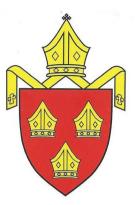
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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

August	4 th	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
		St Thomas	9.00am	Open Worship
		St Helen	10.00am	Open Worship
		St John	11.15am	Holy Communion
		St Helen	6.30pm	Evensong
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Every Wednesday at 10.00am at St Helen's there is a service of Holy Communion.

At all our Eucharist services we welcome everyone to come forward for a blessing or to receive communion.

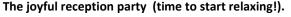
'Journey into Light' Also please visit St Helen's between 29th August and the 11th September to see the exhibition of prisoner artwork which will be on display there each day during that period. The exhibition is free; see page 11 for further details.

The winners of the July 200+ club draw are:					
First Prize	£100	No. 160 – Miss E Williams			
Second Prize	£20	No. 45 – Mrs M Gott			
Third Prize	£10	No. 46 – Mr I Tomlinson			
(Thank you for your support proceeds to St Helen's Parish Church maintenance)					

The Rector writes:

This month the parish is very popular for weddings and it is wonderful to see so many couples choosing a church wedding when there are now so many other options open to them. One of

the privileges of being a priest in the Church of England is being able to marry people and be part of such a special day of joy and celebration. This was especially the case for me in June when I officiated at the wedding of our oldest son Alex.



Although the marriage service has been modernised the basic vows that a couple make have remained unchanged for centuries. The Bride and Groom make a wonderful promise of commitment: "to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part". And they make this vow: "in the presence of God".

By holding a church service, the couple choose to join together in matrimony and make their vows, not just before their family and friends, but in the face of God. This is of course the main difference between a civil wedding and a religious one. In choosing a church service the couple are making a conscious decision to acknowledge God's presence in their lives and seek His blessing on their marriage.

The words of the marriage blessing are among my favourite in the service. They echo words found in the bible: "The Song of Solomon".





These words ask God to:-

"Pour out the abundance of your blessing upon (the Groom) and (the Bride) in their new life together. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts and a crown upon their heads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life and death."

They reflect what is, for me, a fundamental truth: that God is with us throughout our lives; not just in times of celebration and joy but also through times of difficulty and sorrow. And this blessing also holds the promise that, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God is not just with us throughout our lives here but walks with us through death to new life beyond.

Every time we come to church, whether for a wedding, another service or quiet prayer, we are acknowledging the presence of God and recognising some of these truths. The word worship means to 'give God his worth'. It is not that God needs our worship. I believe God loves us whether or not we come to church. Rather, in making the decision to come to church, and to share a service with others, we are consciously acknowledging God's presence, that we need His help and the company and help of others. And all of that helps us!

When we remember God, we remember who we are: each one of us his beloved child. When we hear his word, we are strengthened. When we sing, pray and share coffee together we are reminded that we are never alone. As we sit amongst stones that have absorbed years of prayer and stained glass that paint some of the stories of God, we feel something of the sacred and eternal. Church shores us up to go out into the busy, messy world and more easily recognise God's presence with us wherever we are and however we are feeling. Please know how very much we would love to see you at any of our church services, to hear your story, to share ours, and together to seek God's blessing in all we do.

Georgína

Readings in the wedding service.

Readings are an important part of the wedding service. There is always a bible reading and normally couples choose one or perhaps two others that reflect something of what they understand love to mean. They are often poems or short extracts from novels but last year a bride chose to write her own view of the meaning of life and has given permission for it to be reproduced here. (She wrote this not just from her heart but from her perspective as a busy working woman raising a family).

A Bride's Poem

What Love is:-

Love is about more than just holding hands It's about who gets to wash the cups and the pans It's about all those small things, that are worth it, that matter It's about finding some quiet, in a world full of chatter It's about Breakfast and lunch and dinner and supper It's toast with marmite and lashings of butter It's about "Where is my top? The one made of netting" On the floor of your bedroom, at least that's what I'm betting! It's a home full of love and music and make up It's about which afternoon the kids finally wake up It's about Insta, and Facebook and Snapchat and "Streaks" It's about riding the troughs, and well as the peaks It's about cleaning the loos and the shower hair-trap And the endless new loo rolls and associated "stuff" This is what love is, this is what it looks like It's not about working out who's wrong or who's right It's about loving the things you never imagined were missing The laughter, the kindness, the humour, the kissing The "Good Morning's", "Goodnight's" and the "Please turn it down!!" And the "Any chance of a lift into town?" It's about pounding the pavements and running up hills It's washing the sports kit, and paying the bills It's about doing the school run, in a skirt that's too short (her not me!) Its night's in front of the tele, with crackers and Port It's about Netball and Rugby and who was the winner It's about how many to feed with Roast Sunday Dinner It's about all those new bands that I'm learning to love And the strange disappearance of a black leather glove? I guess what I'm really trying to say Is that life keeps on coming, day after day But no matter what happens, whatever we weather That's what love is, because we'll do it together.

