

TATTENHALL, HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025



The Barbour Institute, Tattenhall



Mothering Sunday

at St Alban's

30th March
at 10:30am

A posy of flowers will be presented
to all Mums attending the service

Mothers' Day or Mothering Sunday - How did it start?

About 400 years ago the Christian Church decided that, on the 4th Sunday in Lent, people should visit the largest church or cathedral near to where they live which was called their Mother Church. They also took the opportunity to visit their families, especially Mum, gathering flowers along the way. And so the day became known as Mothering Sunday.

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From Father Lameck

A New Year Message

As the New Year dawns, it is a natural time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future.

Some may feel joy over victories won, while others may feel burdened by failures or disappointments. But no matter where we stand, God is calling us to step forward in faith, trusting Him for a fresh start. Let us begin with hearts full of gratitude and hope, reflecting on God's abundant faithfulness in the year gone by.

The Word of God reminds us in Lamentations 3:22-23: *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness".* Reflecting on the past is important, but dwelling on past failures or even success can hinder our progress. God does not define us by our mistakes. In Isaiah 3:18-19. He says, *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"* Perhaps the past year brought hurt or broken relationships. Let this New Year be a time of forgiveness and reconciliation,

mirroring God's grace toward us.

This New Year is a fresh canvas, painted with the promises of our faithful Lord. It is an opportunity to grow deeper in our walk with Him, to love one another as Christ loves us, and to shine His light in the world around us. Let us commit this year to prayer, worship, and service, trusting that God will lead us into His perfect plans.

May we embrace His guidance and find joy in the journey He has set before us. As we celebrate together, let us remember the words of Philippians 3:13-14:

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Let this be a year of unity, growth, and faith as we seek to glorify Him in all we do. May the love of Christ fill your homes, and may His peace guard your hearts throughout the year ahead.



The Speaker at West Cheshire Rural u3a meeting on February 20th is Mike Royden.

During the English Civil War, Chester was a major Royalist supporter. As Cromwell's army swept across Cheshire, key strategic towns fell one by one and after the Royalist defeat at Rowton Moor, Chester was left vulnerable! Find out what happened next.

Our talk on March 20th is by Eddie Tarry, Community Engagement Manager talking about Life in Styal prison

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 membershipwcu3a@gmail.com



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2022, 2023 and 2024**

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busy social section

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Help a lot

The Church of St. Alban is the living heart of the Tattenhall community. Please consider making a donation to help us keep the lights on and the doors open for all.

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Jane's Jottings

I have come to the conclusion one either loves Christmas or feels it is too much hard work! In my opinion decorations have a lot to do with what category applies to you.

In my younger days when I had endless energy I loved it. The month or so before the day itself was a busy and hectic time. I was always behind schedule but I coped and did not feel guilty knowing I was not going to get round to clearing out the linen cupboard, dust the skirting boards and every other nook and cranny.

These jobs were listed in the checklist of a "Take away the stress of Christmas" article in a magazine I read. I had my own lists (note the plural) and always made the deadline – usually 30 minutes before the start of the Christmas Eve midnight service! A lot of mindless speculation took place when I sat in Church on Christmas Eve - had every woman in the congregation been working like fury for weeks and were they ready? Who still had a turkey to stuff? You know the sort of thing!!

When my children were small we would have a pre-Christmas visit to my Dad and his wife, Evelyn. These visits were festive and jolly but eventually Evelyn announced she was not decorating the house anymore because it was too much effort. From then on the only festive evidence of Christmas was their cards to each other. I think they might have been the same cards resurrected year after year! I remember thinking at the time what a misery – I'll never

be like that!

Now I find a few decades on that putting decorations up is a mammoth task and requires a huge amount of effort. The whole house gets in a muddle making the process a two day job at least. My thirteen year old Granddaughter stayed over last year and was a great help. Being twice the height of me was a distinct advantage – think fairies and trees!

These days the UK keeps up with America as far as leisure/entertainment is concerned but in the 90's when we first started to go to the USA regularly cinemas and shopping malls were massive and a far cry from the English High Street. Often we would come across a Christmas shop which I found magical and full of things that were different and unobtainable in the UK. So each visit would ensure more stock was added to the abundant store I had already.

I decided it would be easier if I didn't have so many things to put out. I determined therefore that nothing would be stashed away unless it was in top condition. Who was I kidding? How could I possibly get rid of the very first advent calendar Caroline had or the stocking Ian made for Tab the cat. The worn out scruffy baubles used to go on our tree every year when I was a child – they are heirlooms! So yet again 14 boxes are back in the loft waiting for me to face the challenge.

