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September 2025



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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH September 2025

September 7th

St Thomas'	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen's	10.00am	Holy Communion
St John's	11.15am	Holy Communion

September 14th

TRINITY 12

St John's	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion
<i>followed by parish lunch at Cotebrook Village Hall</i>		
St Thomas'	4.00pm	Holy Communion

September 21st

HOLY CROSS DAY

St Thomas'	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen's	10.00am	Holy Communion
St Thomas'	6.30pm	Evensong

September 28th

ST MATTHEW

St Thomas'	9.00am	Songs of Praise
St Helen's	10.00am	Holy Communion
Done Room	4.00pm	Messy Church

October 5th

TRINITY 15

St Thomas'	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen's	10.00am	Holy Communion
St John's	11.15am	Holy Communion

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



We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

Roland Dawson

Marueen Latham

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

Harper White

The Rector Writes:-

I've been thinking again about busyness and rest—looking at the diary, even some months in advance, I am seldom faced with many blank days; there are already regular services, planned meetings and the plethora of children's activities/parties/sports that seem to set a pattern for each day, week and month. And talking to anyone, whether at work or retired, busyness seems to be all pervasive. Being able to prioritise is helpful. At theological college we were encouraged to put the tasks of ministry into a matrix of important/not important, urgent/can wait, to try to see what needed doing immediately, and what can wait. Perhaps we also need to do that with our journey with God? Are there things that are urgent: maybe repentance, or carving out a committed time to pray? And things that aren't as important (learning the names of all of the book of the Bible...)? What is it that is urgent and important in your spiritual journey?



For some of us, it might be engaging with the Bible more...and if so, there is a great opportunity to do that this autumn as we'll be returning for a second helping of 'Heroes of the Old Testament' in our weekly sermons and Friday Bible studies at The Dray's. Last year, I found the Friday Bible studies a real encouragement, seeing a number of you stepping out of your comfort zone, coming along with questions, comments and a real desire to know more, and then apply it to our lives. I pray that there might be a few others across the parish who might come and give it a go too: you don't have to be an expert or a hero to join in: just a willingness to listen and ask, and a desire to grow in faith. An hour on a Friday with God's Word and God's people might be the most important appointment of your week!

Jim

Flourish and Flourish conference

Flourish Worker Debbie Wood writes: On the 8th of July, Revd Jim, Mrs Forrester (Headteacher) and I had the pleasure of taking six of our Young Leaders to the National FLOURISH Conference at St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham. This event was an opportunity for our FLOURISH Project to meet up with and hear from some of the other projects. The day was off to a flying start when we spotted Jake from iSing Pop who had visited the primary school for a week last summer. Jake co-hosted the day and we began with some sung worship. The excitement intensified as the children recognised the person leading worship as Becky Drake, a very familiar face and voice from their school worship assemblies (see photo right!).



There was a genuine buzz of excitement in the air, a sense of celebration and that beautiful feeling of being a part of something bigger than you first realise. The rest of the day included a variety of activities such as creative prayer stations and workshops. We particularly enjoyed a workshop lead by Worship for Everyone where and learnt how to teach new songs to people in the congregation. The Young Leaders also took part in a creative workshop, where they made some reflective artwork as they thought about qualities, such as what makes us unique and what makes a good friend. The whole day was a great opportunity for all of the pilot projects to join together, to focus our attention on our good God, and to celebrate all the achievements the pilot has already accomplished as well as providing encouragement for us as we look to the coming new academic year.

Just a couple of days later, our Young Leaders lead us in our very own, FLOURISH Summer worship event, held at the Primary School. With plenty of fun and laughter, creativity, worship, storytelling, drama, and of course refreshments, it was the perfect way to end the Summer Term!

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Eco Church - Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd September – 5th October

Nick Parker, from our Eco team, writes: August 2025 saw us complete our first year as a registered Fairtrade Parish when we committed to using Fairtrade products whenever we had that choice. For over a year now all 3 Churches in our Parish have been consciously making the decision to buy Fairtrade products such as coffee, tea, sugar, snacks where that choice is available. At Eco Church film nights we have been providing Fairtrade wine and snacks for our audience, but there are many other products and gifts available if we look for them.