As I wrote in my letter earlier, God is with us in all the mess and muddle, blessing not just the big things, like weddings but all the everyday chaos and wonder.

Georgína

Events in late June and early July.

In last month's Link magazine it was noted that June had got off to a soggy start. Fortunately the weather changed and TarpFest, Utkinton Fete, Julian and Karen's Ordination Service in Chester, the Tea Party, a trip to Suffolk for the bellringers and the Tarporley Carnival all enjoyed excellent weather.

Ringing out in Suffolk

Friday 14th June was the start of the Tarporley Ringers' 5th annual Suffolk church bell ringing weekend. This has become an annual event organised by Simon Christian due to his connections with Suffolk. We were joined by local members of his family who are all bell ringers. Suffolk also conveniently has a large number of churches for us to work through!

There were 14 ringers from Tarporley who came on the trip plus 2 from Chester who often ring with us. Some drove from Tarporley, John trained it from Glasgow, Carol from London. The first afternoon we rang at 2 towers, Thurston and Wetherden before arriving at our hotel in Ipswich. We all met up later for a meal at the local pub before retiring to prepare for an early start on Saturday.

First stop Saturday was Southwold where we were ringing at 9:30am and it was an hour's drive away, plus most of us wanted a look around this very pretty seaside resort. The bells were disappointing for such a magnificent church, we didn't think we sounded very good (so we're blaming the bells!). This was followed by the pretty church of Reydon and then Halesworth for a bit of shopping and lunch outside. Lunch was well deserved as the bells there were very hard work and rather heavy and it took 2 people to 'ring up'* the tenor bell.

The afternoon took us to the unusual round tower of Wissett. Round towers are typical of north Suffolk and Norfolk. Final church of the day was Debenham, a very pretty town and a lovely old church. The ringing chamber was in the church entrance which is unusual and enabled the viewing public to watch us! We were exhausted but the day was not yet over. A trip to Felixstowe ferry for a cup of tea, then a short rest before dinner at the excellent Tuddenham Fountain. Some even managed a nightcap on return to the hotel.

Sunday we finished our ringing weekend at Ashbocking, a tradition because there is no Sunday service held there and it is the local church of one of Simon's brothers. We all parted ways to journey home and look forward to a possible repeat visit next year. **Carol and Sandra** from the St Helen's bellringers.

* Glossary 'Ring up' means prepare for ringing. At Halesworth the heaviest bell weighed 950kg and this weight needed to be raised by about a metre; manually!

The Ordination of Deacons: Chester Cathedral 30th June

On the last Sunday in June, Karen Andrews and Julian Osborne were ordained as Deacons in the Church of England. Their joy can clearly be seen in the photos on the front cover of this magazine. They are now Assistant Curates; Karen at St Phillips, Kelsall and Julian here in Tarporley. Congratulations!. (See Julian's Blog at the end of this magazine)

A delicious and convivial 'Afternoon tea' in Cotebrook

On 11th July Marian and Les Atkinson kindly held an afternoon tea party at her home, Pine Cones in Cotebrook which raised the impressive sum of £616 for church funds. About 50 came of all ages and delicious sandwiches, scones , cakes and other tasties were on offer. Alan Hague sang his delightful folk songs with his electric guitar which added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. A bottle tombola and donations contributed to the excellent result. Marian thanked the many people who helped to make the event such a success. "Bill Spielgelberg.



Christian Aid Week collections. You will recall the week in May that Christian Aid flags adorned the inside of St. Helens Church giving impact to this amazing movement which stands for dignity, for equality and for justice. Our Parish area Tarporley and local villages raised £3,529.98p. These donations are much needed in the mission to end poverty around the World and are appreciated by Christians and people of all faiths or none.

To all those involved in door to door collections. Thank you for giving your time during Christian Aid week to knock on doors in our area to collect these gifts. Occasionally, when the welcome you are given is not as pleasant as expected, please remember your actions are supporting some of the world's poorest people.

We are also grateful to Catharine and Richard Line for arranging yet another successful Quiz night at The Chapel to ensure our fellowship within our giving Community.