I still love Christmas but decorations have a lot to answer for!



Palm Sunday

at St Alban's

13th April
at 10:30am

**The congregation will receive
Palm Crosses at today's Services**

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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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF CHESTER

As we approach a new year, do you think God might be calling you or someone you know, into some new form of service or ministry? The Diocese of Chester is going to run a "Called to Serve" event for people who want to find out more about different ways of serving, especially in ordained ministry or licensed ministry.

In 2025 Called to Serve will be hitting the road, with shorter events across the year, in multiple locations across the diocese. Booking dates below.



CALL TO SERVE ROAD SHOW EVENTS : Thursday 27th February
Place- Elworth St Peter CW11 3HU Time: 7-9 pm
Email ministry@chester.anglican.org

News From Malpas Deanery

Our Next Deanery Chapter is to be held at St Helen Tarpoley on 6th February 2025

THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER



ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL

Tattenhall Park School Christmas Nativity Service

The church would like to thank the School for holding the Christingle Service and their Nativity Play in church. Each year our school children are bringing the light in our church and community through their performances during the festive season.

The Lantern Parade, which was led by Father Lameck from the Barbour Institute to the church, was an exciting festival journey which ended with our children entertaining us with the 'Nativity Play'. The church was packed with parents and grandparents who came to witness the performance. We continue to give thanks to the Head and Staff of Park School for all their effort in building strong ties with church, community and our school. God bless you all and Happy New Year.



Carol Singing In' The Letters' It was once again that joyful evening of Carol singing in the Letters on the 10th December. It was an evening of joy as everyone joined in the singing of twenty Carols that evening. Thanks to Jan from the Letters for allowing us to

Easter Communion

Should any who are house-bound wish to receive the Holy Communion at Easter, the Rector will bring the sacrament to them. Please let me know.

Loss Cafe

Our next Loss Cafes for February and March are on Friday 28th February and Friday 28th March in the Community Room from 10am- 12pm.
Please get in touch with Father Lameck for any information relating to the 'Loss Café'

From the Registers



Baptisms

Saturday 30th November
Saturday 30th November
Sunday 5th January

JAtaram Danashe Chisango
Luyando Isaac Chisango
Willow Bond

Weddings



Raymond Munodeyi and Vanessa Mutete

Congratulations on your wedding day and best wishes for a happy life together! Watching you together walking down that aisle was like catching a sunrise. We all witnessed the start of a blessed marriage.



Lucy Carruthers and James Stubbs

Congratulations and best wishes for your life journey together. It was a magical winter wedding, full of happiness and festive cheer. Wishing you both a blessed and happy marriage



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

The year 2024 was a difficult one. We lost one of our church leaders; Rory Lea. Rory will always be remembered for all his hard work and contribution to the life of our church and beyond. This was a sad loss to all of us. May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who came and supported Jan and family members in their sad loss.



Carol Service and Christmas 2024

We give thanks to Fanny Cook and family for assisting us in making our Carol and Christmas Services a success The Carol Service was well attended but it was our Christmas service that left everyone in tears after the Cook family sang at the end of the service. What a Christmas service to remember.

Thanks to all our dear parishioners who came to participate in our annual festival services. The church looked beautiful with all the festival decorations. Thanks to all who assisted in the decoration of our parish church.

OBITUARY

RORY JOHN SPENCER LEA 1950 - 2024

Except for a few years when he attended school in Edinburgh and went to university, Rory lived close to Chester all his life - in Waverton, Dodleston and finally Handley where he moved with his wife Jan, and sons Alasdair and James just over 30 years ago. He read Law at Cambridge, and after qualifying as a solicitor he joined Mason and Moore Dutton, Chester, becoming senior partner before his retirement in 2015. He was a member of Chester City Club, Chester Caledonian Association and Handley and Milton Green Parish Council. He had a life long interest in music particularly choral singing and sang in numerous local choirs. After his retirement he chaired the Board of Trustees of Save the Family, a local charity he felt passionate about. He worshipped at All Saints Handley where he served as Church Warden and was a member of the PCC for many years.

May his soul rest in peace eternally and rise in glory.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

St John's team would like to thank our congregation, parishioners and volunteers for their support over the past year and to wish them and everyone a happy and peaceful 2025.



