

Tarporley Remembers 2018 and There But Not There: March 18th 2018.

On Sunday 18th March at 4.45pm the 'There But Not There' art project was welcomed in Tarporley, with prayer, into St Helen's Church after a procession through the village.

The Revd Georgina Watmore is shown in one of the photographs below carrying a transparent figure representing a soldier from the First World War whilst leading the group of people processing towards the church. Carried by other members of the procession were sixty more transparent 'There But Not There' figures representing the sixty-one soldiers from Tarporley named on our War Memorial. The procession proceeded in silence apart from the sound of the tenor bell at St Helen's tolling until the last person had entered the packed church. The transparent figures were positioned in pews during the short but moving service that followed.

These 'There but not There' soldiers and their name plates will remain sitting with us in our services in the period up to Easter Day. On Good Friday our Foot of the Cross service will incorporate these figures as we juxtapose bible readings, poetry from WWI and sonnets of Stations of the Cross.



The transparent figures being carried to St Helen's and installed in the pews

Memorial Walk

As part of Tarporley Remembers 2018 a Memorial Walk is being made through the area of land that runs between St Helen's and the Done Room drive. Along the path there will be a time-line of plaques commemorating events that took place during World War I and inviting people as they walk to take time out of their busy lives to reflect and pray. This will be a temporary installation leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

Remembering Noah, Hugh and William Shaw

