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Tarporley Parish Magazine



An enjoyable "Afternoon Tea in the Done Room". But who will eventually win "Heads and Tails"?

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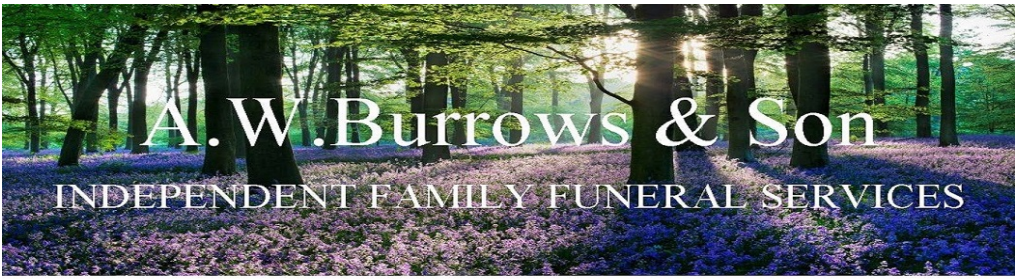
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CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2022

August 7th**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Thomas	9.00am	All-Age Worship
St Helen	10.00am	All-Age Worship
St John	No service	The August service
will be held on August 14 th at 11.15 (see below)		
St Helen	6.30pm	Evensong

14th**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

Bishop Sam visits joins us at each of these services and for refreshments at Cotebrook Village Hall after the last service.

21st**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion

28th**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion



is on Holiday in August!!

but we restart on September 25th

(see page 8 For the timetable)

September 4th**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Thomas	9.00am	All-Age Worship
St Helen	10.00am	All-Age Worship
St John	11.15	Holy Communion
St Helen	6.30pm	Evensong

Each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Helen's: said Holy Communion.

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The Rector Writes:-

I'll put my hands up and say that I love summer; perhaps it's part of being a summer baby, but I seem to feel the most alive in the year when spring segues into summer.

Not for me the cosiness of winter by a fireside, or the colourful hues of autumn



I countdown to summer, and bitterly regret that it leaves all too soon. Walking down the High Street in Tarporley one early evening in July, feeling the comfortable embrace of the sun, and the sights and sounds of others relaxing, my whole body felt lighter, as if all of my being was exhaling with contentment.

The rest and relaxation that holidays bring (especially in the summer) is a necessary and vital antidote to our non-stop life; we need to recharge and be reinvigorated, and slacking on times of recuperation only leads to burnout and exhaustion. If we're too busy to stop and relax, then something is seriously wrong.

The rhythm of life has changed dramatically over the course of a few centuries, and despite the advances in technology, these changes haven't always been beneficial. Many of you will remember times when Sunday was a complete day of rest, when no shops opened, the television had limited hours, and life was very different. The word 'holiday' of course derives from 'holy day', a reminder that rest and work in centuries past was deeply interconnected with the Church – saints' days were holy days, when labourers were not compelled to work, and added with Sundays, it meant that working folk often had more regular time of rest than we do now (to the extent that lords and landlords tried to crack down on the proliferation of 'local saints' which were celebrated, and which meant another day's labour lost!).

One of the Bible readings from last month was the story of Mary and Martha, two sisters who met Jesus but had completely different attitudes: Martha busied herself with hospitality, worrying and rushing around, while Mary took a place at Jesus' feet, listening to what he was saying. It's too simplistic to say that each one of us is either a Mary or a Martha, a do-er or a be-er; we actually need both traits in order to live a rounded life, and without the other, we would be

very stuck – either surrounded by the mess of life that we haven't dealt with (the piled up washing, the dirty dishes) or so consumed with busyness that we don't attend to anything deeper than the superficial; but the most important thing is to recognise *when* to 'do' and when to 'be' – when do we need to be busy, when do we need to stop. That is at the heart of that awful phrase 'work/life balance' – our work and life will seldom be balanced, but being attuned to what we need in each moment is perhaps the more valuable skill to nurture. To realise that each moment can be 'holy', set aside either for work or play.

However you are spending the summer, in work or holiday, I pray that you may be able to recognise what is most needed, and to be able to respond to that.

Jim

Bishops' Visitation – Malpas Deanery 27-29th June

At the end of June, there was a special week for Malpas deanery as all of our bishops from the Diocese of Chester were in the area on a three day visitation.

The visit began at St Helen's on Monday morning, as Bishops Mark, Julie and Sam joined the local clergy for their monthly worship and meeting (with refreshments, provided by Heather at Ginger and Pickles and Isabel Posnett's fabulous lemon drizzle cakes!), with a chance to catch up with clergy in person.