Services

Fr Lameck led a full church at St Johns Remembrance Service on November 10th. The names of the young men from Burwardsley who fought in WW1 or WW2 were especially commemorated with a reading of their names by our treasurer David Ashley.

St Johns Carol Service

Despite the foul weather our Christmas carol service on December 8th saw a packed St John's singing heartily led by Rachel at the organ. Following the service led by Fr Lameck the congregation made their way to Burwardsley Village Hall for supper prepared by the village hall committee. We were entertained with music and song; the highlight of the evening being our very own Barbara Sculthorpe playing her ukulele. Money raised at the party has been divided between St Johns and Burwardsley Village Committee. Thank you to all involved for organising such a wonderful evening.

Carols at The Pheasant Inn

Once again The Pheasant Inn kindly hosted an evening of carol singing. Thanks go to The Pheasant Inn management and Jeanne Parsons for facilitating the evening. Money raised has been donated to St Johns.

Songs of Praise

The next Songs of Praise will be Sunday February 9th at 4-30 pm and Sunday March 9th at 4-30pm. Please join us and sing your favourite hymns followed by home-made cake and a cuppa.

St Johns

St John's Caretaker team and Fr Lameck will be meeting in February to discuss the management and future of the church. More volunteers (especially from Burwardsley)

would make a huge difference in the area of maintenance and general duties that help to keep St John's open. The current caretaker team are based outside of Burwardsley apart from Barbara Sculthorpe who has diligently opened and closed the church for a number of years. Perhaps if you have a couple of hours a month to spare, you might consider becoming involved and help us to keep out little church on the hill open for all to enjoy.

Once again we are appealing to you to consider making a regular monthly donation by standing order if you wish to see St Johns remain open.

Our Bank details are:

Nat West Bank Sort Code 60 40 08

Account No 03377741

Account Name Burwardsley Parochial Church Council

Funeral in Church

28th November 2024

John Ernest Jacks (84 years)



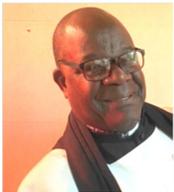
BROWN KNOWL METHODIST CHAPEL

**Rev. Donna Broadbent-Kelly
01948 664369**

You are welcome to join us for worship on Sunday Mornings at 10.45am followed by Coffee and biscuits.

For any further information and details of Christmas services, please phone or see our website. Details below or contact 01244 535231 for general information.

Website: www.brownknowlmethodist.com



A Message from The Church Wardens

Father Lameck has just passed his Twenty-Year Milestone as a minister in Tattenhall and we are planning to mark the

occasion in some way. We are still considering options, so ideas are welcome.

Reverend Canon Lameck Mutete was born in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, during the early sixties. His place of birth is about twelve miles away from Rusape in a small loving rural community called Hera.

He is the third of nine children. Lameck is married to Perpetua. As a young boy, it was always his desire to become a teacher but instead he became a police officer. It was in the course of time that the sense of calling

became apparent and, in 1994, Lameck went for ordination training. In 1996, he was made deacon and the following year, he was ordained priest in Harare St Mary's Cathedral. After ordination, he continued to serve as a Police Chaplain while at the same time helping as a non-Stipendiary clergy in Church. In 1997 he served at St Luke's Greendale in Harare and in 1999 he was acting Dean of the Cathedral before moving to St Paul's Highfields as Rector in 2001.

In 2003, Father Lameck left Zimbabwe for the United Kingdom, and in December 2004 was appointed the first African Rector of St Alban's, Tattenhall and All Saints, Handley and St John's Burwardsley. He has brought with him a wealth of experience in both rural and urban ministry and pastoral care and he has become a significant character in the lives of so many of our village.

TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL



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Telephone: 01948 861035 Email: clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk

The Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on 2nd December in the Barbour Institute.

Among the items discussed was the Neighbourhood Plan Review which would now go forward to Regulation 14 consultation. Following responses to this wider consultation, any necessary changes would be made before the revised plan was submitted for formal examination.

A Planning Application from Inspired Villages for 27 units was considered and it was agreed that the Parish Council would submit a strong objection to the proposal adding the following conditions if the Borough Council Planning Committee is minded to approve the application:

- That a legal agreement is put in place to ensure that C2/extra care is delivered on the site.
- That 30% affordable properties are delivered as part of the application.
- That a legal agreement is put in place to substantially reduce the service charge on the affordable properties.
- That S106 funding is allocated to flood investigation and remediation following significant flooding of Frog Lane near the site.
- That S106 funding is allocated for a feasibility study re the old railway line from Newton Lane to Frog Lane to be a bridleway/footpath/cycle way.

