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Tarporley Parish Magazine



The delivery of the Ten Commandments



The birth of Jesus



Feeding the 5000



The Last Supper

Some scenes from the magnificent 'Knitted Bible' Display at Utkinton, St Paul's Primary School

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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

March 2023

March	3rd	World of Prayer Day at St Helen's at 7.30pm A special service to mark the World of Prayer Day	
	5th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
		St Thomas 9.00am	Holy Communion
		St Helen 10.00am	Holy Communion
		St John 11.15am	Holy Communion&baptism
	12th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
		St Helen's 9.30am	Café Church
		St Thomas 4.00pm	Holy Communion.
	19th	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT : Mothering Sunday	
		St Thomas 9.00am	Holy Communion
		St Helen 10.00am	Holy Communion
		St John 4.15pm	Evensong
	26th	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
		St Thomas 9.00am	Songs of Praise; this service will be followed by a light breakfast for the whole community in the Jessie Hughes Hall.
		St Helen 10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Done Room 4.00pm	Messy Church
April	2nd	PALM SUNDAY	
		St Thomas 9.00am	Holy Communion
		St Helen 10.00am	Holy Communion
		St John 11.15am	Holy Communion
		St Helen 4.15pm	Compline and Reading of the Passion



Each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Helen's: Holy Communion.
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On Sunday's if you have time, please stay for refreshments after the service



The Rector Writes:-

At school, whilst I was never the top student in my year, I was a consistent and high performer. So it was something of a shock when opening my AS level results that I managed to get a 'D' at French. It remains one of the biggest failures of my life, and still smarts twenty years on (mostly because this grade was not due to a lack of work, understanding or studying – I still can't quite understand how I failed so badly...!). Although in the grand scheme of things, it is hardly anything to lose sleep over, I still carry that failure with me, along with all the other, much bigger failures since. Despite many successes in life, we are often dogged instead by the failures, and not all the highs can erase the lows of life. In church-language we talk about this in terms of 'sin', the things that we do, think or say that fall short of God's standards.



It's not often that I turn to the wit and wisdom of football managers (partly because there is often a certain lack of both in connection with football...!); however, when I was thinking what to write this month, some words of the outspoken Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho came to mind. Mourinho once famously commented that rival manager Arsene Wenger was a 'specialist in failure' for not winning a major trophy in 8 years. I'm sure that the label hurt!

The theme (and title) of our Lent book this year is Failure. Sometimes when I reflect on my own life and choices, both the major and mundane, I can emphasise with the epithet 'specialist in failure'; the regularity with which I make mistakes and my lack of growth in changing things all seem to be evidence of a propensity to fail, almost as if it is a special power that I excel in!

In our humanity, we are all 'specialists in failure' because despite how hard we try, we can never be perfect or stop messing up. How we deal with that is the important thing, and I hope our Lent book this year will help!

Lent itself is a time when we reflect on failure – each Ash Wednesday we are marked with ash as a symbol of who we are: those who are mortal, as well as those who fail. The marking of the ash is often accompanied by the following words:

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

It is a reminder of the temporary nature of life, but it is also a call to admit our failures and turn to a new way, God's way. To embrace the name of 'Specialist in Failure' but refuse to settle for that as the lasting name by which we are known, and certainly not the name God calls us by. We follow a God who looked to have failed spectacularly on Good Friday, yet by Easter day the idea of God's 'failure' was transformed by the glory of the resurrection of Jesus.

So with Emma Ineson's help, this Lent I hope to be able to reassess that moniker of 'Specialist in Failure' that I seem to drag around after myself – and I hope you will join me in that quest too, so that by Easter day, we may see failure in a different light!

Jim

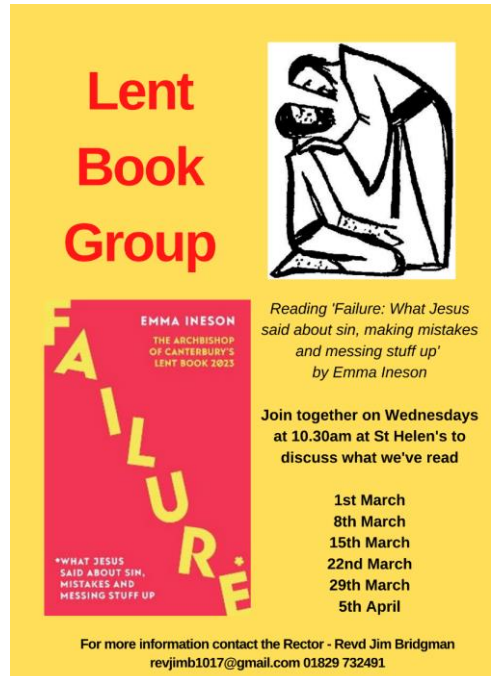
Lent Book group 2023

The Lent Book group returns at the start of March. This year we will be reading *'Failure: What Jesus said about sin, making mistakes and messing stuff up'* by Emma Ineson. Join together on Wednesdays in Lent at 10.30am at St Helen's to discuss what we've read:


1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March, 29th March, 5th April.

If you would be interested in joining in, please let Revd Jim know and order the book!

