

**TATTENHALL, HANDLEY
& BURWARDSLEY
PARISH NEWS**

February/March 2026



HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S

Monday 30th March

- Compline 7:00pm

Tuesday 31st March

- Holy Communion 7:00pm

Wednesday 1st April

- Holy Communion 10:00am

- Compline 7:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 2nd April

- Eucharist of the Last
Supper 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 3rd April

- Service 10:30am

Saturday 4th April

- Compline 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 5th April

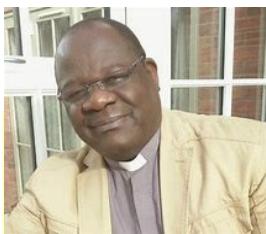
- Holy Communion 8:00am

- Easter Eucharist 10:30am *

Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Easter Garden



* There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children attending this Service
search 'tattenhall church' for full details of our Services, events and how we can help you.



Greetings from the Rector

Beloved in Christ, as we step into a new year, we do so with grateful hearts and renewed hope, trusting in the faithfulness of our God. The year behind us has carried both blessings and burdens, yet through every moment we have seen the steady hand of the Lord guiding, sustaining, and strengthening us. We had moments of joy and moments of challenge, times of celebration and times that tested our strength. Let us reflect on the Advent trail, Nativity Play, Carol Services/ singing and all the festival services we held. All this reminds us of the love our community has and the unity that prevails in all sectors of our lives. The Scriptures remind us: *'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His mercies never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness'* (Lamentations 3:22–23).

A new year is a living testimony that God's mercy is still at work among us, calling us forward with fresh purpose. In the days ahead, may we place our hope firmly in Christ, who is our light in every season and our anchor in uncertain times. Let us walk into this year with courage, choosing faith over fear, love over division, and grace over despair. May our lives reflect the hope we have received, becoming a witness of Christ's love in our homes, our church, and our community.

May this year be one in which our homes are filled with peace, our communities are strengthened by kindness, and our hearts remain open to those in need. May we be people who listen more deeply, forgive more freely, and serve more generously. May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and may this new year be filled with hope, joy, and the assurance of God's abiding presence. Happy New Year, and may God's peace be with you always.

Father Lameck



A Warm Welcome to Chester Cathedral

The cathedral is our mother church and many of us may not know that there is so much for us to go and see. It is not only a vibrant community of worship but it is an ancient abbey, an archaeological treasure, a cultural hub as well as a centre of musical excellence and a unique blend of medieval and modern history.

Make a visit to Chester cathedral this year one of your new year's resolutions.



Mothering Sunday

at St Alban's

15th 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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FINANCIAL PROBLEMS?



Have you got enough money to pay for everything you need this month?

Are you worried about how much you owe on your electricity bill?

Are you wondering how you can get that school sweater and pay for the school trip?

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tattenhall.cares@gmail.com**

All applications and transactions are strictly confidential

Jane's Jottings

What happened to me last issue? I missed the deadline. I didn't actually miss it, more I misinterpreted it. I don't know how I managed that. I shall blame it on pre-Christmas angst and all the jobs I had to do before we went off for a week to Anglesey. The irony is I submitted the article in very good time or so I thought. As it turned out I was very late! Unfortunately, I couldn't use it this time because the content was based around the festive season. The only bit I can crib is to say Happy New Year!

I belong to the U3A Music Appreciation group which I really enjoy. We sit and listen to a wide range of every type of music which is great, but I find it very difficult to sit and do nothing for two hours. It would be an ideal time to do the ironing but up to the time of writing no iron or ironing board has appeared in the Church Community room. I could take my own but that would be silly! Recently I took a couple of bits of sewing although I spent most of the time trying to thread the needle! As we were leaving a fellow attendee suggested I write about "A Stitch in time" in my jottings. I am not sure what he meant exactly but I gave the idea

some thought and realised how appropriate those words are for me. I know I should put the light on before I attempt to find something in a darkish room, I know it is easier to put on trousers with bare feet, I know I should put my glasses on before I look at my phone and I know I shouldn't stretch myself silly to reach something when all I need to do is move closer or re position myself. Do I do these things? Rarely.

As you know (if you consult google) "A stitch in time" is a proverb. There are loads of them and they all make a lot of sense. I can't think of any that are wrong or unpleasant although I stand to be corrected. What I would like to know is how did they come about, who are these clever prophetic people who have issued so much wise advice? Here is a small collection. Look before you leap, actions speak louder than words, when in Rome do as the Romans do, don't count your chickens before they are hatched, the early bird catches the worm, a leopard can't change its spots, make haste while the sun shines.

