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St Helen's, Tarporley

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St John and the Holy Cross, Cotebrook



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The Link

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October 2025



***Sandra Hardy and some of the very happy recipients
of the Holy Cross Day community lunch in Cotebrook!***

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH October 2025

October 5th

St Thomas'
St Helen's
St John's

HARVEST

9.00am
10.00am
11.15am

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

October 12th

Done Room
St Thomas'

TRINITY 17

9.30am
4.00pm

Café Church
Holy Communion

October 19th

St Thomas'
St Helen's
St Helen's

TRINITY 18

9.00am
10.00am
6.30pm

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Evensong

with Chester Cathedral Nave choir

October 26th

St Thomas'
St Helen's
Done Room

LAST AFTER TRINITY

9.00am
10.00am
4.00pm

Songs of Praise
Holy Communion
Messy Church

November 2nd

St Thomas'
St Helen's
St John's
St Helen's

ALL SAINTS

9.00am
10.00am
11.15am
4.00pm

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
All Souls' service

Weekly Midweek Communion on Wednesdays
at 10am at St Helen's



We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

Monty Welch

Donald Elden

Alan Dilliway-Parry

We celebrate with those who have joined the Church in baptism:

Walter Williams

Clementine Shaw

The Rector Writes:-

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!



Thus starts Psalm 95. Singing has been a large part of my journey of faith; in fact, it is where my journey first began, when I was cajoled to join the church choir aged about 8. From then it was a steep learning curve of chanting psalms, versicles and responses, canticles and anthems. But all of them helped to give an outlet for worshipping the God I was beginning to get to know: fusing language, prayer and music into something that took me beyond myself. It was a way that I could feel drawn into God's presence, and offer something back to God. Music still continues to be a way that brings connection with God for me. For many of us (even those who can't carry a tune) music is a gateway to the divine; St Augustine is often misquoted as saying 'he who sings, prays twice'. Though Augustine never said that, I found recently that he did in another place say 'Singing belongs to one who loves.' This feels very resonant: singing is a response to the love of God that we experience — it is a reason that in the Communion service, having confessed our sins, and heard God's loving forgiveness, we respond in praise by singing of the glory of God. In singing and music we show love to the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all.

This month there are two special chances to be a part of some fabulous music that praises God: the **Vale Royal singers** are coming to entertain us on Saturday 4th October with a selection of music by Sir John Rutter, to celebrate his 80th birthday; and then the **Chester Cathedral Nave Choir** are visiting St Helen's to sing Evensong on Sunday 19th October. Both promise to be times when our spirits can be lifted and our hearts raised in love of God. May that be so for each of us this month whenever (and however) we sing!

Jim

Parish Financial update

At the beginning of last year, we invited everyone in our church family to review their regular giving — whether by increasing a monthly donation or starting one for the first time.

We were so encouraged by the generous response. Many of you stepped up, and your support made a significant difference. At a time when we were also fundraising for the restoration of the Done Room, your willingness to give was truly heart-warming.



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to start this year on a solid financial footing. We're optimistic that we'll end the year with a balanced budget — something we couldn't have achieved without your help. Looking ahead, there are still financial challenges to meet. Our church buildings need ongoing care and repairs, and we're also exploring ways to improve the facilities we offer to better serve our community.

If you're able to support us further — by adjusting your regular giving, making a one-off donation, leaving a legacy in your will, or even taking on a personal fundraising challenge like a sponsored run, cycle, or swim — it would make a big difference. Whatever you have done — or can do — we are deeply grateful. Your continued support is what enables our church to thrive.

Thank you.

Rev Jim Bridgman
Rector

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Treasurer

St. Helen's Church, Tarporley

presents

Celebrating Sir John

with

Vale Royal Singers

In honour of John Rutter's 80th birthday, a
wonderful selection of his work including anthems,
folk songs, and jazz delights!

7:00 p.m

Saturday 4 October 2025

Director: Margaret Corlett

Accompanist: Brian Heald

Admission £10.00 including refreshments

Eco Church - Harvest 2025



The Church of England is committed to being a 'net zero' organisation by 2030 - not far off! This means that over the next five years every parish has to take steps to reduce its carbon emissions into the atmosphere to zero overall.

There may be some small residual emissions but so long as those are taken up and stored safely in an equivalent amount the result will be 'net zero'.

