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Tarporley Parish Magazine



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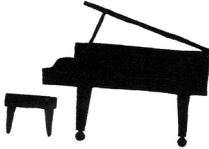
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PROVISIONAL SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2021

With the current Covid-19 restrictions and controls in place our churches are now and will remain closed, for scheduled services and private prayer, until at least February 21st when the position will be reviewed.

During the period of closure it is our intention to circulate a Sunday 'Worship together whilst apart' service as a pdf document for each Sunday. These services will be sent by email to members of our congregations who have signed up to receive them and also placed on our Parish Church website, www.tarporleyparishchurch.org

If Covid restrictions allow the opening of our Churches and our review determines that we may open our churches again from February 28th then a provisional service schedule may be as follows.

February	28th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion

March	7th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
	St Thomas	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	St Helen	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	St John	11.15am	Holy Communion

Please remember that face coverings are now mandatory in Church services.

We will continue to ensure that service times and formats are compliant with Covid regulations.

The winners of the December 2020 (and final) 200+ club draw were:

First Prize	£100	No. 154 – Mr G Bigby
Second Prize	£20	No. 147 – Mrs M Williamson
Third Prize	£10	No. 68 – Miss F Witter

(Thank you for your support over the years. The proceeds have helped towards St Helen's Parish Church maintenance)

The Curate writes.....

Dear Friends,



Georgina's departure leaves a big hole to fill, and I have said on many an occasion that I will miss her friendship, support and guidance in the days ahead. It was an honour to be able to speak some words of blessing at her final service, words that I repeat below. They are words taken from St Paul's letter, written to a fledgling church in Colossae, a relatively small city in what is now southern Turkey, encouraging them and looking forward to their continued journey in faith:

"Georgina you have blessed us all so richly and so often, so we could not let you go from this church, this gathering of people who love you, without asking God to bless you.

We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to continue to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Then the way you live will always continue to honour and please the Lord, and your life will continue to produce every kind of good fruit.

All the while, you will continue to grow as you learn to know God better and better.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you will ever need for your future journeys.

May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father, for He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light."

Amen and farewell.

Looking forward to the month of February, it is one in which we enter the season of Lent, and in normal times that means looking forward to some fabulous soup, hospitality, learning and discussion in our Lent groups.

This year is of course different for we are most unlikely to be able to meet in person by then. I have therefore offered to host an on-line Lent Book Club as we did in Advent.

The book I have chosen is called “Living His Story”, and is written by Hannah Steele, a lecturer of mine from theological college. It is this year’s Archbishop Lent book, so we will be reading it in esteemed company! Whilst Dr Hannah cannot resist using the odd theological word, her book is very readable, and looks at the tricky topic of the Church of England’s mark of mission number 1, to proclaim the good news. It is a vital subject and one well worth exploring, and one that I hope will stimulate some lively debate! The book is available in electronic or paperback form from internet retailers.

Please do let me know if you would like to participate. You will ideally need a copy of the book, so please do let me know if you are having difficulty obtaining a copy. More detailed timings will be posted in due course.

Please do let me know if you would like to participate and also tell me if you are having difficulty obtaining a copy of the book.

With every blessing, *Julian*

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Georgina’s Last Service as Rector of Tarporley Parish.

On Christmas Day 2020 at St Thomas’ and St Helen’s morning services we gathered together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and also to bid a fond farewell to Georgina as she officiated at her last services as Rector of Tarporley Parish. Georgina is shown in the photograph to the right, resplendent with Christmas candlelights and beaming above her Covid mask, as she accepted flowers and other gifts given to her as a small mark of appreciation from the parishioners of Tarporley Parish at the close of the Christmas Morning service at St Helen’s.



Georgina on Christmas Day

As the year drew to a close Georgina sent us the following message.

Dear Friends

This New Year's Eve I take the opportunity to send a final email to you all and I do so with a heart full of gratitude.

I have been able to thank some of you personally for your many farewell messages, cards and gifts and at St Helen's on Christmas Morning, my last service as Rector of Tarporley, I was able to express something of my thanks for your collective generosity and kindness in your gifts to me.

However circumstances are so extraordinary this year that it has been impossible to see many of you and offer my thanks and farewell personally in the way that I am sure we would all much have preferred. So sadly this email will have to suffice.

I have been humbled by the generosity of your collection, the gifts from our community, flowers, chocolates and of course the wonderful and beautiful Memory Book you all contributed towards and created for me.

As I look through all these messages, memories and photos I am reminded of quite how much we have done together in the last six years and frankly amazed at how much this has meant to you all.

I have often preached on the importance of the 'little things' we do and say - the truth that God can and will work through us, and I see this truth now realised in the most wonderful way.

I confess that I did not feel I had made that much of a difference but your words tell me otherwise and I thank and once more honour God for his power and faithfulness.

I said in my sermon at the beginning of Advent that our journeys in faith are akin to piecing together a large jigsaw and that our own character, values, words and actions become part of the pictures or jigsaws that others are building about the meaning and purpose of life, who Jesus is and what that means. During my years in Tarporley Parish, there have been so many occasions when your encouragement or support, your words of wisdom, acts of kindness

or examples of strength and courage have all become part of my jigsaw of faith. Ours has very much been a mutual ministry.

This has been a particularly difficult year and it is clear there are more challenging months ahead, so it is even more important, as we step uncertainly into this New Year, to hold onto the Christmas truth that Christ is Immanuel: God with us; that little things do make a difference; and that the journey of faith is one we make together.

So ask for help if you need it, be the help where you can, and when you can't pray and put your trust in God!

My email and mobile phone number remain the same and I hope we will remain in touch from time to time - but the truth is that as Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have worshipped and journeyed together we share an unbreakable bond.

Although I will no longer be physically in your midst I will continue to hold you all in my prayers and I can do no better now than use the words that Paul wrote to the Ephesian Church.

⁶ I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. (Ephesians 3:16-19 New Living Translation).

With heartfelt love and thanks to you all.

Georgina

Reflecting on events in December 2020

ZooMessy Church

Innovative throughout her six years in Tarporley, Georgina, together with the enthusiastic Messy Church volunteers, organised a socially distanced Messy Church using Zoom on December 13th.

Continued Overleaf

Shown to the right is a photograph of some of the Zoomessy participants.



Well done to all who took part.
The only question your editor has (being relatively zoomless) is 'were the Children leading the adults or vice-versa'?

Messy Church on Zoom

A wedding.

Just before Georgina's last services on Christmas Morning there was also a wedding. The happy couple, now John and Elaine Meredith, write as follows:-

Our wedding was on 21st December 2020 at 12 noon. It was the final marriage ceremony conducted by Rev Georgina as Rector of this Parish. The photo is very special to us as she is blessing our marriage with her stole which she wears when conducting marriage services. It is made from the material from her own wedding dress which in fact was also worn by her mother when she was married.



Thank you:
Elaine and
John:

Mr and Mrs Meredith

We congratulate and pray for those recently married:

John Meredith and Elaine Hulton (see page 10)

We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

David Crawford

Patricia Langley

Kathleen Royle

Elsie White



A few pictures from the Link 2015 to 2020: The Georgina Years.

2015 School Nativity



2016 PCC Away Day



2017 Ascension Day in the Rectory garden



2018 Julian, Georgina's new trainee (now Assistant Curate) and family.



The occasion is Julian's son's wedding



All Souls' Day November 2018:

The cross formed by memorial candles viewed through the silhouette of a 'There but not There' soldier at the All Souls Service 2018.

2019 Christingle Service filling the Church with light.(right)





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