

**TATTENHALL HANDLEY  
BURWARDSLEY  
PARISH NEWS  
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The Tattenhall Church

# ***Village Fete***

**Fun for All the Family**

**Saturday 1st July**

**from 12:30pm**

**in the Rectory Garden**

**Special guests from Zimbabwe  
with food and music**

**Tombola Kids' Games**

**Plants Cakes Raffle**

**Beer Tent B-B-Q**

**Tea & Cakes**

**AND LOTS MORE STALLS**



## ***The Friends of St Alban's Church Building, Tattenhall***

*The Friends* is a non-religious charity set up in 2007 to collect funds for the repair, maintenance and improvement of St Alban's Church building, fittings, ornaments and grounds and to spend funds for that purpose.

You may be surprised to learn that St Alban's is used not just for Christian services, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

St Alban's is also the venue for many other purposes too. Indeed, it currently hosts:

The weekly Opal Club to help older people lead more active lives; Transition Tattenhall's weekly meditation sessions; Monthly Soup and Pudding lunches; Tattenhall Bridge Club; the u3a's Music Group and Mah-Jong Group; Tattenhall Writers and Tattenhall Pageturners; The Pain Relief Group; Sandstone Ridge Trust; The Loss Café at St Alban's; Tattenhall's and visiting bellringers; Tattenhall Music Society regular concerts, and occasional concerts given by the Chester Bach Singers; Tattenhall Primary School concerts and services

St Alban's has been the venue and focus for harvest appeals which, over the last few years, have raised money for: a homelessness charity in Chester; the local foodbank in collaboration with The Trussell Trust; the building of a primary school in Zimbabwe; as well as the local "Save the Family" charity.

For many people who do not want to use the church building for religious purposes, St Alban's nevertheless remains an important focal point in the village. It is a Grade II\* listed building, with the tower and parts of the present church dating from the early 16th century. The church was restored and largely remodelled in 1869-70 by John Douglas. Some of the bells in the bell tower are the oldest dated bells in Cheshire. And the churchyard, which many use as a convenient thoroughfare and is lit up accordingly, has several War graves of interest.

The church building is open every day for people to visit and admire, and there are often wonderful floral displays to enjoy.

It is very expensive to keep a building of this type and age in a good state of repair, and the sole purpose of *The Friends* is to assist with this. It would be a tragedy if the church building was forced to close due to lack of maintenance and repair. There are currently 96 members of *The Friends*, but we are always looking for more to join us. Currently, work is under way to refurbish the bells, however we know that the tower itself is in need of major renovation work over the next 5-10 years, at an estimated cost of around £30,000.

If you would like to become a *Friend of St Alban's*, please contact Rob Selby on 01829 770586 or robertselby586@btinternet.com.



## **From Father Lameck**

### **A message for Trinity, the Season of Love**

At the very heart of Christian spirituality there is a notion called "the Trinity." It is so central that one of the greatest theologians of the 20th century, Karl Barth, could even say,

"Trinity is the Christian name for God." He was not talking about a character in The Matrix, but the very essence of God. God is a Trinity of three-in-one, co-equal and yet distinct, called the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The concept of the Trinity is not simple, and there is no way I can make it simple.

C. S. Lewis, once said, "Everyone has warned me. 'The ordinary reader does not want theology; give him plain practical religion.' I have rejected their advice. I do not think the ordinary reader is such a fool. Theology means 'the science of God,' and I think anyone who wants to think about God at all would like to have the clearest and most accurate ideas about him which are available.

The Trinity is not simple. But, if you think about it, most of reality is not simple. For instance, every one of the trillions of cells in your body is incredibly complex. Even the proteins in your cells are complex. Family relationships are complicated. Football is complex. I still cannot figure out my digital alarm clock. And yet, for some reason, when it comes to God or Bible study or spirituality we want simple answers; we don't want to think. But do we really want a God who is less mysterious than an alarm clock? The 19th century philosopher Kant once said that the idea of the Trinity "has no practical relevance at all; whether we are to worship three or ten persons in the Divinity makes no difference" in how we live our life. Is that true? I will argue that understanding and *experiencing* the Trinity has enormous implications for our everyday life.

