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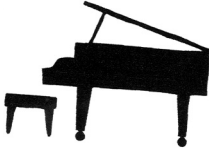


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CHURCH SERVICE CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2021

October 3rd HARVEST FESTIVAL

Celebratory services at our three churches; please see page 8 for more details



	St Thomas	9.00am	All Age worship
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	St Helen	10.00am	All Age worship
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	St John	11.15am	Harvest Holy Communion
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10th THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
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	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
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17th THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
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	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
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24th THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
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	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
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31st ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
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	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
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	St Helen	6.30pm	All Souls Service
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A special service in the evening. See appended page 12a for details.

November 7th THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

	St Thomas	9.00am	All-Age worship
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	St Helen	10.00am	All-Age worship
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	St John	11.15am	Holy Communion
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There is a service of Holy Communion at St Helen's every Wednesday at 10am.

We will continue to follow government and C of E COVID-19 guidance.

The Rector Writes:-
'and indeed it was very good'



As much I would like this to be a round up of the performance of my favourite football team, the evaluation of one my (infrequent and rushed) baking attempts or even an assessment of one of my sermons (!), I have yet to hear this phrase associated with any of them!

However, we do find these words in the very first chapter of the Bible, in the creation story in Genesis: God surveys all that has been made, all that God has caused to come into being, and sits back satisfied – *it was good!* If we listen closely, we might even be able to hear the sigh of deep contentment issuing from God's being: God was happy with the created order, it fitted its purpose, it was full of life and goodness.

Gazing over at Beeston castle in the summer sunshine from the Rectory garden in the weeks after we moved in, I too felt a great sense of peace and marvelled at the goodness that we see in creation, and could certainly echo the words of God: *'and indeed it was very good'*

Yet...(and there is always a yet...) we know that the earth is in the midst of an unprecedented crisis. The goodness that we see around us cannot blind us to the impact that humanity as a whole is having on the planet: in our over-consumption, our wastefulness, our lack of care and general short-sightedness to the resources of the planet. And while we in the rich West are somewhat protected from the worst of the effects, the poorest parts of the world suffer. So there seems to be a bit of a dissonance with those original feelings of God in Genesis: *'and indeed it was very good...but now humanity is making a mess of it!'*

Yet...(and there is always a yet...) this doesn't have to be the inevitable way of things: the end of the story is not quite written. The Christian faith is based on the idea of redemption, a making good of things, a restoring of that which has been marred. Ultimately this is seen in Jesus' redemption of humanity, his defeat of death and sin, but it also is seen in the redemption of the whole of creation itself in the new heaven and new earth that is visualised at the end of the Bible in Revelation. While God is the one who redeems, humanity is also

called to play its part, and the Church should be leading the outworking of this: doing all that we can to care for the planet as stewards of God's creation, both on an international, national, local and individual level.

One of the ways of doing this on a parish level is to sign up for Eco Church. This is a project set up by the Christian environmental organisation *A Rocha*. Eco Church is an "award scheme for churches who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth." Based on completing a free online survey each parish or church can assess how they express care for God's world: *in their worship and teaching; in how they look after their buildings and land; in how they engage with the local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of individual congregation members*. The actions each parish takes will count towards an Eco Church Award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. Chester Diocese has committed to become an Eco Diocese, and here in the parish of Tarporley we can play our part too. For more information, go to the Eco Church website: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>.

The fifth of the '5 Marks of Mission' described by the Anglican Communion is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth', and signing up for Eco Church would certainly help us to put this Mark of Mission into practice.

This month also sees the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) held in the UK, an opportunity for countries across the world to update their targets and plans to tackle climate change. It also happens to be occurring in the autumn, near the time when the Church celebrates Harvest (we will be doing so across the parish on Sunday 3rd October in all three churches) and so it feels like a good opportunity to reflect on our corporate and individual stewardship of creation as a way of thanking God for all that has been given to us.

This Harvest, if you're interested in being a part of a group to consider the ecological impact of our buildings, and to begin to undertake the Eco Church surveys for our three churches, please let me know. It would be really great to have a group to help drive this forward, and show in a practical way that we care for God's good creation. My hope and prayer is that upon assessing and continuing to check our ecological impact as a parish we too may agree that rather than messing things up, *'it was very good'!*

Jim

Our Harvest Festival Services.