Overleaf you can read a review of our Lent book by Walter Gibson.



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FAILURE
EMMA INESON
THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S LENT BOOK 2023
*WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT SIN, MISTAKES AND MESSING STUFF UP

Our regular book reviewer, Walter Gibson, has reviewed our Lent Group book. Here are his comments:-

LENT GROUP BOOK REVIEW

Failure

By Emma Ineson

The Archbishop of Canterbury's and Tarporley Parish's Lent Book 2023

Failure. It's one thing we all have in common. Whether it is being late for a meeting, burning the toast, saying the wrong thing, or letting someone down, we all fail. It's what people said about Jesus too when they saw him on the cross: 'he's a failure, he couldn't save himself'. But they were wrong. God had other ideas.

This is a book everyone who has ever felt like a failure should read. So that's all of us. Failure has connotations of shame and embarrassment, yet Emma Ineson shows us how we can learn to embrace it, learn from it, and accept it as part of our lives. She explains how there is more than one type of failure, and more than one reason to fail. For example, failure is likely, and can be beneficial in the long run, when pioneering new ideas. Sometimes it is not so much the actual failure but the fear of failure which holds us back from trying something new.

The book addresses personal failures as well as those of the church. She writes frankly but with good humour about the problems the church faces today and gives us an insight into the pressures that our church leadership face on a daily basis. She sets all of us a challenge by saying that 'Christians ought to be really good at failure'.

This book helps us to understand what she means by being 'really good at failure'. Perhaps her best example is Jesus himself, where she takes us through the Easter story and shows how God turned an apparent failure into the most wonderful triumph.

Walter Gibson

We congratulate and pray for those baptised

Casper McGee

Amalie McGee



We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

George Markus

Some notes of thanks.

Firstly from Marjorie and Brian Rathbone

Graham Ralph Rathbone,

Marjorie, Brian and family would like to thank everyone, the Church family and beyond, for the beautiful card and messages of support given to them at their sad time of Graham's passing.

To Jacqueline Wilson, Rector Jim, Chas and St Helen's and St Thomas' church choirs, The Royal British Legion and all who contributed in helping at the funeral service; we will never forget its comfort. We thank you also for giving so generously to St Helen's Church and Cancer Research the sum of £788.75.

Our love and God's blessing to you all.

Marjorie and Brian Rathbone.

Also we said 'Thank you' to Jan Fairbrother, pictured right, at St Helen's during the Candlemas morning service on January 30th as she received a bouquet of flowers and a gift of champagne in appreciation of her work. Jan has assisted the parish with her dedicated administrative work over many years. **Jan, We thank you.**



Café Church

On the 12th February we met in St Helen's for our first Café Church.

Pews had been turned (but not as in the Temple: Matthew c21-v11-13), tables had appeared. We fetched our coffees and croissants, sat around the tables, read the newspapers provided and we *talked!*



As we ate our croissants and drank our coffee we discussed:- How love is reflected, experienced and demonstrated in our world. In, by and for God, ourselves (me), and others.

Having deliberated; we noted key thoughts on *Post It* notes displayed them (appropriately) on the columns supporting St Helen's.



Worship for April 2023 : Showing how our new service pattern is able to accommodate important festivals and events (In this case Easter and our Annual Parish Church Meeting).

2nd April – Palm Sunday

9am Communion	St Thomas'
10am Communion	St Helen's
11.15am Communion	St John's
4.15pm Compline and Reading of the Passion	St Helen's

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Communion and Stripping of the Altars	St Helen's
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Good Friday

10am Messy Church for Good Friday	Done Room
2pm Good Friday service	St Helen's

9th April – Easter Day

9am Communion	St Thomas'
10am Communion	St Helen's
11.15am Communion	St John's
4.15pm Evensong	St Thomas'

16th April

9am Communion	St Thomas'
10am Communion	St Helen's

23rd April

9am Songs of Praise – followed by simple breakfast at the Jessie Hughes Hall	St Thomas'
10am Communion	St Helen's
4pm Messy Church	Done Room

30th April

10am Communion and APCM	St Helen's
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Overleaf you can test your Biblical knowledge. Answers next month.

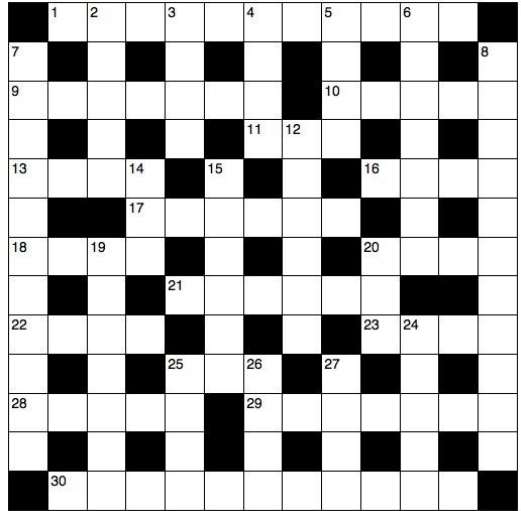
Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4) 16 High-fidelity (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)

- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4) 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11) 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6) 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4) 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4) 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



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