

**TATTENHALL, HANDLEY
& BURWARDSLEY
PARISH NEWS**
August/September 2026

The Two Fonts at St Alban's Church



Every Anglican church has a font used for baptising children into the Church. St Alban's is unusual in having not one, but two fonts, each with its own fascinating history.

The older of the two is quite small and can be found tucked into the corner of the north aisle, beside the organ screen. It has clearly seen centuries of use, with its surface heavily worn and marked. Today it appears rather short, suggesting that its original plinth or base has been lost over the years. It is thought to date from the eighteenth century and would have been used in the earlier church that stood on this site before the rebuilding of St Alban's in 1870.

Traditionally, baptismal fonts are placed near the entrance to a church. They symbolise welcome into the Christian community and mark the beginning of a lifelong spiritual journey for those baptised. When the newly rebuilt church opened in 1870, a larger and more elaborate font was installed in keeping with the grandeur of the new building.

Fonts are traditionally either circular, representing the circle of life, or octagonal, symbolising "The Eighth Day". In Christian tradition, the Eighth Day represents new creation and eternal life through Christ. It signifies freedom from the bondage of death and the beginning of a new life of faith.

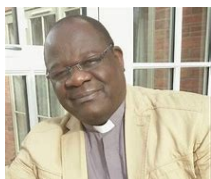
The font still used today stands beneath the bell tower. It was presented by the Reverend H. Smith "in memory of his little child". Church records show that it cost £20 and that it is beautifully carved with animals and Christian symbols. Around its eight sides runs the inscription:

"Their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

The church records for 1870 list two rectors at St Alban's—Reverend Fielding Ould and Reverend Arthur Holmes—so it is not immediately clear what connection the Reverend H. Smith had with the parish. What is certain is that the loss of a young child was commemorated with a memorial of remarkable beauty and lasting significance.

The ornamental oak cover was added much later, in 1887. It was donated by Mrs Daisy Smith in memory of her husband, Leslie Boot, RAFVR (1907–1943). Military records reveal that Flight Sergeant Boot served as a navigator and was killed in action, along with the six other members of his Lancaster bomber crew, during a raid over Scholven, Germany. What remains a mystery is his connection with Tattenhall.





Living in the season of Trinity

After the great celebrations of Christmas, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost,

the Church enters into what is known as the **Season of Trinity** or **Ordinary Time**. At first glance, it may seem a quieter period in the Church's year, with fewer major festivals. Yet it is during these weeks and months that we discover what it truly means to live as followers of Christ in our everyday lives.

Trinity Sunday reminds us of the wonderful mystery at the heart of our faith: one God, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

While we may never fully understand this mystery, we are invited to experience it. The love shared within the Trinity overflows into creation, into the life of the Church, and into each one of us. We are created to live in relationship with God and with one another. The weeks that follow Trinity Sunday encourage us to put our faith into practice. The Gospel readings lead us through many of Jesus' teachings and miracles. We hear his call to love our neighbours, forgive generously, care for those in need, seek justice, and trust in God's faithful presence. Rather than focusing on one dramatic event, this season asks a simple but profound question:

How do we live as disciples day by day?

The colour used in church during this season is green, symbolising growth and new life. It is an appropriate reminder that faith is not meant to stand still. Just as gardens flourish with careful tending, our spiritual lives grow through prayer, worship, reading Scripture, acts of kindness, and serving others. Growth is often gradual and sometimes unnoticed, but God continues his patient work within us.

The Season of Trinity also offers an opportunity to appreciate the rhythm of parish life as we celebrate such activities like

the 'Fete' and flower festivals. Without the busyness of the great festivals, there is space to deepen friendships, welcome newcomers, support local outreach, and strengthen our shared worship. It is often in these ordinary moments that God works most powerfully. Our world can sometimes seem divided and uncertain. The life of the Trinity offers a different vision: one of perfect love, unity and self-giving. As we seek to reflect that divine love in our homes, workplaces and community, we become witnesses to Christ in the places where we spend most of our lives. As we journey through these green weeks together, may we not think of them as "ordinary" in the sense of being unimportant. Instead, they are the seasons in which the extraordinary grace of God quietly shapes ordinary people into faithful disciples. May this Season of Trinity be a time of renewed faith, growing hope and generous love for us all.

