



## TARPORLEY PARISH

ST HELEN'S TARPORLEY  
ST JOHN'S COTEBROOK  
ST THOMAS' EATON

*"Serving God*

*Growing in Christ*

*Reaching out"*

### *Parish e-news*

SUNDAY 15 APRIL TO 22 APRIL 2018

Sun 15	09.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
	READINGS	1 JOHN 3: 1-7 LUKE 24: 36B-48
Wed 18	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
Sun 22	09.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Helen's
	READINGS	Ps. 23 JOHN 10: 11-18

#### **Collects for the Third Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

#### **Post Communion**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## *Daily Bible Readings*

Since Advent 2016 I have been suggesting a daily biblical passage for personal reading and reflection. There has been a limited but positive feedback to this – thank you to those who have done so. Now it is time to take stock and Easter Week will conclude the present arrangement pending your thoughts and ideas of how you would like to continue – more of the same or new ideas. To that end please would you let me have your views by Sunday 20th May (Pentecost) either by speaking with me direct, telephone, post or email. My contact details are in The Link magazine. However please note that I will not be available to respond from 23rd April to 19th May – an extended break, a kind of ‘mini sabbatical’. I think it is my first break of this duration in 23 years. Eveline and I are quite looking forward to it with no firm plans as yet but a number of ideas. In the mean time you may wish to continue your reading by looking at St John’s Gospel, which is set for this period up to Pentecost in the Church’s Lectionary for daily Holy Communion services. *Trevor*

## *Opportunity to be Confirmed*

The Bishop of Chester will join us at **St Helen’s, 10am on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2018** for a Parish Confirmation Service. Confirmation isn’t about fully understanding God (we cannot), or having all the answers (we never will) it is an opportunity to show a willingness to receive God’s love in our lives. Traditionally confirmation prepared a person to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptised, you can be baptised and confirmed at this service (and as you’re old enough to make the promises for yourself there’s no need for Godparents). The Rector will be offering a few preparation sessions to explore ideas about God, faith and what Christianity means. These will take place at 7:30pm on the first four Tuesdays in May but other times can be arranged to suit. There is no homework, no test, and no knowledge needed. The sessions are not mandatory but meant as help and support. We offer to prepare and confirm those in Year 5 and above and at our last confirmation service the ages of those involved ranged from 10 to 79. We already have several people who are taking part so you would be in good company. If you wish to know more please speak to the Rector: Georgina [revgeorgina@me.com](mailto:revgeorgina@me.com)

## *Celebratory Parish Service St Helen's*

**Sunday 29 April at 10.00am**

Please join us for this very special occasion, as all three churches in our parish come together, to celebrate and give thanks for all the work and activity we have been involved with during the past year and ask God's blessing on all that is to come. Copies of our annual report will be available during this shortened service which will be followed by refreshments. You are then invited to remain for the short meeting to elect members of the PCC and cover financial and any other business and ask any questions you may have.

**This replaces the normal format of our APCM meeting. Please do your best to be at this service.** *Please note because of the Celebratory Parish Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April there will be no service at St Thomas that morning*

## *A Rogationtide Celebration of Rural Life in Cheshire*

You are invited to a celebration of rural life and the economy of rural areas to be held at **Chester Cathedral on Sunday 29 April at 3.00 pm**. The preacher will be **Bishop Libby** and people and organisations representing the rural life of the county and the diocese will be taking part. All are welcome



### **Christian Aid Week 13-19 May**

In 2017 Christian Aid reached millions globally, improving lives, responding to conflict and disasters and influencing decision making. Please donate during Christian Aid Week to help Christian Aid to realise their vision - To End Poverty -



### **Christian Aid Quiz 17 May**

The annual Christian Aid Quiz is to be held at Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church on Thursday 17 May starting at 7.30 pm hoping to finish 9.30-10.00. £5 entry per person (Includes sweet and savoury refreshments) BYO drink. Ideally 4 in a team (but please don't let that stop people coming – the more the merrier) there will also be a raffle.

It is a great night, not taken too seriously – it isn't Egg Heads, more Celebrity Squares, a real feel good quiz in the Baptist and Methodist Church along with all the hi-tech gadgetry. Hope to see you there.

## Lunch

at Houghton Hall, Nr Bunbury CW6 9RH

in aid of St Helen's Church

on Sunday, 6 May at 12.30pm

THERE WILL BE A BAR AND RAFFLE

Tickets £12 each. Available from Phillip and Becky Posnett

on either 01829 260251 or [posnett@hotmail.com](mailto:posnett@hotmail.com)



## April 200 + Club Results

First Prize	£100	No 3	Mr J Faulkner
Second Prize	£20	No 71	Mrs A Carter
Third Prize	£10	No 121	Mr P Ouseley

## Leading Intercessions

How about taking on a new challenge! Could you join a team of people who help to lead the prayers in our churches?

We are all called to serve and minister to each other and leading intercessions in public worship is a vital and important ministry. If you would like to be involved but feel reticent about leading intercessions because you don't know how to go about it - well that can easily be addressed as training will be provided with a broad selection of resources and a great deal of ongoing support and encouragement.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, then please speak to me. *Georgina*

Anyone wishing to make arrangements for a Funeral please contact the Rector – Revd Georgina Watmore on 01829 732491 or via email:

[admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk](mailto:admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk)

For Weddings, Baptisms and General Enquiries please contact Jan Mills via the email: [admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk](mailto:admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk)

The Link Parish Magazine: please email items to: [jobsonajpi@btinternet.com](mailto:jobsonajpi@btinternet.com) or post to the Link Editor by the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.

For items for the Sunday Sheet and e-news, please email before 1pm on Tuesday to [jleaman@talktalk.net](mailto:jleaman@talktalk.net) and cc to [admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk](mailto:admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk)