service

There will be a Carol Service on Sunday, December 19th at 10.45am, Preacher is Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly. The Christmas Day Service is on Saturday, December 25th at 10.45am with Revd Jenny

Arthurs. There will be NO service on Sunday, December 26th.

for 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. The practice of social distancing and mask wearing will continue for the time being. For up-to-date information, please phone or see our website, details below. Contact: General Info: 01244 535231, or see our website.

www.brownknowlmethodist.com



Regrettably, due to Covid restrictions, Chester Bach Singers will not be holding their Carol Concert in St. Albans Church this Christmas.

However, the choir will hold two Carol Concerts at St Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Road, Chester CH1 1QJ

on Saturday 18th December. One concert is at 3.00pm and one at 7.00pm.

Tickets will be available on the door, or you can pre book your tickets by visiting https:// buvtickets.at/chesterbachsingers.

For further information ring 770104 or 770463.



FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO TATTENHALL ON THURSDAY OTH DECEMBER

Here is the *approximate* timetable for his route around Tattenhall. Reindeer can be unpredictable so listen for the bells to tell you he's coming.

New Canalside	4.45pm	
Grakle Croft	5.00pm)
Oaklands	5.05pm)
Greenlands	5.10pm) 5.00pm - 5:30pm
Tattenhall Rd	5.25pm)
Keysbrook	5.30pm)
Castlefields	5.40pm)
Smithfields	5.50pm) 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Harrison Close	5.55pm)
Rean Meadow	6.10pm)
High St	6.20pm)
Covert Rise	6.25pm) 6:15pm - 6:45pm
Gifford Lea	6.45pm	<u> </u>

Please come to your doors or on your drive and give him a wave with a torch, mobile phone or something sparkly.

Down on earth his little helpers can't come to your doors to collect for local charities, so Santa has set up a Donation Page below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/santa-float

Donate by Text: Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

2SANTA to 70450 to donate £2.00 2SANTA 5 to 70450 to donate £5.00 2SANTA 10 to 70450 to donate £10.00