From The Church Calendar

29th September- The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels, often called **Michaelmas**, is a Christian feast celebrated on **29 September** each year. It honours the three archangels named in the Bible:

- **Michael** – the leader of God's heavenly army, known for defeating evil and protecting God's people.
- **Gabriel** – God's messenger, announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.
- **Raphael** – associated with healing and guidance, especially in the Book of Tobit. The feast celebrates God's protection, the ministry of angels, and the victory of good over evil. Christians are encouraged to give thanks for God's care, seek the intercession and example of the angels, and renew their commitment to service.

A huge
THANK YOU!

TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR

Village Church Fete



WE RAISED
OVER
£4,500



These funds will help
**sustain the life, ministry
and ongoing maintenance**
of St Albans Church,
ensuring it continues to serve
our community for years to come.



It was a wonderful day of *friendship, fun, music,*
delicious refreshments, and community spirit.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU –

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Thank You from St Alban's Church, Tattenhall

A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped make our **Church Village Fete** such a wonderful success on Saturday, July 4th.

To all our volunteers, stallholders, bakers, entertainers, musicians, and everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes – we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you also to everyone who came along to support us. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the music, delicious refreshments, home baking, games, and spending time together.

We were blessed with perfect weather to enjoy a BBQ a beer and to hunt for a bargain at one of the stalls. There were also plants, toys, games and face painting. It would not be a St Alban's event without plenty of home baking and homemade preserves. Plenty of tea and cakes were consumed along with ice creams and Chinese nibbles.



The Dog Show, sponsored by Tattenhall Vets, was a popular event and we all enjoyed picking our favourite contestant for "the dog who most resembles their owner". We also enjoyed musical entertainment from Zimbabwe that kept us dancing and added to the party atmosphere. There was a traditional Tombola and the opportunity to try your luck at the grand raffle with fourteen fantastic prizes donated by local

businesses. One lucky person also won The Barrow of Booze- just in time to host a football fans' party.

It was a wonderful community event, bringing people of all ages together in the beautiful Rectory Garden, and your generosity and support for our local church are greatly appreciated. Thanks to our volunteers, bakers, entertainers, stallholders, sponsors, and everyone who came along, we raised over £4,500.

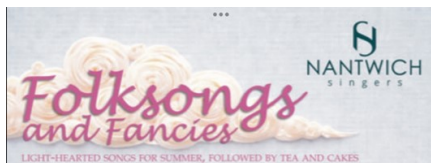
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We couldn't have done it without you – thank you for your support. We look forward to welcoming you all again next year!



A Summer Concert to Remember



At the end of June, **The Nantwich Singers** brought a magnificent summertime programme, *Folksongs and Fancies*, to St Alban's Church. The concert celebrated the rich heritage of folksong and the joy of summer — a season that can be touched with gentle melan-

choly.

The programme ranged from the exuberance of Aaron Copland's *Ching-a-Ring Chaw* to the shimmering, magical yearning of James MacMillan's *The Gallant Weaver*. Audiences also enjoyed the lyrical beauty of Sarah Quartel's *How Can I Keep from Singing?* and the sultry warmth of George Gershwin's *Summertime*.

Two works were written especially for the choir:

- ◇ Ben Parry's buoyant and ever-joyful *Westering Home*, composed for the Singers in 2022.
- ◇ A charmingly fresh new arrangement of Robert Burns's *A Red, Red Rose* by resident composer Alison Hendricken, receiving its première at this concert.

The programme continued with pieces exploring love, wonder, joy, and nostalgia by **Lucy Walker, Eleanor Daley, John Rutter, Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Gordon Lightfoot**.



The people of Tattenhall turned out in generous numbers — so many, in fact, that programmes ran out. Their enthusiasm set the tone for a joyful afternoon.

As always, the arrival of homemade cakes signalled that something special was brewing. The team assembled an impressive teatime display that delighted performers and audience alike.

After a short rehearsal, the Singers enjoyed the beautiful church and grounds on a sunny afternoon before performing at 3pm. St Alban's offered superb acoustics, a fabulous piano, and a receptive audience whose warmth gave the performance real zip and zing. The interval cakes lived up to every expectation. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone on the team for exceptional organisation and delectable cakes.