Later that day Bishops Mark and Sam were taken to Tarporley High by Revd Jim, where they met the Headteacher Mr Lowe and Head of Humanities Mr Cox, and the bishops were given a good grilling by Year 7 students!

Tuesday saw the bishops join in a walk through the deanery, starting at Hargrave and walking to Beeston castle for a picnic lunch (via a tour and tasting at the Ice cream farm!), followed by dinner with the Deanery Synod standing committee and a social gathering and time for worship and questions with representatives from all the parishes hosted at St Boniface's Bunbury.



Revd Jim and Bishop Mark

Their visitation ended on Wednesday with a day in Shochlach, hearing about the Agricultural chaplaincy and visiting the local Primary school

Dates for your diary August 14th

Hot on the heels of his visit to the Deanery, Bishop Sam, Bishop of Stockport will be coming to our parish on Sunday August 14^t. Bishop Sam will be attending services at all three churches that day:-

9.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas', Eaton

10.00 am Holy Communion at St Helen's, Tarporley

11.15am Holy Communion at St John and the Holy Cross, Cotebrook

There will also be a chance to talk to Bishop Sam over refreshments at Cotebrook Village Hall after the 11.15am service. Please put the date in your diary, attend a service, and join us for hot drinks and cakes at Cotebrook (whichever service you have been to!).

It's not often the bishops are in the parish, so make the best of this opportunity to get to know Bishop Sam. Please note that there won't be refreshments at St Thomas' or St Helen's that day.

Messy Church planned dates for the remainder of 2022 and 2023.



After a break in August, Messy Church will return in September, when we will be looking at some of the miracles of Jesus as our themes until next July. We start on 25th September with Jesus' first miracle, at a wedding, turning water into wine.

The dates for the rest of this year are: 25th Sept, 16th Oct, 27th Nov, and Tuesday 20th Dec – a special Christmas Messy Church! **Then in 2023:-**
22nd Jan, 26th Feb, 26th Mar, 23rd Apr, 28th May, 25th Jun, 23rd July.

Do put the dates in your diaries! We'd love to welcome you to Messy Church, and we're always looking for more helpers too: so if you could offer some time in the kitchen (whether cooking, washing or drying up, or making drinks), leading a short craft, or being present to help out, please contact Revd Jim.

'Vision Day' Sunday 11th September

As mentioned last month, we will be having a joint parish **'Vision day' on Sunday 11th September** – with a joint service at St Helen's at 10am, followed by refreshments and chances to share and hear plans for the future of the parish. I want to encourage you all, whichever church you normally attend, to join together that day.

Please take some time to fill in the short Audit and Evaluation form, and hand back to me by the beginning of September – please be as thorough and as honest as possible! I want to hear about what is good and what we can improve on about the services, groups, people, and engagement with the community, and also hear about what we are NOT doing that we could or should be involved with. Please pray and put your thinking caps on!

After a printing malfunction, we weren't able to include an evaluation form last month, but there should be one in this edition! And there are other copies in each of the churches, so please fill one in!

Reverend Julian Osborne: Next steps and thanks!

Last month's Link magazine front cover showed the Reverend Julian and Carolyn as we bid them farewell at the end of Julian's last service in Tarporley Parish at St Helen's. At that time Julian did not know where his next position would be but it is now a pleasure to report that:-

Following a process of discernment, prayer and interviews the Bishop Mark to take up the post of Rector of St Bartholomew, Barrow in the Chester Archdeaconry. Julian has accepted this invitation, which is subject to the completion of legal formalities.

Julian and Carolyn are confident of God's guidance in this new season of their lives and are excited about the new opportunities that it presents.

And, on a more personal note. Julian writes:-

Dear friends, Carolyn and I are simply bowled over by your generosity. The home communion set that you have given is absolutely beautiful, and it will be both treasured and well used in the years to come. To receive a cheque as well is absolutely wonderful and the money will be used to build a library of resources to ensure that I remain current, relevant and energised in my Ministry (or more correctly our Ministry, for my glamorous assistant is ready and waiting to become my glamorous PA). Thank you for all your love, prayer and support over the past three and a half years. Tarporley Parish will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Julian and Carolyn

Please continue to pray for Julian and Carolyn as they prepare to move and start in Barrow. A date for Julian's licensing is still being arranged, but when we have it we will let you know

Robert Whittall, CEO Chester Aid to the Homeless (CATH)

Writes:-

Chester Aid to the Homeless (CATH)

Chester Aid to the Homeless (CATH) was established in 1972 making this our 50th year of providing support and services. Back then, like-minded people saw that there was a problem with people sleeping rough in and around the surrounding area and looked to do something about it. They worked to try and fill the gaps in provision by sorting out shelter, food and clothing. Today, CATH still looks to support individuals who fall through the modern-day gaps in provision. We provide information, advice and guidance from The Harold Tomlins Centre and we also accommodate up to 36 people in 8 supported accommodation houses.