If we lived our life according to the Book of Proverbs, would we be in the perfect place?



Tattenhall Music Society Sunday, February 8th 2026

at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall

“Sunday Night is Music Night @ the Barbour”

A café style evening with Ronan Dunne, double bass and his operatic sister Alison Dunne A delightful evening of music and song from two very popular artists

Concerts start at 6.30pm, doors open 5.45pm

Tickets £14 (under 18 years are free) and can be purchased on the door .
cash or card payment. Enquiries to:

Anne McGrath 01829 770932/ mcgrath.prickleygreen@btopenworld.com

Sunday March 8th 2026

and a return to St. Alban's Parish Church of the fabulous duo ...

Steven Osborne, piano and his wife, Jean Johnson, clarinet

A wonderful evening of music to complete the TMS Season

Concert starts at 6.30pm, doors open 5.45pm



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
Burwardsley	Barbara Sculthorpe	770418

Deanery News:

The next Deanery Chapter is to be held at St. Helen's, Tarporley on 2nd February.

THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER



ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL

Tattenhall Park School Christmas Nativity Play

Thank you so much to all the Tattenhall Park children, teachers, and staff for such a wonderful nativity play. The performances were joyful, confident, and full of Christmas spirit, and it was clear how much hard work and care went into every part of the production. It was a delight to watch and a lovely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Well done to everyone involved. God bless you all and Happy New Year.



Carol Singing In' The Letters'

Thank you so much to all the Carol Singers for such a wonderful evening at the 'The Letters'. Your singing created a truly festive atmosphere and brought a lot of joy to everyone there. It was a pleasure to listen to you, and you made the night feel very special. The community came together and celebrated the festive season with joy and laughter. Thank you for the donation raised for the church and in memory of the late Glyn who supported both church and community before the Lord called him home. Thanks Carol and Jan for making this possible. Once again, many thanks and Happy New Year to you all.

The Carol Service

Thank you to our wonderful community choir. The Tattenhall Singers, and the Tattenhall Church choir for the breathtaking gift you shared with us through the carols. Your voices filled the space with such beauty, reverence, and joy. Your angelic voices truly filled

the whole church and brought to us all the spirit of Christmas. You did not just sing, you carried us into the heart of the season, stirring awe, reflection, and deep gratitude. We are so thankful for the time, care, and passion you bring to your music, and for the way you unite and uplift our community. What an unforgettable blessing.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one who celebrated Christmas with St Alban's. The Advent calendar windows, the lantern workshop, the church decorations, the singers the bellringers, and everyone who played a part in organising Christmas events. Your dedication is a blessing. Thank you all for sharing your talents so generously.

Please note The Rector is away until the end of the month.

Lenten Course 2026

Theme: “Walking Into the Light” From 25th February- 25th March Time: 6-7 pm

Throughout Lent we move *from darkness into light*—a journey from sin and separation toward reconciliation with God through Christ. Each week focuses on passages revealing **who God is, who we are, and how we are transformed in Christ.**

Each week includes: **Scripture Focus, Reflection Questions, Prayer, Action/Practice The Programme**

25 th February	Repentance and Return Joel 2:2-12 and Mathew 6:1-6,16-18	What does true repentance look like? How am I called to return to the Lord?
4 th March	The Word before all Genesis 1:1-2:3 & John 1:1-18	In Christ the Word, all meaning and life are rooted. How does this change how I see daily life?
11 th March	Calling out of comfort Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33	Where is God inviting you to trust and move forward?
18 th March	God reveals His name and mission Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 103:1-12	How does God's promise shape your identity?
25 th March	Temptation and deliverance Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 91; Matthew 4:1-11	What “wilderness” are you facing? Where do you seek God there?

Mothering Sunday- 15th March:

The service will have a family flavour, and we invite all our parishioners and visitors who may be in our area during that weekend to attend.

Services at St. Alban's in Holy Week and at Easter

Palm Sunday	March 29th: (the beginning of Holy Week)	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist
<i>Palm Crosses will be distributed at all services</i>			
Monday	March 30th	7.00 pm	Compline
Tuesday	March 31st	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday	April 1st	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Holy Communion Compline
Maundy Thursday	April 2nd	7.00pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper

Good Friday	April 3rd	10.30am	The Service of Good Friday
Easter Eve	April 4th	7.00pm	Compline
Easter Day	April 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Easter Eucharist,

Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Easter Garden

We hope that you will be able to come and worship not only on Easter Day but on the earlier days also, thus entering into the whole Easter observance of the church.