The Trinity isn't just a concept. We are discussing a real person who is present

among us. When we say that "Trinity is the Christian name for God," what does that mean? God is one. The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). And although every follower of Jesus breathed the air of radical monotheism, they also met Jesus. And when Jesus said things like "I and the Father are one" (John 10:31), and when they saw Jesus do things that only God could do, such as forgiving sins and control the forces of nature, they knew that they had met God in the flesh. And then, as Jesus had promised over and over again, they also experienced the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

Christians did not start talking about the Trinity because they liked the number three; they did so to make sense out of the way God had come to them as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is unity, three in one, three torches burning in one holy flame of love. God is like the spring that flows into the stream that flows in the lake (according to the church father Anselm). God is like a plant, with the Father as the deep root, the Son as the shoot that breaks into the earth, and the Spirit who flowers forth to spread beauty and fragrance (according to the church father Tertullian). That God is a Trinity of love means that God is the lover, the beloved and love itself all at the same time (according to St. Augustine). The Trinity is like three torches in which the light of the first passes to the second and then is relayed to the third until they are all burning in one blaze of holy fire.

Let us celebrate the gift of trinity which brings love, unity and loyalty to each other just as the relationship of God the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

## TATTENHALL PARK SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT



This is an update on the excellent progress being made at The Park School to develop a working garden for the children to be involved with and to learn more about plants, vegetables and environmental sustainability.

A small team of volunteers from Transition Tattenhall are working with Teaching Staff and Pupils in two main areas within the School grounds. The early years children have planted wild flower seeds in an area adjacent to the Park open space. They are looking forward to a wonderful display of colour in June and July. Over the past 3 months, at the side of the Library in the School grounds, a Memorial Garden has been revived. The greenhouse is full of seed trays ready to plant out into pots and planters. The raised bed has been planted

up with early potatoes, runner beans, chard and beetroot.

An after-school Garden Club has been established, attended by up to fifteen children, who are enthusiastically watching their plants and vegetables grow, as well as making bug homes from pallets and bricks.

There has been generous financial support so far from the Parish Council, Transition Tattenhall, several local businesses and individuals, plus offers of voluntary help from several local people. And, of course, time and effort from School Staff, who see this as important for pupils' development

### Jane's Jottings – *Do you ever wonder?*

I do all the time.

At the moment I am **WONDERING** what to write about! When I was Church Treasurer I could always fall back on finance and volunteering! I **WONDER** how Journalists meet deadline after deadline. Perhaps they have a "Blue Peter" approach and have a desk drawer full of articles they wrote earlier.

I **WONDER**

- If you agree that having a good moan occasionally is beneficial
- What it is like to be pain-free and healthy.
- What it would be like to be normal again, to get in the car and drive to the 50p shop or visit a friend.
- What it's like to stay absolutely still for five minutes and what it would be like to sleep at night.

I **WONDER** if there is a massive Telephone Directory somewhere which people from the entertainment business can access. When Actors/Authors/Directors/Producers and such like appear on chat shows, morning TV and radio to promote their latest venture, the conversation usually

gets round to how the project started, who was responsible for it and how it evolved etc. There is always someone pretty amazing and incredibly prominent involved. The sort of people who live in a gated community or a huge pad where security is paramount and guard dogs roam free along with a selection of body guards. Not the sort of people who give out calling cards!

Have you noticed that the lowly person on the sofa being interviewed always says something like..?

"So I **CALLED** Brad Pitt ..or.. "Ralph Fiennes **CALLED** me to tell me how much he enjoyed my debut in Bognor Regis" How, I **WONDER** incredulously, do they know the telephone number!

I would like to ask Helen Mirren and Judi Dench to the next Rector's Supper; I **WONDER** if I can get my hands on that Telephone Directory; I could give them a **CALL**!

Jane Richards





As always, June and July are promising to be super busy months, both on and off the pitch. May has already seen The Coronation Weekend followed hot on its heels by The Tattenhall Charity Beer Festival – two fantastic and special events, and we thank all who came along and supported them!