It was a wonderful afternoon of music, community, and celebration.

We look forward to welcoming **The Nantwich Singers** back for future performances.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley

Churches without Walls

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

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Ruth Morgan

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Handley

Christine Walley 771976

Alison Carter

Burwardsley

Barbara Sculthorpe 770418

Debbie Spencer

Diocesan News



Ordination of Priests

Congratulations to our nine new priests

This year, the ordination of six priests took place across four churches in the Diocese of Chester on 20 June, with hundreds of family members and friends gathering to support them as they entered the priesthood. The Bishop of Birkenhead and the Bishop of Chester led the special liturgical services, during which the candidates were ordained and

consecrated for ministry as priests within the Church.

Ruth Abbott: West Kirby St Bridget

Carol Brooks-Johnson: Altrincham St George

Mike Duncombe: Knutsford St Cross

Karen Tracey Drury: Bowdon

Hannah Harvey: Grange St Andrew, Runcorn All Saints with Holy Trinity

Deborah Kelly: Offerton St Albans

THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER



THREE PARISHES REGULAR SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

St Alban's Tattenhall

8.00am

Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

10.30am

Holy Communion according to Common Worship

10.00 am

Every Wednesday Communion Worship Service

N.B.

First Sunday of the month- Family Service with Communion

All Saints Handley

1st Sunday of the month

Family Service with no Communion

3rd Sunday

Holy Communion according to Common Worship

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Burwardsley Parish
Gifford Lea

2nd Sunday of the month only Songs of Praise
Last Wednesday of the month only Holy Communion

ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL

A Thank You to Our Local School Children On behalf of everyone at St Alban's Church, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful children and staff from Park school for visiting us and sharing your beautiful singing on our festival service in June. Your songs brought great joy to our congregation and filled the church with warmth, happiness, and the true spirit of community. It was a pleasure to welcome you, and we were delighted by your enthusiasm, confidence, and the obvious hard work that went into your performance. Thank you also to the teachers and staff who gave their time to prepare and accompany the children. Your support made the visit a memorable occasion for us all. We hope the children enjoyed their time with us as much as we enjoyed having them. We look forward to welcoming you back to our church again in the future. With our sincere thanks and every good wish.



From The Church Diary

St Alban's Church 'Summer Bible Study' Theme: 'When we Walk with the Lord'

Dates- 3rd June -29th July

Venue- Community Room

Time: 6-7 pm

22 nd July: Growing Through Trials	James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5
29 th July: Living a life that reflects Christ	Mathew 5:14-16

Above are our last bible studies dates during this summer and we hope you may be able to come and join us before the break of summer.

From The Registers

Funerals

Chris Kearney—A Life Remembered with Love

Our parish recently gathered to bid farewell to a dearly loved member of our church family Chris Kearney. Although he had no close relatives to mourn him, he was far from alone. The large congregation that filled the crematorium for his funeral was a moving testimony to the love, respect, and friendship he had inspired throughout his life. He was a man of quiet faith, gentle kindness, and humble service. Never seeking recognition, he faithfully worshipped with us, offered a warm smile and a kind word. His life reminded us that true greatness is often found in simple acts of love and faithfulness. The attendance at his funeral spoke volumes. Friends, neighbours, fellow parishioners, and members of the wider community came together to honour his memory and to give thanks for a life that had touched so many. It was a beautiful witness to the truth that the Church is a family, united not only by blood but by faith in Christ and love for one another. As we commended him into God's eternal care, we were reminded of the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ: "In my Father's house are many rooms" (John 14:2). We trust that he has now entered that eternal home, where there is no more sorrow or pain, but only the joy and peace of God's presence.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

Supporting All Saints: Every Gift Matters



Welcome to All Saints Church Handley page. It is that time of the year when we focus on the sustainability of our church. Our church is much more than a building. All Saints is a place of worship, friendship, comfort, celebration, and hope. It is where we gather to mark life's milestones, support one another in times of need, and share God's love within our community. Keeping this ministry alive, however, depends on the generosity of us all.

