

September 2022

Tarporley Parish Magazine



On Sunday August 14th Tarporley Parish were delighted to welcome Bishop Sam who preached at all three of our church services and joined us afterwards for refreshments and a chat at Cotebrook Village Hall.

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CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2022

September 4th THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

11th THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St Helen	10.00am	Joint Parish Service
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An especial 'Vision Day' service celebrating, reviewing and reflecting on Jim's first year as Rector of Tarporley Parish. See page 12 for more details

18th THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

25th THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

behind St Helen's Church Tarporley (for future dates see p12)



October 2nd THE SIXTEENTH 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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An update on the 'Afternoon Tea in the Done Room' the final figure was £902.40 raised for Church funds! Thank you.

The Rector Writes:- This month's Link is packed full of lots of articles on a variety of subjects – children's work in the parish at Messy Church (p12) , an update on the financial situation here (p8), and a look at opportunities for pastoral care (p7) (to name just three), so my article this month will be shorter than usual!!



The variety of subjects written about this month is a reminder to me of the breadth of ministry here in Tarporley Parish, and of the scope of what it means to be church. I also hope that the experience of completing the recent feedback and evaluation form in preparation for the parish Vision Day has similarly got us all thinking about who we are as church, and what we are called to be, and to see where the gaps are between the two.

Despite common misconceptions, change is a part of church life! The history of the church, from the time of Jesus up to the recent Lambeth Conference shows evidence of the people of God wrestling with how to be God's people in a changing world: from early church concerns about how to interact with those who are non-Jews and how to celebrate Communion to issues around Climate change and LGBTQI+ inclusion that we consider today. Each new generation (and each parish) has to work out how to continue to live as people who know and love God, and make that love known in the context they find themselves in. That is what lies at the heart of the Vision day process here – to call us back to our original purpose to be bearers of God's love and light in the communities of Tarporley, Eaton, Cotebrook, Rushton and Utkinton, and work out how the church buildings, regular worship, outreach and community involvement we have can play a part in all that. It is a call for all of us to play a part!

I am excited about what God has in store for this parish in the months and years ahead, and look forward to continuing with you on this journey. My first year here has been great and shown many opportunities and challenges: I can't wait to see what happens next!

Above all, in the coming days and weeks, continue to pray for this parish! Pray for growth in the number of people engaging with God, pray for work with young and old (and everyone in between), ill and well, pray for the financial situation, pray for church officers and leaders, pray that all we do may be a

positive reflection of God's love, generosity and grace, and that we may be a blessing to the communities around us.

Jim

Pastoral Care Group

Earlier this summer, Revd Jim reorganised the Pastoral Care Group after the pandemic and vacancy hiatus. The Pastoral Care Group is a collection of people from across the three churches who assist the clergy in offering pastoral care to members of the parish, whether they be regular church attenders, or those who have had contact with the churches through baptisms, weddings or funerals.

It's possible that you may have lost someone close to you either recently or in the past and you are struggling with waves of grief or anger, regret or bitterness. Perhaps you, or someone you love, is housebound, ill, or temporarily indisposed and feeling isolated or frustrated. You may be new to the area and would welcome some company, or perhaps new to parenthood and welcome some support and a chat.

Illness, bereavement, indeed any change in our circumstances can trigger feelings of isolation, anxiety or sadness and make life more difficult. Our confidence and decision-making ability can be knocked, especially after the last two years of the pandemic.

To make matters worse we often do not want to worry those closest to us or overburden them with our feelings and so can feel that we are alone. At times like these it can be very helpful to have a third party to talk to, and this is where the Pastoral Care Group could help: by offering a safe, confidential place to talk, listen and share.

If you, or someone you know, are unable to join us for worship, either long-term or because of a short need for convalescence, we can also bring communion to you. During a visit, I or a member of our group of authorised lay assistants will share elements consecrated during a Communion service in the parish. In this way the link with the worshipping community is maintained, and they can know that God is with them during their time of need. (continued overleaf)

So if you, or someone you care for, would like someone to talk to in a confidential way, or provide prayer support or Communion at home for those who can't get to church, please contact Revd Jim (revjimb1017@gmail.com or 01829 732491/07526243702). Visits from either members of the Pastoral Care Group or from the clergy can be requested.

Revd Jim

We congratulate and pray for those recently married:

Niall Watson and Samantha Gurney Dominic Murgatroyd and Lauren Heath

Tarporley Parish

Financial Update and Parish Share

Our income as a parish is generated in three main ways: rent from property owned by the parish (the Done Room) and a small amount of interest from endowment income (investments from legacies); fees from services (funerals and weddings, some of which is then passed onto Chester Diocese); and giving from church members and those attending services. The majority of our income comes from this latter source. We receive no funding from the Government or the Church of England, so every donation and gift is really vital.

As well as regular maintenance outgoings for the three church buildings and the Done Room (heating, lighting, water, insurance, cleaning, maintenance of churchyards and any building work), the main outgoing each year is the Parish Share, a contribution to the running of ministry across the Diocese and the Church of England.

What is Parish Share and how is it calculated?