- Our major social event for the summer, the **Family Fun Day**, will be taking place on **Sunday, 16 July**, and in the words of our Bar Manager 'it's going to be awesome!' Put the date in your diary, keep an eye out for more awesome details and make sure you come along!
- Fridays @ the Flacca, kick-started by the Cheshire Bears in April, are now in full swing. F@F dates for the rest of the summer are: 9 June, 30 June, 28 July, 25 August and 15 September.
- The CBs will be hosting their home league tournament on Saturday, 1 June – a chance to see four teams from across the north in a full day's action - please do come and show your support!
- The infamous Tattenhall Runners' Tough Team Race is being held again this year on 23 June. Taking place on a Friday near to the longest day, it is a competitive, tough but fun multi-terrain race for teams of three from different running clubs.
- Netball has returned to the Flacca for the summer months with Saturday morning training for school-aged players (of all abilities). Always keen to welcome new players!
- Cricket, croquet, tennis and the gym are all now in full-summer action too; up-to-date details on fixtures and events can be found on the club website or pop along to a training/social session and chat to the participants if you wish to find out more! We would love to see you!

And a few winter season highlights just gone:

- In squash, huge congratulations go to our phenomenal Junior Team, Tattenhall 4, coached by Dave Whitehead. Not only did they put in an amazing performance in the North West Counties Squash League, finishing third in their Division, they have been awarded the Dunlop NWCSL Team of the Season! Based on Squash levels across the year as a team, they had the highest percentage increase across the whole of the NWCSL. No mean feat, and the award is well-deserved! Super congratulations to the squad!
- The award ceremony took place on 18 May, PSA Manchester Open. Go to our website for full write up and photographs of the occasion.
- Our newly-formed Pool team, playing in the Farndon & District Pool League, has had a stunning first season. A very close -fought division, and at the time writing about to play a semi-finals in the Knock-Out Cup, and the finals of the Francis Drake Cup. Not a bad start!
- Football has been super busy with AFC Tattenhall making the semi-finals of the Bill Gresty Memorial Trophy, the U18s playing a full final season before they move on to the adult league, and the JFC having a whole plethora of fixtures and successes, league and cup, boys and girls - too many to mention – so just huge congratulations to them all! Great stuff!

With the summer term and holidays soon upon us, there are lots of events, fixtures and coaching courses coming up; for up-to-date information of what is available at any time, please check the sports' pages or calendar on [www.sporttattenhall.co.uk](http://www.sporttattenhall.co.uk) or just keep an eye on our Facebook page: What's on at the Flacca.

Have a great summer!

# Can you help us design a beautiful mosaic for Tattenhall?

To commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III

## Activity 1

Think about the things you enjoy in Tattenhall.

- **Nature**—a flower, leaf, bird, small creature.
- **Local landmark**
- **An activity you enjoy**—sport, music, drama ,
- **The spirit of Tattenhall**—friendliness, care,

**Draw your symbol in a square measuring approx. 20cm x 20cm on a piece of A4 paper. You can add colour using any materials you have available.**

**The winning designs will be made into mosaics so your drawing should be BOLD and COLOURFUL.**

**SIMPLE DESIGNS ARE BEST.**

## Activity 2

**On A4 paper draw a scene from Tattenhall. You could include buildings and elements of nature.**

**THE WINNING DESIGN WILL ALSO BE MADE INTO A MOSAIC SO MAKE YOUR DRAWING BOLD AND EYE-CATCHING**

**Drop your entries off at Tattenhall Post Office. Include your name and telephone number on the back. Closing date—Friday, June 2nd 2023**



Tattenhall & District  
Parish Council

For more information  
or to submit an entry by email  
contact the Clerk to the Parish Council,  
Ann Wright [clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk)



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Parish Council



## ***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?*

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).



**This year the Village Church Fete will be on  
July 1<sup>st</sup> from 12.30pm  
in The Rectory Garden**

As in previous years, we are thrilled to be welcoming our Zimbabwe friends with a choir, music, dancing and food. "Echoes of Heaven" will be entertaining us and there will be an African Dress Competition.