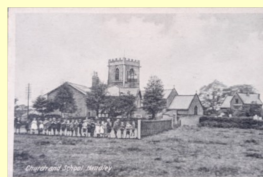
Many people think that only large financial donations make a difference, but that is simply not true. Regular gifts of any amount help meet the everyday costs of maintaining our church, supporting worship, caring for our buildings. A small contribution, given faithfully, can have a lasting impact when combined with the generosity of others.

Giving is not only about money. There are many ways to support All Saints through gifts in kind. You may be able to donate flowers, cleaning materials, or practical skills such as painting, carpentry, administration, or technology. Others may be able to offer their time by helping at church, maintaining the churchyard, or simply being available when an extra pair of hands is needed. The Bible reminds us that each of us has been given gifts to serve others. Whether we can give financially, offer practical help, or volunteer our time, every contribution is a way of sharing God's love and strengthening our church family. As we look to the future, we all have a part to play in ensuring that All Saints continues to be a welcoming place of worship and service for generations to come.

If you are able to support the church in cash or in kind, please prayerfully consider how you might help. No gift is too small, no act of service is insignificant, and every contribution is deeply appreciated. Together, we can ensure that All Saints remains a living, thriving church at the heart of our community.

Historical pictures from Handley Parish

These are historic pictures of Handley Village have been kindly provided by John Stoneley. He has lived in Tattenhall all his life and his family used to run Stoneley's tobacco, news and grocery shop in the village many years ago.



How to Give financially:

Bank Details : **Account Name-The PCC of All Saints Handley**
Account Number-90649333 Sort Code- 40171

From The Registers

Burial of remains May 28th Brian Walley

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY



Every Gift Makes a Difference

Welcome to St John's Burwardsley Parish page. Communities grow stronger when people choose to help one another. While many believe that only large donations can make a real impact, the truth is that every contribution whether financial or in kind has the power to change lives. Financial support helps organizations provide essential services, respond quickly to emergencies, and plan long-term projects that benefit those in need. Even a small monthly donation can provide food, educational materials, medical care, or shelter for individuals and families facing difficult circumstances. Support in kind is just as valuable. Donating your labour or offering professional skills and volunteer time can meet immediate needs while reducing costs for charitable organizations. These contributions often make it possible for limited financial resources to stretch even further. Giving is not only about helping others it also strengthens communities by promoting compassion, unity, and shared responsibility. When individuals, businesses, and community groups work together, they create opportunities for hope and positive change that no single person could achieve alone. This is what we are looking for at St John's The Dive in Burwardsley. If you have been considering supporting a worthy cause, now is the perfect time to act. Please get in touch with the Rector or any member of the church team for more information. Together, through financial contributions and gifts in kind, we can build a brighter future for our church. Every act of kindness matters, every donation counts, and every person has the ability to make a lasting impact.

Nat West Bank Sort Code 60 40 08
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Account Name: Burwardsley Parochial Parish Church

Let's have a laugh!



Community picnic

A church had a picnic and invited the community to come. The priest placed a basket of apples on one end of the table with a sign saying "Take only one apple- Remember God is watching". On the other side of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children has placed a sign saying: Take all the cookies you want- God is watching the apples"



Loss Café

Wednesday 26th August at 2.30pm

Have you experienced a loss so profound that it feels like a part of you is missing? A relative, friend, pet, job, a major part of your life – gone, leaving loneliness, emptiness, despair. YOU ARE NOT ALONE! We know how it feels; we share your pain. Come to St Alban's and join us in a non-religious, small group setting. A qualified bereavement counsellor will explain the 7 stages of grief and how we may become 'stuck' at any stage. We learn to move forward by listening and sharing our experiences. Sometimes we have music, we laugh and it's okay to cry. We share coping strategies and support one another. We can't replace who or what you have lost, Everyone is warmly welcomed. For more information, contact the Rector on 01829 770245.



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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Unsung Heroes of St Alban's Church



Ian and Sue Orme have recently been recognised by the Chester Diocese as Unsung Heroes of St Alban's Church.

Both Ian and Sue have been devoted members of our congregation and dedicated volunteers in the life of the church for many years. Their only reward has been the opportunity to serve their faith and community, which they have done with unwavering commitment, humility and

grace.