Services in the parish on **Sunday 3rd October** will celebrate Harvest, a time to give thanks to God for all the good gifts given to us, and the Earth God created.

Come and celebrate at:-

9am All Age worship at St Thomas' Eaton

10am All Age worship at St Helen's Tarporley

11.15am Communion for Harvest at St John and the Holy Cross Cotebrook.

Everybody is welcome at all churches, and at each service there will be an opportunity to bring harvest gifts in aid of the work of Mid Cheshire Foodbank. The foodbank are currently short of the following items:



Biscuits, Desserts, Tinned fruit, Tinned potatoes.

Please give generously and in thanksgiving for all God has given us.

Decorating St Helen's for Harvest.

If you are able to assist a small team of helpers between 9 am and 12 noon on Saturday 2nd October to decorate St Helens church for Harvest please contact Elaine Meredith 01829 732104

Please give donations towards flowers to the Church Wardens

Thank you Elaine Meredith

A thank you note from Georgina Watmore.

Liz Neely writes:- Recently Reverend Georgina wrote to Phillip and myself to let us know how she has spent the leaving gift she received from the three churches and the easiest way to express her thanks to you all is to tell it in her own words

“ I hope no-one will mind that I have unashamedly spent this on myself and used the monies to buy an electric golf trolley, some lessons and a subscription to a local golf club. I have played golf on and off (mainly off) for many years, usually just on holiday in Portugal with the boys. Family and work commitments have always meant that I never had the time to become consistent or better.

It has been a long held ambition to devote some effort and of course much more time to getting better and now I can!

Hopefully with the generous help of Tarporley Parish I might finally be able to play the game and more importantly be able to join in heartily and well with Ian and the boys on our golf trips in the years that we hopefully have to come.

I still miss you all very much and can come down for the odd coffee! In the meantime as I travel around the golf course, thanks to everyone's generosity, I will be taking my lovely Tarporley Parish family with me.

With every blessing, *Georgina*

**Liz Neely also provides another delicious recipe for:-
Tarte Tatin**

Serves 4 Flour for dusting
 300g puff pastry
 100g caster sugar
 100g butter cut into small pieces
 600g apples (Cox, Bramley or Discovery) peeled & sliced

Preheat the oven to 190 C/375 F/ Gas 5. On a lightly floured surface, roll the pastry into a disc 1cm thick and large enough to cover the top of the pan with a little extra to hang over the edge. Set the pastry aside.

In a non-stick 25cm ovenproof frying pan (or dish) about 5cm deep melt the sugar over a medium heat until it begins to caramelize. Add the pieces of butter one at a time. Continue cooking until all the butter has melted and you have a smooth, bubbling liquid.

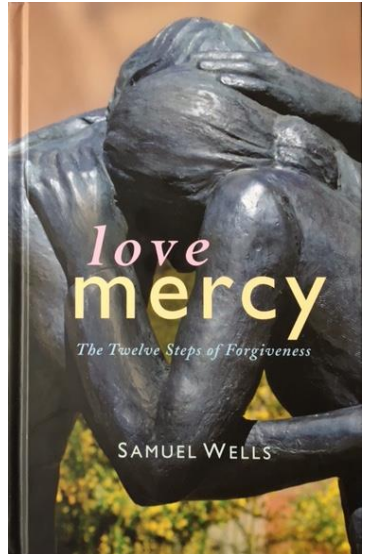
Lay the apple slices in the pan, overlapping in a circular fan pattern and covering the base. Cook for 2 minutes to brown the bottom of the apples in the caramel but do not let them burn.

Remove the pan from the heat and lay the pastry over the top of the apples, tucking the extra in and around them inside the pan. Put the pan on a baking sheet and place in the oven. Bake for 20-25 minutes until the pastry is golden and crisp.