All this alongside our popular Afternoon Teas, Plant Stall, Tombola, BBQ, Letters Inn Bar, Chinese Nibble from Kim's, Toy Stall and Face Painting, Brand New Stall, Children's Games, Cakes and Preserves, Ice Creams. Our Grand Prize Raffle has some fantastic prizes and hampers including a voucher for £100 for a meal at The Pheasant. All this and plenty of fun and socialising too! Please come along and help us make it as special as ever. Here's a look back at some of our previous highlights!







THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley Churches without Walls

**Rector: Rev. Canon Lameck Mutete, The Rectory, Tattenhall 770245**

Churchwardens Tattenhall

George Richards

770482

Ruth Morgan

771841

Handley

Christine Walley

771976

Alison Carter

Burwardsley

Barbara Sculthorpe

770418 Debbie Spencer



### The Story of Alban

#### The Feast of St Alban (June 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Our beautiful church here in Tattenhall is named after Saint Alban. He is known as the first British Martyr and the feast is held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. According to the historian Bede, he served in the Roman army and was converted to Christianity by a fugitive priest whom he sheltered and with whom he exchanged clothes, so that he was martyred in the priest's place. The story of Alban is a remarkable one. It not only takes us back to the beginning of the

Christian faith in Britain and to a time when religious freedom was forbidden, but it is also an astonishing account of standing up for what you believe in. Alban lived in the early third century in the Roman city of Verulamium, just down the hill from where the Cathedral stands today. One day he gave shelter to a stranger fleeing from persecution. This stranger was a Christian priest, now known as Amphibalus. While sheltering the priest, Alban was inspired by how important faith was to the priest and asked to be taught more about Christianity. It was not long until the Roman authorities caught up with Amphibalus. However, Alban's new-found faith would not allow him to let the authorities arrest the priest. Instead, Alban exchanged clothes with Amphibalus and was arrested, allowing the priest to escape. Alban is honoured as Britain's first saint, and his grave on this hillside quickly became a place of pilgrimage. This story of an ordinary man, doing an extraordinary thing has endured and continues to inspire to this day.

### Archdeacon Visitation Service 2023

#### At St Alban's Tattenhall on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30 pm

It is a legal requirement for ALL Churchwardens, whether newly elected or continuing, to be sworn into office each year and this happens at an Archdeacon's Visitation Service. The Visitation of the Archdeacon- the historic process by which church wardens are admitted to office in the Malpas Deanery will be held at **St Alban's Tattenhall** on the 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Our Church Wardens are required to attend; it is hoped that our sides men and women, though not required to attend are invited to do so, will make a special effort to be present this year.

### Churchwardens' Training Day July 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Church House

There will an opportunity for Churchwardens to attend training.

### Malpas Deanery News

The next Deanery Synod meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Our Next Deanery Chapter meeting is to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June at Marbury Church

Deanery Sports Day is to be held at Tarpooley High School on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

## THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER



<b>St Alban's Tattenhall</b>	8.00am Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer 10.30am Holy Communion according to Common Worship 10.00am Every Wednesday Communion Worship Service
<b>N.B.</b>	Sunday of the month- Family Service with no Communion
<b>All Saints Handley</b>	First Sunday of the month Family Service with no Communion Third Sunday Holy Communion according to Common Worship
<b>Burwardsley Parish</b>	Songs of Praise on second Sunday of the month only
<b>Gifford Lea</b>	Last Wednesday of the month only (Holy Communion)

## TATTENHALL PARISH CHURCH

### Holy Week and Easter

The principal services went well, and we are most grateful to those whose particular contributions added to the success. We are also grateful to the choir who sang on Good Friday and the flower arrangers, whose arrangements of the spring flowers gave St Alban's the atmosphere of a building in which truly to rejoice. It was joy to see the children manage to locate all the Easter eggs hidden in the church.



**Park School:** The Easter performance by the school children was excellent. A special thanks to the teachers for all their hard work in the Easter Celebration Performance. Our relationship with the school continues to grow as Father Lameck now takes assemblies at the school every other Thursday.