The Parish Share is a contribution by parishes in the Diocese towards the cost of the provision and support of Parish mission and ministry. The amount requested of each parish is calculated on the basis of the cost of one priest and support services; this amount is known as the standard parish share. The amount requested is this figure adjusted for clergy numbers and socio economic factors. Parish Share helps to maintain ministry within the Church of England both now and for the future, here in this parish and in the wider Diocese. It is a reminder that we do not exist as a church in isolation, but we are connected to each other.

A standard parish share is calculated based on the annual Diocesan budget. The clergy number and the parish banding is applied to the standard share to calculate the amount requested from each Parish. In 2022 a 2% rise was applied to the previous year's standard share. So, for this year, Parish Share has been calculated using the following formula: -

Parish Share = Clergy Number x Banding x Standard Parish Share

The standard parish share for 2022 is as follows: -

Year	Standard parish share	105% band	% rise on previous year
2021	£65048	£68,300	1%
2022	£66349	£69,667	2%

For example, a parish with 1 clergy in the main 105% band is asked to provide a parish share of $(1.0 \times 1.05 \times £66,349) = £69,667$ to the Diocese.

The 2022 Parish Share requested of Tarporley Parish is therefore £69,667.

How is the socio-economic banding arrived at?

It is a ranking of parishes in the Diocese according to the proportions of people living in the parish with professional/managerial jobs as compared to those with routine work or unemployment, derived from the 2011 census, the bandings will be updated when the new 2021 data becomes available.

What is the approximate annual cost of a member of the clergy?

Chester Diocese estimates this as follows: -

Per annum cost £

Stipend (excluding payroll admin costs)	26,182
Pension, NI, Retirement housing	13,174
Removals, resettlements etc	1,720
Archdeacons and Rural Deans	735
Housing (excluding improvements & new houses)	6,916
Ordination selection & training (national)	3,893

Other ministry support	3,074
Spread cost of curates in training	5,652
Discretionary Funds and Extraordinary Items	645
Savings made during vacancies	-2,939
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	£59,052

What about other Diocesan Board of Finance {DBF} costs per member of clergy?

The Diocesan Board of Finance also provides support to parishes through a number of committees and pays a share of the national church costs. It receives non-parish share income such as fee and investment income.

Approximate figures per member of the clergy are: -

Diocesan support to parishes *Note1	11,410
National Church	2,214
Provision for underpayment of parish share *Note 2	6,517
Less:- Non parish share income	-9,164
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	10,977
Total :	<hr/>
	£70,029

The difference of £3680 between the cost per member of the clergy (£70,029) and the 2022 standard parish share of (£66,349) is mainly explained by the fact that the 2022 budget shows a significant deficit. It is anticipated that the deficit will be funded from reserves.

Note 1 - This item includes Diocesan Administration, advice and support to parishes (including DAC, Safeguarding and legal), Training, Diocesan Outreach and Education.

Note 2 - This figure is significantly higher than normal as the budget has been prepared anticipating a Parish Share collection rate of 90% (of the requested Parish Share) rather than the previous 95% collection rate due to the restrictions arising from Covid pandemic.

We are well aware that the past few years have been difficult for many of us; on top of the effects of lockdown and the pandemic, the rising cost of living has had an impact on all our budgets: across the three churches in the parish we have seen utilities increase by £1,000 in the first seven months of this year. Sadly, this parish has not been immune from the impact either – during the past two years, we were unable to hold all the usual services and events, (thus missing out on opportunities for giving and fees from services) which meant that we had a shortfall of £53,000, and we forecast that this year, without an upturn in finances, our deficit will be approximately £22,000.

How can I help this parish?

There are a few ways that we can all help:

- **Regular giving by the bank**

If you currently give via cash on the collection plate, please consider giving by a regular standing order instead. During the pandemic, as buildings were closed, we were very fortunate to have people giving regularly by standing order, which helped ensure our parish could still operate. Giving via standing order takes away any worry about having to have cash at hand at services, and ensure your giving still happens even if you miss church for a week or two when you're on holiday or ill. Please also remember that there is a contactless card terminal at St Helen's: it's easy to use and again means you don't have to carry cash.

- **Gift Aiding your donation if you can**

If you pay tax, you could Gift Aid your giving, to help us recoup 25p for every pound donated. There are Gift Aid forms in all churches to fill in. Or one could be requested from our Treasurer. Please email treasurer_tarporleyparishchurch@yahoo.com for a form or telephone 0781 4089666.

- **Reassessing what you can give**

If you haven't recently reassessed how much you give on a regular basis, now might be a good time to see if you could increase that regular financial support to the parish.

- **Support fundraising events as they begin again following pandemic restrictions**

As social events return, please support them and help bring along new people.

(continued overleaf)

- **Consider leaving a legacy to the parish in your will**

Remember Tarporley Parish with a gift in your will.

Above all, continue to pray for this parish and the financial situation.

We serve and love a generous God who will provide for our needs, and we are called to be a generous and life-giving community too.

Revd Jim (Rector) and Anita Langford (Parish Treasurer)

Dates for your diary

'Vision Day' Sunday 11th September

As described in 'The Link' above and at services during the summer, we will be having a joint parish **'Vision Day' on Sunday 11th September – with a joint parish 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.

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 group, or being present to help out, please contact Revd Jim.

Also Friday 7th October. Tarporley Community Centre

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