

Dear Parishioners,

Following a process of discernment, prayer and interviews, **Rev'd Jim Bridgman** has been invited by Bishop Mark to take up the post of Rector of Tarporley in the Chester Archdeaconry. Jim has accepted the invitation, which is subject to the completion of legal formalities.

**Jim sends this message:-**

*"I was ordained in 2010 and I am currently Vicar of Timperley Parish in Bowden Deanery (near Altrincham). I am married to Jenny and we have three primary aged children: Ben, Caitlin and Emily. I am also a trained Spiritual Director and I enjoy reading, films and getting outdoors. Jenny is also ordained and works for Chester Diocese training men and women for lay ministry. She will continue in this role after our move to Tarporley while also beginning a doctorate at Chester University.*

*I am really looking forward to joining you all in Tarporley and walking alongside you as we follow Jesus together. The past year has been quite a difficult time for everyone but, as we continue to recover and reflect, I am excited about the ways in which God is working in the parish, and the new challenges and opportunities that will arise as restrictions lift. I am especially looking forward to getting involved in the local schools, visiting parishioners, meeting the three different church congregations and getting to know the people, shops and communities of Tarporley, Eaton and Cotebrook.*

*We hope to make some trips over to Tarporley in the weeks ahead as we prepare for a move over the summer. Do say hello if you see us around!"*

Rev'd Julian Osborne has taken on the duties of Parish Priest during the vacancy in Tarporley Parish, visiting parishioners, conducting services and producing service sheets online while the churches have been closed and so much more. We in this parish owe both Julian and Carolyn a huge debt of gratitude and thanks for their commitment to the church and continuing ministry during this time of transition and hope you will keep them in your prayers as we continue to worship together.

In prayer

**Phillip and Liz**

Wardens for Tarporley Parish