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.

From the Registers



Baptism

Sunday 30th November
Saturday 13th December

Georgina Katherine Selby
Anesu Z. Chisango



Confirmation

On December 13th five of our young congregation were confirmed in faith by the Bishop of Chester, The Right Reverend, Mark Tanner. Congratulations to you all!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

As we come to the end of this year, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your faithfulness, generosity, and support throughout the past twelve months. Thank you for your commitment to our worship, for your prayers, and for the many ways you serve our parish community—often quietly and without recognition. I am deeply grateful to all who give their time and talents, and to those who support the church so generously as 'Friends of All Saints'. This year has brought both joys and challenges, and it has been a privilege to walk with you through them as your priest. Your kindness, encouragement, and fellowship are a great blessing to me and to one another. As we look ahead to the coming year, I pray that God will continue to guide us, strengthen our faith, and draw us closer together in love and service. Happy New Year to you and all you love.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY



From The Burwardsley Leadership Team

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this New Year, I thank God for each one of you and for the gift of our parish family. Your faith, prayers, generosity, and willingness to serve have been a true blessing throughout the past year. I am deeply grateful for your commitment to worship, your care for one another, and your support of the Church's mission. Whether through visible service or quiet acts of kindness, you have reflected Christ's love in our community. As we step into this New Year, may the Lord renew our hearts with hope, strengthen us in faith, and guide us in love. Let us continue to walk together, trusting in God's grace and seeking to serve Him faithfully in all that we do. May God bless you and your families with peace, good health, and abundant grace in the year ahead. Happy New Year to you all.

The Pheasant Carol Singing 2025 :Thank you very much for welcoming us into the Pheasant. The evening was full of joy and laughter as we sang our carols together as a community. We are also very grateful for the generous donation to the church. We truly appreciate your kindness and support. It was lovely to share the festive spirit with you and your customers, and your hospitality helped make the evening especially enjoyable. Donations such as yours make a real difference and are greatly valued.

Church Services: The church is available for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please get in touch with the rector or any of our team members. We meet once a month for our Songs of Praise on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 4.30 pm. To those who would like Communion, please note that you can attend such services at St Alban's Tattenhall. (please see the church service page enclosed in this magazine)

St Johns has survived for another year. A special thanks go to our loyal congregation and the people of Burwardsley for their support over the past twelve months, Thank you for the grass cutting, fundraising, baking, delivering Parish Magazine, and generally giving of your time; to Sheryl (Poffee) for so generously saying 'yes' to requests to sell raffle tickets, door tickets, collect harvest festival donations and much more.

St Johns financial situation remains finely balanced and 2026 will continue to be a struggle to keep our little church on the hill open. One way you can help us is to consider making a regular monthly donation by standing order. Alternatively you might consider the Legacy Pot Scheme by collecting twelve of the small yellow Legacy Pot envelopes at the back of the church and donating a small amount each month.

For those happy to donate via standing order our bank details are:

Nat West Bank Sort Code 60 40 08

Account No 03377741

Account Name: Burwardsley Parochial Parish Church

Easter Day

at St Alban's

Sunday 5th April

Holy Communion - 8:00am

Easter Eucharist - 10:30am

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THE CHURCH BELLS AT ST. ALBANS



Have you heard the Church bells ringing and wondered how it is done?
Did you see the film the Park School children made with the short clip of our bells being rung?

We are seeking people to join us to keep our bells ringing. Three of our bells are 430 years old this year! The youngest is 122 years old.

Anyone aged from 10 years upwards could potentially ring. If you are interested in finding out more and would like to have a try contact **Carolyn on 07881827430**. Practice night is Tuesday 7.30, but we also have other occasions for learners on silenced bells.

Give a little



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.

Scan the QR code to make a donation of whatever you can afford – it will be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, you could use the

Bank Transfer system

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(Tattenhall Parochial Church Council)

Help a lot *Search online for 'tattenhall church' for details of our Services, events and how we can help you.*



Before you throw it away, bring along your broken or damaged items and find out if our expert volunteers can breathe new life into a once useful piece of clothing or equipment.

You'll find the Repair Café at the Barbour Institute on the last Sunday morning of each month, unless otherwise notified.



Parish Clerk: Ann Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, SY14 8QH
Telephone: 01948 861035 Email: clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk



Tattenhall & District Parish Council has 1 Councillor vacancy



*We need people to speak up....
People who care about their community....
& Who want to get involved....
...the question is, is it you?*

To apply please send your contact details plus a short explanation as to why you would like to join the Council to the Clerk to the Council.