The general reasons why people become homeless may have changed, but the fact remains that whatever the specific circumstances people still require help and support. Instead of just alleviating the presenting issues of shelter, food and clothing we are now more involved in providing individuals with options and pathways. CATH provides access to health services, both physical and mental, benefits and budgeting support and general help to navigate, what can be an array of confusing services and provision at a time of crisis.

Whatever the issue, the first part of the process is to spend time with the person and to deal with them as an individual. CATH staff and volunteers are well practiced at giving people time to listen to that person's own priorities and then to agree a way forward. This would be as important in our lives when dealing with a problem as it is in theirs. The key thing is that people are treated as individuals and are involved in the process of trying to sort things out and to make progress. In short, CATH helps people to help themselves.

CATH has always benefited from local support from communities like Tarporley and we are very aware not to take that support for granted. With that in mind I would like to thank all the local individuals and community groups that have provided support particularly over recent challenging times. As we are not Council funded it is because of your support that we can continue to provide accommodation and services to help people.

The Old Fire Station was a place where donated clothes could be dropped off for CATH to collect, but as that is now closed, Reverend Jim Bridgman has kindly offered St Helen's Church as a venue. We specifically need jeans, joggers, hoodies, t-shirts, trainers, backpacks and new underwear and socks – please bring donations into St Helen's and leave at the back of Church. If you would like to find out about more ways to help or simply gain more information about what we do to provide support please visit cath.org.uk or call 01244 314834.

Robert Whittall,

We congratulate and pray for those baptised:

Eddie Shackleton

Indie Hook

Toby Linfield

We congratulate and pray for those recently married:

Matthew Whitehill and Alice Woodward

We also congratulate and pray for those who have renewed their wedding vows

Stephen and Glenys Rogers

We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

Orla-Louise Foster

Bernard Sheen

Thank you also to those who attended or assisted at the

'Afternoon Tea in the Done Room' you helped raise £846 for Church funds!

Tarporley Bellringers and friends trip to Suffolk:-

Anne Gibson Writes

On June 11 some Tarporley bell ringers and friends were once again in Suffolk for a weekend of ringing away. Please note however, that, with good planning, there were still enough ringers to ring for a wedding on Saturday and Sunday service back home in Tarporley!

It was three years since our last trip, because of the pandemic. Simon, who was brought up in Suffolk, arranged our tour of seven churches in the villages of Tostock, Barham, Orford, Campsea Ashe, Parham and Falkenham. As in previous years we finished on Sunday morning by ringing the six bells at All Saints' church in Ashbocking. We enjoyed seeing the lovely places where some of the diocese's over 400 churches are found and trying our hands at some different bells. Whether they were up a winding stair into the tower or sited at ground level in the entrance to the church they all had an individual character.

The churches themselves had many interesting features. At Barham we saw a large Henry Moore sculpture, the Madonna and child. At Campsea Ashe the flowers were in place for a wedding later that day. We heard that three bells from the church here, including one dating from 1715, had been stolen when they were sent for repair some years ago to Bridport! Since then the bells have been replaced and restored, making a peal of six.

At St. Bartholomew's, Orford there are the remains of Norman arches and pillars at the east end of the church. It was in this church that Benjamin Britten staged first performances of some of his works, in particular Noyes Fludde, his version of the Chester mystery plays. A sculpture in the church depicts Noah and the dove. Orford's wonderful country market and its quay on the estuary where bloaters and kippers are smoked made it a great place for a coffee stop. What's more, some of our number enjoyed the products of its speciality bakery!

It is always a test to ring bells you have never tried before but we can report that Tarporley's ringers were up to the challenge! We had fun and, as we wandered around the lovely churchyards admiring the views, it was great to hear our friends making tuneful bells ring out once more.

We are blessed with a very good peal of eight bells here at St Helen's.

Have you ever considered learning to ring? It is excellent exercise, both physical and mental and you would be sure to make new friends. We would welcome new learners.

If you would like to find out more contact Jenny Christian on 01829 732412 or on email at christian908@btinternet.com *Anne*



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Tarporley Flower Club

Members of the Tarporley Flower Club invite you to join them at their monthly

meeting which is held at the

Tarporley Community Centre between 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.

on the first Tuesday of each month (except in January when the meeting is held on the second Tuesday.

There is no meeting in August).

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