### Tattenhall APCM

After a successful Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> The PCC was appointed for the coming year. With six meetings a year and responsibilities for looking after the church and parishioners, The PCC is an important part of the church structure, working with Fr Lameck to ensure the church runs smoothly and efficiently. The minutes of the full meeting will soon be available on the church's website. Special thanks to Jane Richards who stood down as Treasurer after many years of patient service.

## Who is Who at St Alban's

### Church Wardens

George Richards 01829 770482  
Ruth Morgan 01829 771841  
(Safeguarding Officer)

**Assistant Church Wardens**  
**PCC Secretary**  
**PCC Vice Chair**  
**Treasurer**  
**PCC Members**

Dee Mason   Jean Griffiths  
David Ackroyd  
Neil Friswell  
Steve Lawrence  
Jane Richards, Angie Howarth, Rob Selby,  
Angelia Lowes

### **Church Calendar**

May 28<sup>th</sup>      Pentecost Sunday  
June 4<sup>th</sup>      Trinity Sunday  
June 11<sup>th</sup>     Feast of St. Barnabas, The Apostle

## **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** **7th June -26th July: Venue- Community Room** **Every Wednesday from 6pm-7pm**

### **Topic- Beatitudes**

The bible study will lead us to a reflection on each of the Beatitudes during our summer bible study. The beatitudes are defined as a "*condition or statement of blessedness*" from the Latin word "*beatitudo*." The concept doesn't translate well into English, but is probably best described as "utmost spiritual joy." Jesus used them to describe a God-given serenity, completely independent of the circumstances of our lives. He wants us to know the true joy that comes from following Him, and the security of our salvation that brings us into the kingdom of God.

**What are the Beatitudes and what do they mean?** Jesus presents a virtue or expectation for His believers and matches them with a reward that follows. They also introduce one of the major themes of Matthew's Gospel. The long-awaited Kingdom was not going to be in this world, but in the next, the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**      Session 1- (An introduction of being 'blessed').  
This introductory lesson aims to share and define our understanding on the word 'blessed'.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**      Session 2- (The poor in Spirit)  
This session explores Matthew 5:3, the first beatitude, 'Blessed are the poor in the spirit.'

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**      Session 3- (Rejecting False Comfort)  
This session explores Matthew 5:3, the first beatitude, 'Blessed are the poor in the spirit.'

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**      Session 4- (Rejecting Power)  
This session explores Matthew 5:5, the third beatitude, 'Blessed are the meek.'

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**      Session 5- (Rejecting the Status Quo)  
This session explores Matthew 5:6, the fourth beatitude, 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.'

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**      Session 6- Like God in His Mercy)  
This session explores Matthew 5:7, the fifth beatitude, 'Blessed are the merciful.'

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**      Session 7- ( Like God in His Purity)  
This session explores Matthew 5:8, the sixth beatitude, 'Blessed are the pure in heart.'

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**      Session 8 -(Like God in His Peace Making)  
This session explores Matthew 5:9, the seventh beatitude, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

### **From The Registers**

#### **Baptisms**

15<sup>th</sup> April      Deliah Elizabeth Margaret Bate  
23<sup>rd</sup> April      Harry Charles Simcox

## Weddings

29<sup>th</sup> April Christopher Paul Haskew and Rachel Cameron

## Burials of the Remains

6<sup>th</sup> March **Brenda Croose (73 yrs)**

Brenda was born in Tattenhall, spending her childhood in Rosemary Row. She attended the local secondary school, where her father was the caretaker. She had various jobs in and around Chester, lastly at the local Calypso factory. She loved travelling the world with Steve. Brenda had a short illness and passed away peacefully at the Countess hospital.

She will be sadly missed.

17<sup>TH</sup> March David Wilson (91 yrs)

12<sup>th</sup> April Mark Higgins

30<sup>th</sup> April Maureen Sands

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

**Easter Service** :We are grateful to our dear parishioners who give much of their time and resources in looking after our beautiful church. Many thank to all who decorated the church during Easter and Coronation celebration.



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. The following were elected as members of P.C.C. for the coming year.

