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CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER 2022

November 6th	THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	
	St Thomas	9.00am All-Age Worship
	St Helen	10.00am All-Age Worship
	St John	11.15 Holy Communion
	St Helen	3.30pm All Souls Service (see p10)
13th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	St Thomas	9.00am Holy Communion. This service will be followed by an Act of Remembrance at the Cross
	St Helen	10.25am Remembrance Parade and Service. The Parade will start at the top of the High Street at 10.25am and proceed to St Helen's Church for the Service.
20th	THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT: CHRIST THE KING	
	St Thomas	9.00am Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am Holy Communion
27th	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	St Thomas	9.00am Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am Holy Communion
	St Helen	4.00pm Messy Church
	Messy Church meets in the Done Room	
	For our November meeting the theme is Advent.	
December 4th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	St Thomas	9.00am All-Age Worship
	St Helen	10.00am All-Age Worship and Baptism
	St John	11.15am Holy Communion
	St Helen	4.00pm Christingle Service



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

**Every Sunday at St Helen's
1st and 4th Sundays at St Thomas'
1st Sunday of the month at St John's**



The Rector Writes:-

Following on from the Parish Vision day at the end of last month, I want to thank you for all your thoughtful responses and evaluations about what we as a parish do well, and could do differently or better. It was a very useful exercise to hear your thoughts and hopes, rather than just relying on my own assumptions, observations and ideas.



When thinking about the future, the four main themes that came out of our discussion were:

1. Exploring a new pattern of worship
2. Deepening prayer and discipleship
3. Improving Facilities
4. Engagement
 - a. With communities
 - b. With 'un-churched' people
 - c. With schools

I may be the only one, but hearing these things makes me feel very excited and hopeful about our future! Yes, they will entail a degree of change, newness and above all hard-work, but they also emphasise what our priorities are both as a gathered community and as individuals – a desire to know God better and expand our spirituality; a need to have facilities that help us serve the community around us (not just ourselves); a heart for reaching out to others with God's love. This is what it means to be church, and I hope they chime with each one of us.

This cannot be done by just one person, or even just a committed core: this must become part of the DNA of every member of Tarporley Parish and its congregations. Together we all have the time and skills to make a positive impact on our parish for God. The hard work starts now.

How can we make an impact?

Earlier this year I shared the story about a beach which, after a storm, was filled with starfish as far as the beach extended, slowly drying out as the tide receded.

One woman started to pick up some of the starfish and throw them back into the sea. Another passer-by, seeing the woman, asked: 'Why are you doing this? What's the point – there are so many starfish on the beach you'll never make a difference.' The woman replied 'Well it will make a difference to the ones back in the sea!'

Perhaps we are tempted to think like this, that we can't make an impact, that the task is too big. Well as Gabriel said to Mary, 'Nothing is impossible with God', and that is what we need to hold onto: God is with us, and while we can't do much in our own strength, God is able to do more than we can ever imagine.

In January 1961, President John F Kennedy famously said "My fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." Moving into this new phase in the life of the parish, I say: 'Ask not what your parish can do for you – ask what you can do for your parish!'

One small example is thinking about helping our schools: We are fortunate to have two Church of England Primary schools in the parish – Tarporley CE Primary and St Paul's CE Primary Utkinton and Cotebrook. I am pleased to say that our links with those schools are good and improving all the time: from regular clergy visits to school, and school services in church to members of our congregations serving on the Governing Bodies of both schools. But there are more ways to help too – both schools are desperate for **volunteers to help listen to their pupils read on a regular basis**; this is a small commitment of a few hours each week, but would make a huge impact on the education of these pupils and the life of the schools, and be a practical way for us as church to show our support for them. Full training and help, and DBS checks would be provided, but there is really no specialist training – just a desire to listen, help and give your time. It might not seem a lot, but it would make a great difference! Please consider whether this is something you may be able to offer, and I will be getting in touch with some of you to give you an extra nudge!

That is just the tip of the iceberg: there are always more ways to serve the parish, often in ways that are quiet or 'ordinary', yet something that genuinely everyone could do. If you are enthused to see what you could offer, please get in touch.

If we all work together, there may be a lot more starfish saved from our beach!!

Jim

Messy Church – September and October

Messy Church returned for the Autumn term with sessions planned to look at some of the Miracles of Jesus. Each session we'll be singing the song 'Jesus you're my superhero', as we remember the super things that Jesus was able to accomplish.

In September, we considered Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine – through water relay games, decorating plastic wine glasses, making party invitations and some angel delight and jelly mixes, we thought about the wedding Jesus attended, and how he was able to turn so much water into the best wine.