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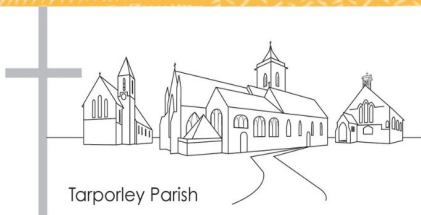
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TO CELEBRATE HOLY CROSS DAY

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BIND Educational Partnership, Uganda

Revd Adam Friend, Vicar of Tarvin, writes about the work of an educational partnership in Uganda: The journey of this partnership began in 2019, with an organised visit to Nyakatukura Primary School. The primary reason to visit was to enhance the relationship between Christchurch Primary School in Ellesmere Port and Nyakatukura Primary School. Within this visit a computer lab was established in the school. During this visit the whole team visited another school, Bufunda Primary School. One of the team promised to partner with this school and soon a staff house accommodating three teachers was built on site, which aided consistency in teaching staff and also enhanced the safety of current and indeed future boarding students.

As time moved on, we looked to increase the schools we worked with including those already in the established partnership in Ibanda called 'BIND'. After a successful trip in 2023 where we were able to establish 4 new school links and continue to work with the others two schools already established within the partnership. All 6 schools now have a laptop, printer, WIFI (and a goat). The first three are to aid the partnership in its ability to communicate. WhatsApp groups have been established and a thirst to share and support each other in an educational way and where possible in infrastructure too.

Within the partnership there are children being supported from individual sponsors who are contributing towards the education of children within the partnership schools. Children are selected from the BIND group following very structured consideration of their background and indeed need. These are currently formalised with individuals and with a single contact in Ibanda where money is sent annually in Ugandan Shillings for the cost of the sponsorship.

The cost of sponsorship is £135 for a primary child, £195 for a kindergarten child and £365 This can fluctuate with exchange rate from Pounds into Ugandan Shillings. The sponsorship is payable before April each year for the start of the 2nd term of the academic year in Uganda. The academic year runs from February to December. There is a possibility of sponsoring children who board and this would be between £300 and £600 depending on the school they attend.

If you are able to help and would like to sponsor a pupil, please contact Revd Jim who can put you in touch with Revd Adam.

The journey continues as we look to expand the schools in the partnership and increase the children we are able to sponsor within these schools.

We are planning a trip in October 2025, where we will continue to make relationships, share educational practice within the partnership schools and to help with the funding of some practical school projects. These are sometimes some basic needs from a toilet block to a kitchen, to a bore hole for water. Beds for boarding children and clothes and sports equipment. When we return in 2025 we are hoping to take come things with us, this includes sports equipment and much more.



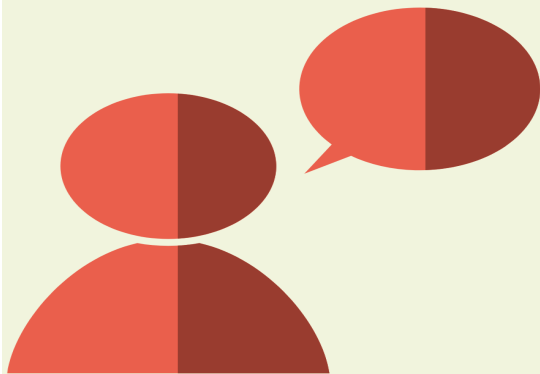
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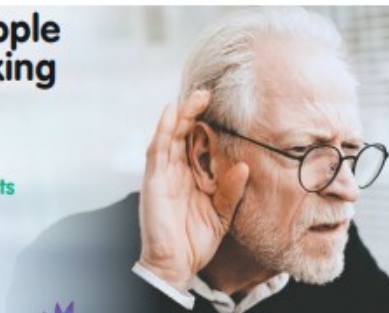
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