**Church Wardens** : Christine Walley and Alison Carter

**Secretary**- Robert John Evans

## Appreciation of Long Voluntary Service

Our Treasurer; Sue Capper has been the treasurer for All Saints Church for over 40 years. The church is pleased to share this exciting and inspiring news. We all know that looking after church funds is a huge responsibility and yet Sue has taken this task with joy. We can only give thanks to God for all she has done purely out of love serving her church and God. Sue's contribution to All Saints Church has been immense. She is also a bell ringer and enjoys looking after the fabric of the church. On behalf of the Church wardens and members of the P.C.C. I would like to congratulate Sue and thank her for such a formidable service to her church and community.

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

### Songs of Praise Services

11th June at 4.30pm

9th July at 4.30pm



The Church will remain temporarily closed during the day but can be opened by appointment.

Please contact Debbie Davies on 07718279440 or Jeanne Parsons on 07766405954 to arrange a visit.

Please be assured we continue to open on the second Sunday of each month at 4.30pm for Songs of Praise service. Everyone is most welcome to join us

Contact the Rector Father Lameck Mutete on 01829 770245, for Holy Baptism, Holy Matrimony, Funerals, Confirmations or Jeanne Parsons 01829 771227 or 07766405954 or Debbie Davies 07718279440

Please don't hesitate to contact us for any information regarding the running of our church



Thank you to the Village Team for their donation of £466.00, together with donations received from Sheryl at the Poffee and Julie from the sale of her apples. This is very much appreciated in helping to keep the church open.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and the following were elected as members of the P.C.C. for 2023  
Debbie Spencer and Barbra Sculthorpe  
Secretary- Rachel Hall  
Treasurer- Jeanne Parsons  
P.C.C. Member- Pam Moyle

### **Ken's Korner** **Jottings from the crevices of his memory**

Well, how many types of vehicle have you 'driven', not just cars? I gave this some thought and listed a few, but probably not as many as some folk.

Cars, vans, heavy goods wagons, a crane, farm tractors, horse implements, minibuses, ammunition trucks, propellor and jet aircraft; and aircraft-towing tractors, a bicycle and a unicycle; also a catamaran, speedboat, canal barge, and hovercraft. The latter was unusual because it's only convention that dictates that the front of a vehicle faces toward the direction of travel. Hovercraft haven't read the books so they can, unnervingly, move in any direction. An armoured car is tricky because of the driver's exceptionally narrow field of vision through a forward facing grille. No, I've not driven a tracked vehicle like a tank or bulldozer.

By far the most demanding vehicle, and you do need training, is a model, coal-fired, passenger-hauling steam locomotive. I built three, driven two, sold the third, and have driven larger ones as well. All with safety and insurance certificates. My favourite was a narrow-gauge model of Ffestiniog Railway's "Mountaineer". Hauling 20 adult passengers at 7 mph. on 3½" track, the driver is busy, not just driving and watching for signals, but is also fireman and guard. The fire needs stoking and kept bright, the boiler constantly topped up with water, steam pressure kept up, but not too high, for a plentiful supply of steam, while eyes in the back of your head look out for misbehaving passengers!  
It's fun!

#### **PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2023**

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

**The Parish News is published every  
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## St Alban's Churchyard



How long does it take to mow the average patch of garden lawn? Maybe an hour once a week or a fortnight. What if you had to maintain a piece many times larger? Would you be able to keep up the commitment?

The churchyard that surrounds St Alban's is a considerable size and the aerial photograph shows just how extensive it is. Maintaining the paths, lighting, hedges, gates, mowing and maintaining the

gravestones is a huge responsibility for which there is

no direct Church of England funding. Without the generous efforts of the volunteers that make up The Churchyard Team, we would not be able to keep it at such a high standard. We have a Churchyard Officer (a voluntary role) who leads the team and liaises with funeral directors to organise internments and burials.

He also maintains the records of burials, which is not easy when many of the older graves are dated from the 1700's. Some of them make interesting reading, and many of the older ones have places of residence and family links inscribed on them and can be helpful to amateur historians and genealogists.

