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Tarporley Parish Magazine



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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

October 2024

October 6th	HARVEST FESTIVAL	
	St Thomas	9.00am Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am Holy Communion
	St John	11.15am Holy Communion
13th	THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	St Helen	9.30am Café Church
	St Thomas	4.00pm Holy Communion
20th	THE TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	St Thomas	9.00am Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am Holy Communion
	St Helen	6.30pm Evensong with Vox Vocavit
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27th	THE TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	St Thomas	9.00am Songs of Praise
	St Helen	10.00am Holy Communion
	The Done Room	4.00pm Messy Church
November 3rd	ALL SOUL'S DAY	
	St Thomas	9.00am Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am Holy Communion
	St John	11.15am Holy Communion

Each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Helen's: Holy Communion.
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If you have time, please stay for refreshments after the service. Every Sunday at St Helen's, 1st and 4th at St Thomas', 1st Sunday at St John's.

The Rector Writes:-

It's amazing how much difference one letter makes: it's the difference between sending your Christmas list addressed to Satan instead of Santa, or giving your best wishes to your fiend rather than your friend...One such example that I've been thinking of recently is 'milestone' and 'millstone'. We've got a few milestone birthdays at The Rectory this year, as well as milestone anniversaries in the wider parish: the 175th Anniversary of the opening of Tarporley Primary this month and the 150th Anniversary of the opening of St John and the Holy Cross in Cotebrook in January. All of these events are good markers on the journey, literally milestones – counting off the distance passed, or the distance still to go. But there are times when celebrating these *milestones* can become like a *millstone* around our necks – the crushing pressure of ensuring everything is right, runs smoothly and is a fitting celebration. The expectation can feel like a weight grinding one down!



Another Tarporley Milestone

The early pages of the Bible also see stones used as markers: when Jacob meets with God in Genesis 28 and Genesis 35, he uses stones to set up a pillar to mark the place where God had confirmed the promise of blessing made to Abraham. These stones designated that as sacred space, holy ground, and Jacob calls it 'Bethel' – *the house of God*.

To be honest, sometimes I see the buildings that we have in the parish (the three churches and the Done Room) less as sacred space/the houses of God and more like millstones around our necks! When so much time, energy and money is needed to keep them functioning I sometimes wish we worshipped in tents!! But in my less grumpy moments, I can recognise that rather than *millstones*, these buildings are *milestones* for us, marking all that God has been doing in this

place over the years, a very visible and permanent reminder of God's presence in our lives and communities. Just as parties and anniversaries can act as those focused occasions to celebrate big occasions and milestones, our buildings can be milestones too, pointing us back and forwards. Hearing the stories of the faithfulness of those who came before us, basking in the quiet of church and feeling the prayers and worship that have soaked into the stonework, it is hard not to see our buildings as vital way-markers in the journey of so many pilgrims locally: as places where people encountered God, and could echo Jacob's words: *'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'*

So as we celebrate over the coming months, may we cast off any sense of them being *millstones*, and embrace the *milestones*, confident that the God who was with us before still journeys with us!

Jim

Dates for your diary

The Autumn and early Winter months offer a number of notable parish events/opportunities for us to gather socially as well as at prayer in our scheduled services. Please see some of the following pages for details.

Also please don't forget the Tarporley Bellringer's Quiz on Friday October 4th at the Tarporley Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. It is a good night and the resulting proceeds are split equally between St Luke's Hospice Winsford and St Helen's Church Tarporley.



'Let your light shine' (Matthew 5)

Tarporley CE Primary School turns 175!

As we celebrate our 175th anniversary, we are delighted to invite the Tarporley community to join our celebrations, learn about our past and help us shape the next 175 years! Following our recent, successful Ofsted inspection, the pupils and staff at Tarporley CE Primary are ready to celebrate!

In September, we will be 175 years old, and to commemorate this special occasion we will be learning about the history of our wonderful school through stories, memories and photos. Children will be investigating the past and then creating a range of different pieces which will be displayed throughout the school for visitors to admire during our Open Day.

We will be holding an Open Day for the local community on Saturday 12th October from 10am-2pm. Refreshments will be available from the PTA. The school choir will be singing in the hall at 12pm.

We would love to collect your stories, memories and pictures from your time here. If you have anything you wish to share, please can you contact the school office on 01829 708188 or email admin@tarporleyce.cheshire.sch.uk.

Finally, we will be challenging all our staff, families and local community to the 'Tarporley £175 Challenge'. Can you raise £175 for our amazing PTA? You could hold a bake sale, complete a hike or skydive or even get sponsored to pick up 175 pieces of litter!

Every family who completes the challenge will be invited to a celebration assembly on a Friday morning this year and presented with a special prize. Good luck!



Please call or email to arrange a tour of our wonderful, welcoming school



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ECO CHURCH FILM NIGHT

St Helen's Church, Friday October 25th at 6.30pm



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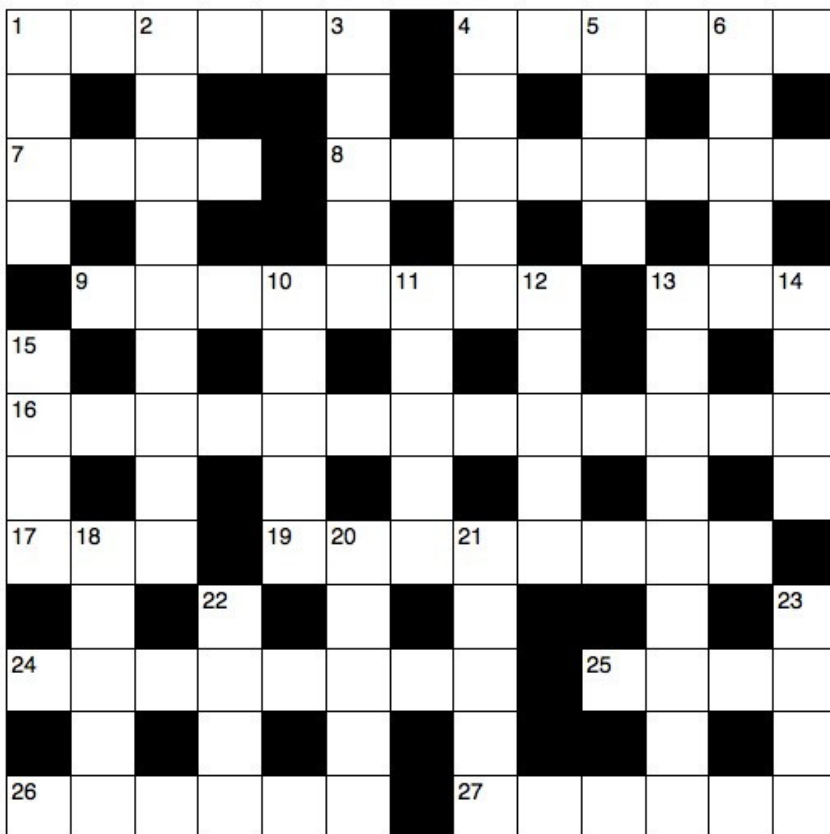
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- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Crossword clues Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

Answers next month (if I remember!) Prize increased Bible knowledge.



Register

We congratulate and pray for those baptised:

Ryan Pape



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We aim to understand the requirements and main priorities for services we could potentially support in the community, including physical and mental health and overall well-being.

As described more fully in last month's Link magazine we are reaching to you, our community, to tell us:- "What specific service(s) or support would you like to see introduced by the Trust?" Thank you.



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