To serve, select a plate that fits snugly over the pan. Hold the pan and plate firmly together and quickly flip the pan over onto the plate. Carefully lift away the pan leaving the tarte tatin apple side up in all its glorious scrummy-ness on the plate. **Serve with custard, cream, ice-cream or enjoy on its own.**

**From the Parish Bookshelf: Walter Gibson reviews:-
 “Love Mercy” by Samuel Wells**

“Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly”. We say these words (from Micah 6:8) at each service of Holy Communion. They sound simple but how much do we really understand what they mean for the way we should be living our lives? Samuel Wells has embarked on an exploration of each of the three: he began with “Walk Humbly” (reviewed in an earlier edition of *The Link*) and has recently published the second, “Love Mercy”, which is sub-titled “The Twelve Steps of Forgiveness”.



The scope of this book is immense – it applies to societal reconciliation, such as in post-apartheid South Africa, as much as to individuals struggling with conflicts in their own personal lives. The same twelve steps apply. It is really a book about finding and making peace, with others, with yourself, and within communities. It is a book of insights into how the process works and how to make it work, drawn from many different examples.

The existence of *twelve* steps of forgiveness was quite a new thought to me and may be to you also. I found the logic and evidence compelling however: there is a chapter for each stage and in each one I found something that made me stop and think, a fresh way of looking at a subject which I thought was well, straightforward, if often difficult. I now realize there is much more to it than just saying sorry.

Walter Gibson

Key log St. Helen's, St. Thomas' and St. John's

As part of updating our records for insurance purposes we need to have a list of everyone who holds keys for any of the three churches in Tarporley Parish.

Can you let me know what keys you have (some may in fact be out of date as certain locks have been replaced) and what duties you do in church, please?

Many thanks, Liz Neely tel.no. 07890 470899 email: neelyeliza@hotmail.com

The Parish welcomes Jim Bridgman and Family.

At 7.00pm on September 1st 2021 the parishioners of Tarporley gathered at St Helen's and all eight bells at St Helen's rang out to welcome Reverend Jim Bridgman and two Bishops to a special service at which Jim was formally introduced, welcomed and instituted as Rector of Tarporley Parish.

Here Elaine Meredith describes the service:-

"Well, imagine our surprise when we were blessed with two Bishops attending and conducting our service of Institution when we welcomed The Reverend Jim Bridgman and his family to the Parish of St. Helen's Tarporley on the 1st September 2021.

It was a special evening service with hymns chosen by Jim O For a Thousand Tongues, The King of Love, Come Down O Love Divine, I Come with Joy, a Child of God and My Song is Love Unknown.

Bishop Mark, Bishop of Chester, had invited the new Bishop of Stockport to attend as it was his first day of duty in our Diocese. Bishop Sam Cawley has joined the Chester Diocese where he had been the Rector of the Parish of Leeds City.

Bishop Mark encouraged us to have fewer meetings and more parties!

Elaine Meredith



After the service Jim, Bishop Mark and Phillip allow themselves a moment of relaxation.

Michael Scott and Rosemary Lilley report on:-

A Summer Evening in Eaton

Reverend Jim Bridgman hit the ground running two days after his Institution with Jenny and their children at a "Summer Evening" at Deer Park Farm, Eaton. The venue had been kindly offered to St Thomas' for a social and fundraising event by Richard Reeves and Jan Heys. A sell-out crowd of over ninety, comprising our own congregation, their friends in the village and further afield and a good sprinkling of worshippers from St Helen's and St John's enjoyed a welcome drink with a kick to it and a mouth-watering cold buffet prepared by our own in-house catering team. It was a lovely evening in every way but particularly financially raising £1973 a much-needed boost to our income.

We congratulate and pray for those baptised:

Isla Hannah Thelwell

We congratulate and pray for those recently married:

Paul Emerson and Christine Croucher



We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

Janet Sheen



Tarporley Parish on Facebook

Jim has started work and is pleased to announce that:-

Tarporley Parish is now on Facebook, with a new Facebook page, giving the latest news and information from the three churches.

If you have a Facebook account please:-

Search for 'ParishofTarporley' and 'Like' the page for latest news to appear on your newsfeed.

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All Souls'
Service of Remembrance
Sunday 31st October 2021
St Helen's 6.30pm

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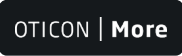


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sam.moggan@opalservices.org.uk

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