And, to all cheerful givers... A Huge Thank you for your generosity.

EATON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Tuesday, 13th August 2019 at 7.30pm. In the Jessie Hughes Village Hall, Eaton, A Talk by Sue Taylor The history of 'Browns of Chester'

29th August until 11th September. St Helens Church. 'JOURNEY INTO LIGHT'

An exhibition of prisoner artwork will be on display in St. Helen's Parish Church, Tarporley from 29th August until 11th September. Titled "Journey into Light", the aim of the exhibition is to demonstrate to visitors that behind every prisoner's conviction and sentence is a personal story of love, hope and loss.

The exhibition is inspired by the work of David Ashbrook, who discovered an extraordinary gift for painting while serving a life sentence, is made up of over 40 individual pieces of work and is a partnership between St. Helen's Parish of Tarporley, the Diocese of Chester and chaplains from HMP Styal and HMP Thorn Cross who have worked with the prisoners there to produce these pieces of art. The exhibits differ in style and include self-portraits, abstract landscapes and large acrylic paintings.

All are welcome to visit this free exhibition in St Helen's church which will be open from 9am to 5pm every day during this period. On Saturday 31st August from 10.30am to 3pm refreshments will be available in church.

We congratulate and pray for those recently married:

Paul Grieve and Rosemary Oakes

We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

Jean Parry





Finally Julian Osborne A Curate's Blog, start date 7th July 2019

Michael Taylor

A year of Firsts: The First First.

There are moments in life that you just never forget. The first time you fell in love; the first kiss, the first time you were dumped! Last Sunday morning, 30th June, at exactly 6.30am I experienced one of those firsts, when I tentatively put on the uncomfortable strip of

plastic that we know as a dog collar, for the very first time. I was in my room (more like a cell actually, and a very warm one), at the Ordinand Retreat. I looked in the mirror and thought, "there's no going back now". (cont overleaf) And indeed, once ordained, I remain ordained until the day I die, whatever functional role I may undertake in the church, or in life.

But reflecting upon Georgina's sermon today, based on Luke 10: 1-11, I am struck by the thought that the best moments in life are indeed those shared moments. I could get ultra-holy and say that I shed a tearful prayer to God for bringing me safely to the cusp of being ordained. I did do that later, but in all honesty, I also thought of my wonderful wife Carolyn who has shared the ordination journey with me for the last three years. There have been good moments and bad, triumphs and failures, moments of certainty of God's plan and moments of extreme doubt. At all times, however, I have had the support of a wonderful partner and I thank God daily (well almost daily!!) for her. And so there I stood in my room wearing that collar for the first time. I just had to take a selfie and 'WhatsApp' it to Carolyn.

If it woke her, she did not complain, but instead she yet again expressed her support. Life's best moments are shared, and just as Jesus sent out the seventy-two in pairs (Luke 10), I felt that I was being sent out in a pair, even though only one of us was being made a fuss of and being ordained. Indeed, some translations of Luke 10 describe Jesus' followers being sent out "two by two", echoing the Noah's Ark story, when the animals went in "two by two", male and female. Jesus' disciples did not know what lay ahead but set out trusting that Jesus knew what he was doing, trusting that he knew the best path, even if it involved difficult situations where they had to "shake the dust from their feet" and move on.

Being ordained last Sunday was an absolute joy and privilege from start to finish. The weather was perfect, my family and friends had arrived at the cathedral in good time, some having travelled for many hours to be there. The service itself was deeply moving and humbling; two hours (yes two hours!) flew by, with fantastic choral singing, one of the best sermons I have ever heard and generally an atmosphere of unbridled joy. After the service, we were invited to the Bishop's House for drinks and canapes, after which my family and friends came home to continue the party. A wonderful day of firsts, shared with the people who are closest to me. Now I can look forward to making new friends in the Parish as my role develops. I can't wait.

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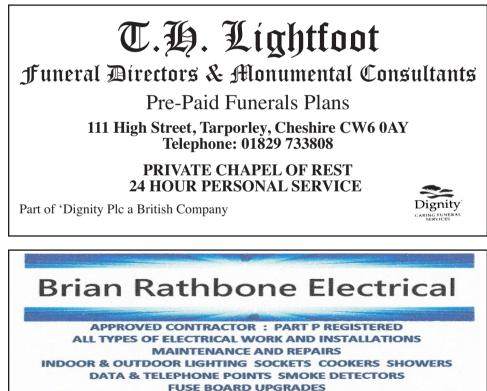
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