In our parish, the PCC has begun to discuss how we can play our part in meeting this target and active steps are already being taken. For example, at St Helen's and St Thomas', all the lighting is now energy efficient LEDs which cut energy use by 90%. St John's has recently won a grant to do likewise. And at St Thomas', the replacement of oil heating by electric heating run off renewables will greatly reduce their carbon footprint. All these steps are in line with the timings set by the Church.

As well as reducing emissions directly in these ways, steps can also be taken to 'offset' some of the carbon we emit by supporting projects which reduce emissions or increase carbon storage elsewhere. A common example of offsetting is by planting trees, which take up carbon as they grow and store it. You may have used offsetting yourself - many airlines for example offer this as an option to offset the carbon emitted during the flight so that your journey can be net zero.

Offsetting can be seen as an 'easy way out', to avoid the hard work of directly reducing emissions. However, as part of a long term programme of work to achieve net zero it can play an important role and will be necessary to deal with residual emissions that are very difficult to reduce otherwise. This is the PCC approach. Projects also need to be carefully considered to make sure that the carbon reductions they offer have been verified.

This year, as a first step, we are planning to use all the donations from **Harvest Festivals on Sunday 5th October** across the parish to contribute to offsetting some of our carbon emissions through supporting the work of Smart Havens Africa and their construction of energy-saving homes. Their operational savings, validated by the EDGE scheme run by the International Finance Corporation, are around about 0.25 tonnes CO2 per home per year.

Climate Stewards, who provide the 360 degree carbon footprint tool we have used to estimate our parish footprint, put a value of £25 per tonne of carbon emitted for organisations wishing to offset through their approved projects. If we take this value, then to offset our total emissions would cost us around £600. Once we know the actual amount we are donating to SHA we can say that we are contributing an amount equivalent to X tonnes of carbon, hopefully our combined total or above. The actual savings in carbon will come through SHA's future construction at the rate of around 0.25 tonnes/per home/year.

**Tarporley Parish
Harvest 2025**

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All donations today are being given to Smart Havens Africa, our overseas project, to support their work in building energy-saving affordable homes for women.

This will also help us as a parish to reduce our carbon footprint by offsetting some of our carbon emissions.

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This allows us to mitigate our carbon emissions until such time as a solution to the main contributor to our carbon footprint (heating at St Helen's) is found. It also helps us to meet our obligations as an Eco Church parish under the 'Community and Global Engagement' heading. It is a creative way to both be thankful this Harvest, and also seek to support our global neighbours, so please pray for SHA and pray about what gift you could give this Harvest to help bless God's world.

All Souls' service 2025

Sunday 2nd November

4pm

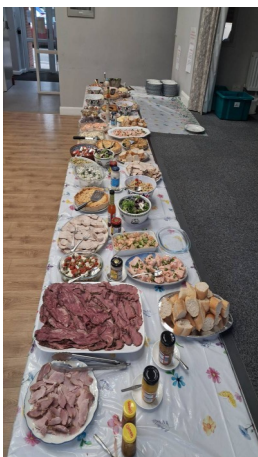
St Helen's



A time to remember those whom
we love but see no longer

All Souls' service 2025—2nd November, 4pm

During our service, we offer the opportunity to read aloud their names, to bring them before God. If you would like your loved one's name to be read out during the service (even if you cannot be present), please fill out your details on the sign up sheets in church, or contact Revd Jim directly (revjim1017@gmail.com)



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6.30PM

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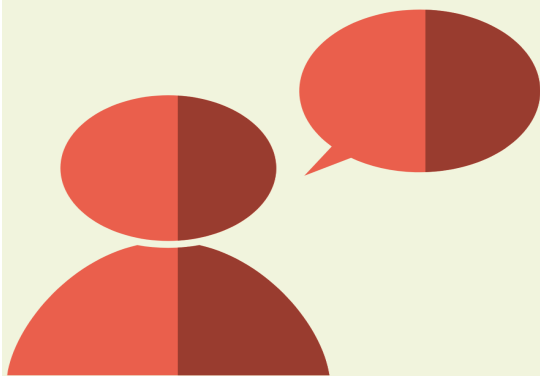
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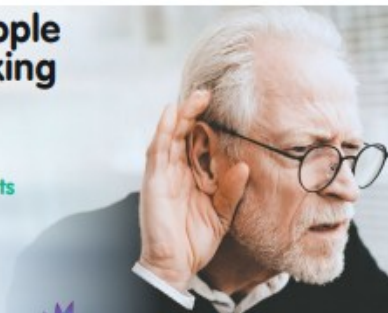
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