Ian has recently stepped down from his long-held role as Churchyard Officer. During his time in the position, he oversaw the upkeep, maintenance and mowing of the churchyard, liaised with funeral directors, and undertook the painstaking task of identifying and recording the older burial plots. Ian is also a highly skilled bell ringer and remains an integral member of the bell-ringing team. As well as ringing regularly at St Alban's, he encourages and trains new ringers and generously gives his time to support bell-ringing teams at other churches.

Sue's kindness, calm nature and generosity make her a friend to everyone. She has previously served as Churchwarden, taking responsibility for supporting church services and helping to care for the church building. She is also a talented flower arranger and continues to lead the team that decorates the church throughout the year, enhancing our worship with beautiful floral displays.

Together, Ian and Sue are central to the success of the annual St Alban's Church Fête each summer and also organise the much-loved Christmas Parish Supper, bringing our community together in fellowship and celebration.

We are truly blessed to have Ian and Sue as part of our church family. Their faithful service, often carried out quietly behind the scenes, has enriched the life of St Alban's in countless ways.

Thank you, Ian and Sue, for all that you do.

Jane's Jottings

What did you think of the heatwave? How did you cope?

I actually love the heat and the sunshine. I have to say though the blistering heat we experienced recently was a challenge. The humidity is the problem. I can feel comfortable one minute, do a couple of tasks and I glow profusely! I was told years ago that horses sweat, ladies glow! I think I did a good bit of both on a few occasions! I don't complain (much) because I know it won't last.

It seems to me hot weather tends to stress people out and they flop whereas it has the opposite effect for me. I wash everything there is to wash particularly bedding and pillows. I love taking washing off the [line](#) when it is bone dry. My Mother had strict rules regarding laundry. It had to be absolutely dry before it was put away. She was of the opinion that damp laundry caused rheumatism. I might not agree with that, but old habits die hard and I still have to air things before they are used!

I am not an avid sun worshipper although I do like the feel of it on my skin. I don't sit in it for hours on end. Not only would that be stupid, but my conscience wouldn't allow such a lazy and enjoyable past time! This was not always the case. When I was 19, I had my first holiday abroad. Benidorm I think it was. There were no warnings about sun damage then. I was 19 and wanted to get a lovely tan. One of the friends I went with, who seemed to be an authority on all things holiday, announced that the best thing to ensure a tan was a concoction of vinegar and oil. We had large washing up containers of the potion which smelt disgusting. We rubbed it on all parts visible to the public, sat on the beach and probably fried! Can you believe it? We didn't realise at first that people were giving us a wide berth or that there was a definite lack of male attention! It must have hit us sooner or later because we stopped using it but too late because we never did have a holiday romance! I can't even tell you it was worth it because I can't remember if it worked!

When I look back to my childhood, I don't remember sun cream being a part of my life. I do remember being the colour of a lobster quite often and several nights, after being on the Beach, when I couldn't sleep because my red hot lobster coloured skin was burning so badly. Then there was the problem of skin peeling. What a mess that was!

I find applying any type of suntan cream a messy business. It gets everywhere and never rubs in properly. We now know, however, that it is essential if you want to prevent all sorts of problems.

Why does something that makes most of us feel so good have to be so bad for us?

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WORD PUZZLE – CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

The list below contains the names of areas or items you will see in the church. Your task is to find those names in the paragraph below! The names appear as ‘mixed-up’ or correct spelling in a string of letters where spaces or punctuation may be ignored. One word has been shown already for you. GOOD LUCK! No prizes – just the satisfaction of solving the puzzle. The solution will be in the next issue. An A4 printable version link is in the header of our website.

PULPIT	CHOIR STALLS	ORHAN	VESTRY
SANCTUARY	LECTURN	CHAPEL	CHANCEL
NAVE	ALTAR	TOWER	RINGERS GALLERY
BELL	FONT	STAINED GLASS WINDOW	
PEWS	CANDLE	BIBLE CROSS	PINK HORSE

As I entered the church, using a door latch with a real rattle, a volunteer, who had just swept up some tulip petals from the floor, was tapping her phone’s irksome keypad and groaning about carrying a gardener’s large syringe reliably used for misting the larger arrangements seen often in churches. By chance, looking across, I was standing, so idle, wondering at the beauty of the place here. Best of all, Christ so loves tryers like me. A table and chairs wait for a social chat; with nibbles, tea or coffee to select, urn ready and hot, with a proper cup not a rusty, can mug. On average, visitors of all beliefs enjoyed their time with us, and some wrote their thoughts in the guest book.