The Clerk reported that CWaC were planning to charge Parish Councils for putting up bunting or Christmas lights across a highway in future. This would amount to a charge of £210.40 for the period when the Christmas lights are up, and that the following year would see a one off charge of £378.50. Councillors noted that CWaC do not put up the lights, nor do they own the buildings on which the lights are secured. It was agreed to submit a Freedom of Information request to determine whether Chester City Council had a licence and who funded it.

The next meeting of the Council would be on 13th January when the Precept would be discussed and agreed.

Parish Council meetings are open to residents who are invited to take part in the public participation part of the meeting.

The Agenda can be found on the Parish Council website in advance of each meeting.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S

Monday 14th April

- Compline 7:00pm

Tuesday 15th April

- Holy Communion 7:00pm

Wednesday 16th April

- Holy Communion 10:00am

- Compline 7:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 17th April

- Eucharist of the Last
Supper 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 18th April

- Service 10:30am

Saturday 19th April

- Compline 7:00pm

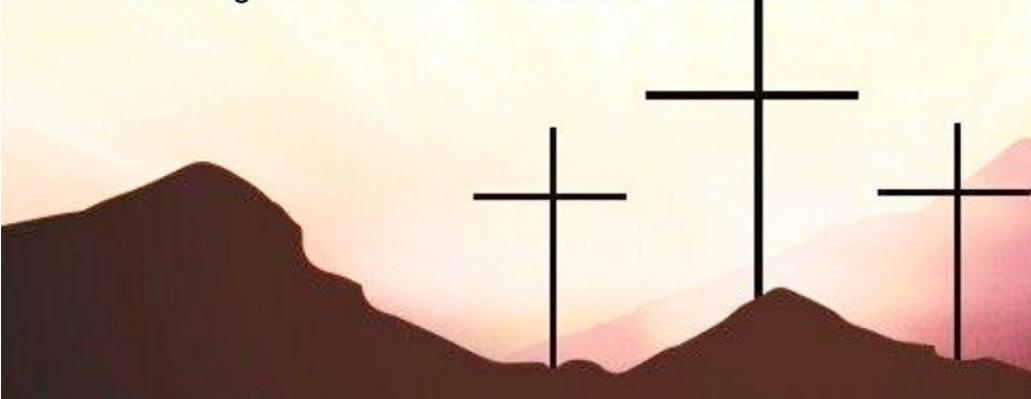
EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 20th April

- Holy Communion 8:00am

- Easter Eucharist 10:30am *

Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Easter Garden



* There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children attending this Service
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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
nights draw in!
Donations for the upkeep of the
church are always welcome.***

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.

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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**Easter Day
at St Alban's**

**Sunday
20th April**

Holy Communion - 8:00am

Easter Eucharist - 10:30am

*Blessing of the Paschal Candle
and Easter Garden*

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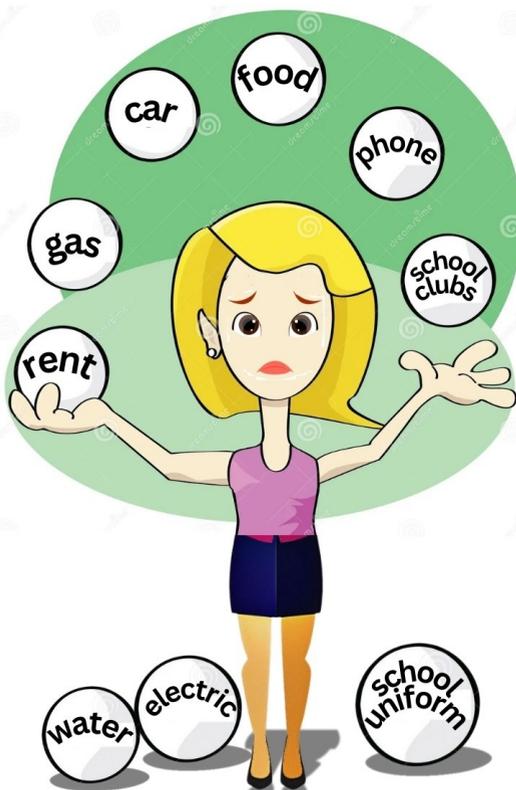


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Time on your hands?