A grave plot is a very personal space. It is an important place to come and remember lost loved ones, and family and friends often bring pots of flowers or place items at graves. It would be helpful to the maintenance team if these can be judiciously removed when they have died off or worn. The team try to be sensitive to these items, but it can be tricky to know what to do with many of them when they become tatty and an obstacle to the mowers. Strimmers and mowers can also be damaged and can be expensive to repair and replace. We are grateful to The Friends of St Alban's who help with fundraising to support the fabric and maintenance of the church and the grounds, including helping us purchase equipment when it needs replacing. We don't want to be a churchyard that displays a long list of rules and regulations. We want to be kind to those who are grieving and thoughtful to those who give time and energy to keep the churchyard accessible.



The team work to keep the churchyard a safe place to walk and a place for quiet reflection and prayer. We also aim to leave strategic parts as meadow and we have deliberately planted wildflowers such as cowslips and primroses to sustain the insect and wildlife. We also know that long grass can be tricky to walk through when looking for a particular gravestone and it can be all too easy to catch a foot and stumble. It is a fine balance between environmental sensitivity and safety.

Being part of The Churchyard team is a social thing too. Passers-by often stop for a chat or to offer a drink or a thank you as it is a great service to the village. If you have time to help, please contact one of the Church Wardens. The offer of a one-off session of a couple of hours, or a regular commitment to take on the upkeep of a patch of the churchyard, would be gratefully received.

## **TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**



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On 4th May, an uncontested election led to fifteen Councillors being elected to the Parish Council.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on 15th May in the Barbour Institute when a new Chairman will be elected. A report on this meeting will be available in the next edition.

In the meantime, the Parish Council has been responsible for a number of initiatives around the Coronation of Charles III and a brief roundup is shown below.

A Coronation Garden Party was held on 7th June on the Park School Playing Field, with the school's kind permission. The event took a considerable amount of organising but it all came together on a beautiful sunny afternoon when many residents and visitors gathered to celebrate the coronation of the King.

Karamba Samba entertained while children had donkey rides and attempted the daunting climbing wall. There was Cheshire Farm Ice Cream, Fired Up pizzas and bar, Teas and cakes from Clare's Creations, story telling wit Ellen Edwin-Scott, BeeZoo face painting ... a Garden Party to remember.

On Monday 8th May, the village again came together to join in the Big Help Out with a litter pick organised in conjunction with Sport Tattenhall. Although the weather was poor, lots of people gathered lots of litter and warmed up afterwards with a BBQ at the Flacca.



There was a display of Coronation memorabilia in Rhyoda's window on the High Street. All of the displayed items were provided by local people and it was certainly well worth looking at. Some souvenirs of this year's Coronation are still available from the Parish Council. Get yours and who knows, perhaps it will be part of a future display.

Calling all artists..... we are holding an exciting competition to help design a mosaic which will be created and installed on our High Street to commemorate the Coronation.

We are looking for designs which highlight what we love about living in Tattenhall. There's a poster elsewhere in the magazine or email the Clerk at [clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk).

Many thanks to all Councillors and volunteers who work diligently to put on these events for residents to enjoy. The Parish Council is always happy to have help from anyone who cares to get involved, in whatever way they can.

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**Soup and  
Pudding**

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**St Alban's**

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**All**

**Welcome!**



**The Community Room**

**First Friday of the Month 12-2pm**

What is missing from St Alban's great team of

**VOL NTEE S**

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!



Perhaps an hour or two each  
week whatever the task?

Visit [www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk](http://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.*



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## Your church is open every day

from 10:00am to 5:00pm

*Enjoy the peace and quiet*

*Experience a Church service*

*Join us in a social event*

*Absorb the history of the building*

*Appreciate the floral displays*



**You are always  
welcome**

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of our Services, events and how we can help you.





The speaker at the West Cheshire Rural u3a meeting on June 15th is Ken Pye with a talk titled "Tales of the River and the Sea" This talk is exactly what it 'says on the tin'; a fascinating selection of maritime facts and fantasies from the Liverpool area.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> our speaker is Simon Cork "American Presidents: The Good....The Bad...and the Ugly". This is a light hearted look at some of the more interesting US Presidents, how they came to power and what was happening in their era. What did they achieve, why did they fail, does history show them to be exceptional, atrocious or just plain ordinary.