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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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TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOF's)

Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808

TOF's June meeting saw the return of the ever-popular singer LeeAnn James and July's meeting was a Summer bingo. Thanks go to Doreen for putting together some lovely line and house prizes and Gill and Chris who helped with calling and checking.

Thursday August 6th will be the AGM. This will mark TOF's 17th birthday and will be celebrated with a Summer Party tea provided by The Poffee at Burwardsley.

Thursday September 3rd the speaker will be Many Sinclair from Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the meeting on Thursday October 1st will be Pete Turner, magician and illusionist. Thursday November 4th will be Christmas Bingo and we will end the year with Christmas Lunch on Thursday 3rd December

Travel with TOF's

Our coach trips continue to be popular and are open to non-members too. All leave from the Barbour Institute and cost £15 unless we do an outing with an entry fee. (see below). On the June trip to the Elan Valley we saw some wonderful scenery and marvelled at the size and scope of the dams there. There is no trip in July.

Further trips are:

Thursday 20th August – Llandudno. 9am

Thursday 17th September – Lake District. **8.30 am prompt. £20** inc boat and train trip

Thursday 26th November – Bents Garden Centre, Warrington. 9am

We are a fun group with a variety of events at our meetings throughout the year and 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. **New Members are always welcome**



**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.

Search 'tattenhall church' for full 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

**Articles for the magazine can be sent to
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Green Beats Festival 2026



The inaugural **Green Beats Festival** brought together live music, the arts, and local sustainability initiatives to

celebrate community and environmental awareness in Tattenhall. The event was a resounding success, laying the foundations for an annual village tradition that inspires greener living and strengthens community ties.

Sustainability was at the heart of the day, with stands showcasing **Transition**

Tattenhall projects such as **The Free Pantry** and **The Repair Café**, alongside hands-on activities and food stalls.

Entertainment filled the village throughout the day, featuring performances by

DJ Steve Thomas, DJ King Louis, The Salty Sea Dogs, Tattenhall Singers, The Tattenhall School Choir, Samba Band, and The Methodish.

Creativity and the arts were celebrated through workshops focused on **repurposing**



and **recycling**, encouraging residents to explore sustainable craft and design. Physical and wellbeing activities—including a **fun run, nature walk**, and an **introduction to meditation**—promoted health and connection with the natural environment.

The festival concluded with the premiere of **Tattenhall Amateur Dramatics'** specially commissioned play, *"Kith and Cynn"*, providing a memorable finale to a vibrant community day.



Plantlife No Mow May – Tattenhall Awards

Following the success of **Green Beats 2026**, the village moved straight into celebrating another community-driven sustainability

effort: the **Plantlife No Mow May** awards. This national initiative encourages gardeners to support wildlife and biodiversity by adopting a more relaxed, nature-friendly approach to lawn care.

In Tattenhall, **24 gardens** took part, contributing to an impressive **160 different species** of native UK wildflowers and grasses thriving across the village—well above the national average. The results highlight just how effective small, local actions can be in boosting biodiversity and creating habitats for pollinators.

Congratulations to:



Tricia and Barry Morris
(Best for Nature Garden)

Tattenhall Park School
(Best Children's Project)

Woodland Grove TWIG Project
(Best Community Project)

**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 are a small friendly club playing duplicate bridge.

New members welcome!

The club provides the ideal introduction to club duplicate for anyone who has some knowledge of the game. You do not need a partner to join us.

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.**

Deadlines for 2026:

**9th January; 13th March; 15th May;
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:

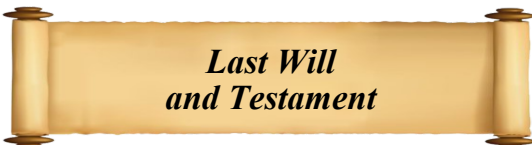
- a. A volunteer just to make tea/coffee for others
- b. A member of the loss Café willing to come and share, listen or teach

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 Wednesday at 2.30pm in the community room.*

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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