...and looking for ways to keep your mind active, learn new skills and meet like-minded people? West Cheshire U3A is here for you!

We are a vibrant, friendly community offering a wide range of activities, interest groups, and events which include Calligraphy, Mah-Jong, Birdwatching, Walking, and even Ukulele groups, as well as many others.

u3a is all about learning and fun and there's no pressure or qualifications. It's a chance to explore your passions, discover new interests, and forge meaningful friendships. Come along to our **Open Day** to explore the wide variety of groups and activities and see how you can get involved.

Open Day - Thursday 13th March 2-4pm

Barbour Institute Tattenhall

Whether you're interested in learning a new skill or brushing up an old one, or just enjoying a good cup of coffee with friendly faces, West Cheshire U3A has something for you. We'd love to welcome you to our community – see you at the Open Day!

Tattenhall Music Society 20th Anniversary Season

Sunday February 9th 2025 at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall

6.30pm doors open 5.45pm

“Live @ the Barbour”

An evening of surprises with a wide range of music from Flamenco to trumpet specials and piano delights ... all led by

Roberto Carillo Garcia, double base

accompanied by Hallé trumpeter, Tom Osborne

& Lithuanian pianist, Lauryna Sableviciute

The evening will be café style in tables of 4 or 8 with a wine bar Tickets £13 (under 18 years are free)

and can be purchased on the door ...no advance tickets required cash or card payment accepted

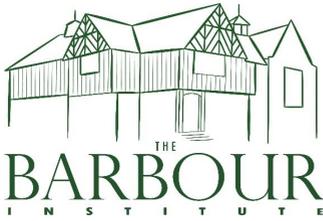
Enquiries Anne McGrath 01829 770932



The Village Surgeries Group

**The surgery will be
closed on 4th
February and 12th
March from
1.00pm.**

**Phone lines will
switch to NHS 111
at 1.00pm on
training afternoons.**



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Regular Classes from January 2025

Monday

09.15 – 10.15 Queen Bee Fit

18.00-19.00 Tai Chi

19.30-21.00 Iyengar Yoga

Tuesday

10.00-12.00 Drop-in Coffee Morning

10.00-12.00 U3A Discussion

20.00-21.30 Tattenhall Singers

Wednesday

4.00-5.30 Junior Ensemble Performing Arts

7.15 Tattenhall Gardening Society (2nd Weds of the month)

Thursday

09.30-10.30 RAK Pilates

14.00-15.30 Circle Dancing

14.00-16.00 TOFS

14.00-16.00 U3A Monthly Mtg – 3rd Thursday of the month

17.45-18.45 Improvers/ Intermediate Pilates

17.00-20.00 Beginners and Improvers Pilates

Upcoming events

Saturday 8th Feb – Quilting event—see our Facebook page for further details

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

Are you interested?



After over 2000 Friday
night meetings
Tattenhall Bridge Club
is considering a move to a
**THURSDAY
AFTERNOON**

Numbers have fallen during recent
years and a Friday evening seems to be
a barrier towards recruiting new
members.

If you are free on a Thursday afternoon
and would be interested in joining /
visiting the club please contact me. We
play duplicate bridge and promise a
relaxed and friendly environment.

We meet in the Community Room of St
Albans Church.

Email: Val.Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk

Phone: 01829 770781

Val Meeks
Club Secretary

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2024

Please remember that if you miss the
deadline your item may not be
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**The Parish News is published
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Deadlines for 2025:

**14th March, 9th May, 11th July,
12th September, 14th November**

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Loss Café at St Alban's



The Loss Café is not a religious group. It is for all people from all walks of life who would like to share their moments of despair and how they are managing their respective situations. Loss is not always about death but anything that adds value to your life. Please let us know if you would like to join the Loss Café either as:

- a. A volunteer just to make tea/coffee for others
- b. A member of the loss Café willing to come and share, listen or teach

If you fall into one of the above categories, please get in touch with:
Father Lameck-01829 770245/07903951541

N.B. We only meet once a month on the last Friday in the morning. The next meeting is on Friday 28th February.

Don't be Alone! Just come and share

Come along to the loss café where you can get a cup of tea and cake in a friendly environment while talking, listening or sharing your journey with like-minded people. We offer all kinds of advice/positive solutions/counselling/advice on hobbies/home visits/guest speakers.



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 (Steve Laurence 0795 890 0184).

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