In October, we continued the refreshment theme as we looked at Jesus feeding the crowd of over 5000 people. The highlight was definitely making and eating our own pizzas with our favourite toppings: watch out Domino's, there were some very accomplished pizza makers among us (and plenty of empty plates – the best pizzas we had ever eaten)!! We also made a crowd scene with potato prints (and nearly made 5000 prints!), as well as making prayer cards to thank God for our food, accompanied by photos of our favourite foods: there were plenty of cakes on our cards! While we didn't have 5000 people to feed like Jesus, it's fair to say that just like in the story everyone had enough to eat, with some left over!



At the Mess Table. But where did those home-made pizzas go?

Messy Church meets next on Sunday 27th November, and the theme will be Advent, as that day is Advent Sunday. Do come along to the Done Room from 4pm – new and returning families always welcome.

Kelsborrow Choir

On Saturday 15th October, Kelsborrow Choir came to St Helen's for an evening of Musical Entertainment, and those who came were certainly not disappointed!

We were led on a varied musical journey including music from choral masters William Boyce, Bob Chilcot and John Rutter through to the madrigals of Thomas Morley and American spirituals (with some audience participation!), to numbers from Yazoo and Irving Berlin, ending with the uplifting 'All God's creatures got a place in the choir'. It was also a privilege to have talented young saxophonist Nina Martin play for us pieces, including Take 5 by Dave Brubeck. Nina is currently studying at Sir John Deane's College and if her excellent playing for us is anything to go by, she certainly has a very bright future ahead of her!

Thank you to Kelsborrow for entertaining us, especially as this was only their second in-person performance since the pandemic. They will certainly be welcome back in the parish again!



The marvellous Kelsborrow Choir

But you don't have to wait for the Kelsborrow Choir to return before you enjoy participating in uplifting music!

Please read the invitation below from Chas Harden.

As Christmas is quickly approaching our thoughts turn to our musical contributions to the All Souls Memorial Service in early November and the Christmas Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas Day.

St Helens Church Choir would like invite singers of any voice but especially men, to come and join us during this season of waiting and joy. We rehearse for 1 hour on every Wednesday evening, at 7.30pm in St Helen's Choir Vestry (No practice on 16th November).

We are a friendly bunch and are happy to welcome all comers. There is absolutely no obligation to sing every Sunday, although this is much appreciated.

We also invite piano or other keyboard players to be introduced to the organ. Our present organists do a wonderful job, but we are all aging and would like to have more free time off.

Please enquire on either of the above to Chas Hardern 01829 732595 or Rev Jim.

Chas Hardern

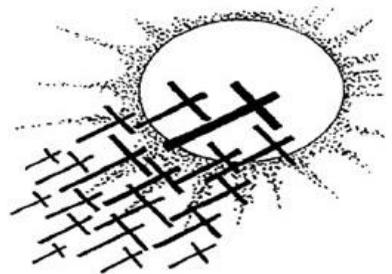
Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th November 2022 St Helen's 3.30pm 'All Souls Service'

We join together with others who are facing the pain and sadness of bereavement, and through music, prayers, silence and words, we will remember, pray and give thanks for the lives of those we love but see no longer.

All are welcome to attend this service, whether you have experienced bereavement recently or a long time ago

If you would like a family member's name read out at this service, please fill out your details and their name(s) on the sign-up sheets (available in each church), or email Revd Jim Bridgman (01829 732491) - revjimb1017@gmail.com.



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Proceeds to St Helen's Parish Church

All Welcome

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Austin Roberts

We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

Paul Markham



Thank you for your wonderful support at the Bellringer's quiz on October 7th.

This very enjoyable event raised a total of £1900 whilst dredging the memories of willing participants. We are very grateful for the support given by the Tarporley community in general, and local people and businesses in particular, for their generous donations which contributed enormously to a very successful evening. The proceeds have been split equally between St Luke's Hospice Winsford and the Parish of St Helen Tarporley with each receiving the sum of £950.00. Thank you all. *The Tarporley bellringer's team.*

Finally

Overleaf please see some more photographs of Messy Church and our Harvest decorations and Celebrations

The crowd scene
of nearly 5000
prints from
October's Messy
Church



One of the
Harvest
Festival
decorating
teams



Tarporley Parish Harvest Supper

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

A quick reminder of the new services to be offered from Tarporley War Memorial Hospital (Phase 1.) (Late Summer /Autumn2022)

The hospital will become a rural hub for the following:-

- Rapid Response Team enabling people to receive care and rehabilitation in their own homes.
- REACT Hospital at Home Team enabling improved access to patients in crisis who might otherwise need to go to hospital to receive treatment in their home.

**For further information or queries please email
fundraising@tarporleyhospital.co.uk**

Tarporley Flower Club

*Members of the Tarporley Flower Club
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meeting which is held at the

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