Meetings opens at 2pm with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm. For details of u3a membership contact our membership secretary Dorothy Turpy at [membershipwcr3a@gmail.com](mailto:membershipwcr3a@gmail.com)



**VSG PPG**  
Village Surgeries Patient Participation Group  
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### **TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOF's)** **Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808**

TOF's meeting in April was the annual Easter Bingo. There were some lovely prizes for lines and houses and it was a very successful afternoon. Huge thanks to Jean Williams for organising the prizes, to all those who helped and to the members and non-members who attended.

Also in April TOF's had their first coach trip of the year to Bridgemere Garden Centre and to Trentham Estate. Once again the weather smiled on us and both places were enjoyed by all who went. In May TOF's was held in the Billiard Room as local elections were taking place in the hall. Members celebrated the Coronation with a festive afternoon tea prepared by the ladies of the committee and raised a toast to King Charles III. Entertainment was provided by Nathan Turner and all members received a commemorative book mark. It was a lovely afternoon and thanks to all those who helped.

TOF's ended May with a coach trip to Southport. Everyone enjoyed strolling in

the town, along the prom and on the pier. Fish, chips and ice cream were eaten but sadly there was no paddling. TOF's next meetings will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August will be the AGM and Summer party.

### **TRAVEL WITH TOF'S**

The following coach trips have been arranged for Spring / Summer 2023:  
Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>                      Aberystwyth  
and Machynlleth  
Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup>                    Llandudno  
Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>              Bakewell  
Departure times will be announced when booking opens

**The days are warmer and so is the welcome at the Barbour Institute on the first Thursday of every month – so come along and be a TOF**



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### Summer 2023 events at the Barbour



Wednesday 31st May, Film Night at the Barbour, A Man Called Otto, 7.30pm start £5 on the door. BYO.

Friday 2nd June, Dark Nights Paranormal Evening, 9pm—2am. [info@barbourinstitute.com](mailto:info@barbourinstitute.com) for details.

Sat 17th June, Aftershock Basix Wrestling, [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) for tickets.

Sunday 25th June, Repair Café.

Weds 28th June, Film Night at the Barbour, Allelujah, 7.30pm start £5 on the door. BYO.

23rd—25th August, Ensemble Summercamp, contact [aislingswift13@gmail.com](mailto:aislingswift13@gmail.com) for details.

30th Aug to 1st September, Ensemble Summercamp, contact [aislingswift13@gmail.com](mailto:aislingswift13@gmail.com) for details.

Sunday 3rd September, Tattenhall Gardening Society Village Show.

Sunday 24th September, Jumble Sale.



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Dispatch!  
Get in touch for details of  
all our party packages,  
whether a Christening,  
Wedding, After Funeral  
Gathering and everything  
in between. With all you  
need, furniture, fully  
stocked kitchens,  
including vintage tea sets,  
music, lights, tech  
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## Meditation in the Church



Our village • Our future



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  
nights draw in!***

***Donations for the upkeep of the  
church are always welcome.***

## 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,  
non-religious  
environment whilst  
talking, listening or  
sharing your journey  
with like-minded  
people.



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## TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB Established in 1982

We meet on Fridays at  
7.00 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](mailto:Val_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk) Tel: 01829  
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## BROWN KNOWL METHODIST CHAPEL

### Rev. Donna Broadbent-Kelly

On Saturday 3rd June at 2.00pm we are  
hosting a Summer Concert by Cantate,  
and on Saturday 8th July at 2.30pm we'll  
be holding the first of our Afternoon teas.  
You are very welcome to join us for these  
events or for Worship at 10.45 am on  
Sunday mornings, and

For any further information please see  
our website, details below, or contact:  
01244 535231 for general Information.

[www.brownknowlmethodist.com](http://www.brownknowlmethodist.com)

## **The Village Surgeries Group**

**The surgery will be  
closed from 1-5.00pm  
on 22nd June and 18th  
July for staff training.**

**Phone lines will  
re-open at 5.00pm  
although the surgery  
will remain closed  
until the following  
morning.**



**POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS**

**EMERGENCY calls ONLY: Ring 999**

**INCIDENT calls: Ring 101**

**Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111**



**6th May 2023**

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