



Tarporley Parish

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

SERVING GOD : GROWING IN CHRIST : REACHING OUT

SERVICES: SUNDAY 9 TO 25 DECEMBER 2018

Sun 9 09.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas'
10.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's
Readings Mal. 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6

Wed 12 10.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Sun 16 09.00am Holy Communion and Blessing of the Crib at St Thomas'
10.00am Holy Communion and DIY Nativity at St Helen's
Reading from Luke 2
4.00pm Candlelit Service of Lessons and Carols at St John's
followed by refreshments at the Village Hall
6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols at St Helen's

Mon 17 7.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols at St Thomas'
followed by refreshments at the Jesse Hughes Hall

Wed 19 10.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Sun 23 10.00am Parish Holy Communion at St Helen's
Readings Heb. 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45
There is no 9am Service at St Thomas' this Sunday

Mon 24 3.30pm Carols on the High Street *followed by:*
4.00pm Blessing of the Crib at St Helen's
11.30pm Holy Communion at St Helen's
Readings Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day

Tue 25 09.am All age Holy Communion at St Thomas'
10.00am All age Holy Communion at St Helen's
Reading from Luke 2

Collects for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 9 December	Exodus 16: 1-9
Monday 10 December	John 6: 25-35
Tuesday 11 December	Isaiah 60: 19-20
Wednesday 12 December	John 8: 12
Thursday 13 December	John 11: 17-27
Friday 14 December	Psalms 118: 15-23
Saturday 15 December	John 10: 1-10



Thank You

Many thanks for all the cards and good wishes - I am recovering very well and like the Terminator will be back very soon! *Georgina*

Requests for help with Christmas Decorating

St Helen's - Saturday 15th December from 9.00am till 12.30pm . You are invited to assist the usual team of flower arrangers and helpers to decorate the church and prepare Christmas floral arrangements. Refreshments will be provided. All donations towards the cost of the flowers would be gratefully received by *Elaine Hulton or Dianne Ouseley*.

St Thomas' - Thursday 13th December at 9.30am. We will be decorating the Church for the Christmas services. Helpers welcome!! . Any financial contribution towards the flowers and for the refreshments after the Carol Service would be most gratefully received. *Rosemary Lilley or Mike Scott*.

St John's - Friday 14th December at 9.30am We will meet to decorate the church in readiness for the **Candlelit Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 16th December** with light refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall. *Bill Spiegelberg*

Christian Giving

This has proven to be an uplifting and worthwhile exercise –thank you to all involved and to all those who have responded to the Time and Talents and Our Future Giving initiatives.

We have had an overall response rate of about 40%, which is encouraging, as the Church Electoral Roll, on which the distribution of packs was based, is not always an accurate reflection of those who attend church regularly.

The responses to the Time and Talents form illustrated the extent to which members of the church community come together to keep our churches clean, attractive and open for worship and prayer. The response to Our Future Giving has been wonderful from those 60 or so who returned forms. Over 20 were from people entering into new standing orders, which is very helpful in planning and managing the church finances. In aggregate those who responded committed to an increase in giving by over 80%, equating to some £13,000, which, while still short of our initial target of £25,000, is still a great help towards balancing our books.

There will be a thanksgiving for all your responses at the Annual Parish Meeting service on 28 April 2019.

Reflection Group

A Reflection Group, facilitated by the Rector, will meet on Monday **10 December** at the home of Angela Symes 2 North Brook Road, Utkinton, Tarporeley CW6 0LS between 1.30 and 3.00pm with tea, coffee and biscuits.

If you would like to attend but need a lift please contact Angela 01829 730113 and if you would like to know more please speak to Georgina 01829 732491 revgeorgina@me.com

Children's Society

If you are a Children's Society box holder it is time to collect the money you have donated. Please bring your box to a morning service at Saint Helens during December. Pat Symms, the co-coordinator will give you a receipt for the contents and reseal the box ready for next year's contributions. Pat would be grateful if as many people as possible would bring their boxes at this time. If she is not at the service please ask one of the officials to put your box in the safe until the following week. If there is a problem, Pat will call on you at home and collect your box in January.

The 200+ Club

A big THANK YOU to all who have supported the 200+ Club in the past year.

The 200+ Club is a fun and simple way of raising funds for St. Helen's. Each month starting in January a draw will be made and prizes of £100, £20 and £10 are given. It costs only £1 to have your number in each monthly draw (an annual subscription of £12). The proceeds after the prizes are allocated go to maintain the fabric of the Parish Church. **Now is the time to renew or to begin your membership** of the 200+ club, by completing and returning a simple application form (from the back of Church) or by contacting Dianne Ouseley on 01829 733639. Existing members will receive a renewal form during November to be completed and returned before 31st December 2018.

Christingle Service at St Helen's

Our annual service of Light was a joyful and busy celebration made possible thanks to the help of so many: the team who built the Christingle's and watched over them whilst lit, Chas and the Choir who sang hymns and carols of joy and very importantly to the Co-Op for donating the oranges and Charles Hardy at the Old Fire Station Coffee and Chocolate Shop for giving us all the sweets.

This service of light is all about the importance of sharing the good things that God gives us and the generosity and help we received to make this service happen demonstrates how brightly the Light is shining in our community

A very heart felt thank you to all involved.

Please put the date in your diary for next year! Always the first Sunday in December at 4pm

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

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

The Link Parish Magazine: please email items to: jobsonajpj@btinternet.com or post to the Link Editor by the 16th of each month.

For items for the Sunday Sheet and e-news, please email before 1pm on Tuesday to jeaman@talktalk.net