For more information or to apply contact the Clerk:
Ann Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8QH.
Tel: 01948 861035 E mail: clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk

The Tractors were back in Tattenhall on 28th November delighting everyone who saw them with their colourful and imaginative displays. This year the Parish Council was raising money for Prostate Cancer UK and Cancer Research.

Barbour Square was alive with stalls selling food, crafts and floral items and Alison's Café was buzzing with customers.

That night saw the Christmas light switch which illuminated the village for the festive season.

As part of the Parish Council's community Christmas, the Snowman Trail was back. Eight lit up snowmen were placed on the High Street and children were invited to find a letter hidden on each one to make a Christmas word. Prizes were given to the successful players at the Spar, Tattenhall.

Letters to Santa also proved popular. The post box on the sleigh was kept full and those children who wrote to Father Christmas received a personal letter back from the North Pole.

Now, it's back to the serious business of Planning, Flooding and the Neighbourhood Plan review, all of which are important to the village.

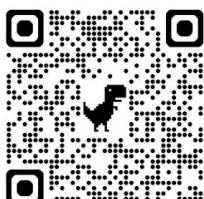
The Parish Council wishes everyone A Happy New Year.

WHO CARES?

if you can't pay your bills



TATTENHALL CARES does!



Contact - Jane on 01829 770482

Email - tattenhall.cares@gmail.com

Dedicated Post Box - in the Church porch

scan me! or visit tattenhallchurch.co.uk/tattenhall-cares

Family Service with Communion

First Sunday of the month
at 10:30am

Breakfast and fellowship
before and after the service.

Sunday school
craft activity.

A very warm
welcome for all.



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The speaker at the West Cheshire Rural U3a monthly meeting on 19th February is Martin Gaffney. His talk "**A strange thing happened to me on the way to the Police Station**" is an A-Z of funny stories and anecdotes seen from the Police Service to the public.

On March 19th our speaker is Colin Penny with his talk "**Cuthbert the Bad and the Lancashire Witches**". The trials of the Lancashire Witches that took place at Lancaster Castle in 1612 are amongst the most famous and infamous in English History. The talk will reveal the real instigator of the trials and his motive

Join us at the Barbour Institute Tattenhall from 2pm. with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm. For more information on u3a membership contact our membership secretary at membershipwcru3a@gmail.com

TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOF's)

Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808

TOF's ended 2025 with a Christmas Bingo in November which helped to provide some funds; and in December had a lovely Christmas Lunch provided by Alisons Country Kitchen followed by great entertainment from LeeAnn James with members singing along to the songs.

Sanctuary Housing chose TOF's as its Christmas charity and provided items to make up hampers to raffle and some other items kept for forthcoming raffles. Thank you to them and to all who organised the Christmas event

The Meeting on 9th January was a fun quiz with a box of chocccies as a prize and then there was discussion about places to visit on the coming years coach trips.

The next meeting of TOF's will take place

on Thursday 5th February and the speaker will be Steve telling us about the wonderful work done by Blood Bikes. Subsequent meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month, 2 to 4 pm in the Main Hall of the Barbour Institute.

We also run several coach trips each year and have been to places as diverse as Boundary Mill, Ludlow and Anglesey to the always popular visit to Llandudno

We are a fun group who have speakers, entertainers quizzes, bingo, a Summer and Christmas Party at our meetings throughout the year and we always end our afternoons with tea / coffee, biscuits and a raffle. There is no membership fee just a £2 payment each time you attend a meeting.

It's a New Year, time for a new challenge, so why not come along and be a TOF

The Village Surgeries Group

**The surgery will be
closed on
3rd February 2026
from 1.00pm.
Phone lines will
switch to NHS 111
at 1.00pm on
training
afternoons.**

Palm Sunday

at St Alban's

**29th March
at 10:30am**

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

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**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 please phone or see our website. Details below or contact 01244 535231 for general information.
Website: www.brownknowlmethodist.com

**Tattenhall Bridge
Club**
**THURSDAY
AFTERNOONS**



We meet on a Thursday in the Community Room of St Alban's Church from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. to play duplicate bridge. We promise a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Not suitable for beginners but a good first duplicate club for those familiar with rubber / Chicago play. If interested please contact: Val Meeks

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

**Val Meeks
Club Secretary**

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2026

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

**The Parish News is published every second month.
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10th July; 11th September;
13th 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.

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).

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INCIDENT calls: Ring 101

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