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PROVISIONAL CHURCH SERVICE CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2021

The Wardens and PCC of Tarporley Parish are delighted to say that, at the time of writing in late March 2021, through the collective efforts of the General Public, specialists in many disciplines, the parishioners of Tarporley Parish and a partial easing of COVID-19 restrictions, it has been possible to re-open St Helen's Church in a controlled manner for some services.

Please see page 9 for a full description of the controls and procedures which will be operated to enable this partial re-opening to take place.

‘SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY’

All services are at St Helen's Church Tarporley

March 28th

PALM SUNDAY

St Helen 10.00am Holy Communion

April 2nd

GOOD FRIDAY

St Helen 12noon to 3.00pm Private prayer

St Helen's Church will be open on **Good Friday** between 12noon and 3pm for private prayer, so please feel free to join Reverend Julian, to light a candle, to pray or leave a prayer request or simply to listen in peace to some sacred music.

April 4th

EASTER SUNDAY

St Helen 10.00am Holy Communion

April 11th

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

St Helen 10.00am Holy Communion

18th

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

St Helen 10.00am Holy Communion

25th

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St Helen 10.00am Holy Communion

May 2nd

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St Thomas 9.00am Morning Prayer

St Helen 10.00am Morning Prayer

St John 11.15 Holy Communion

Please remember that face coverings are now mandatory in Church services.

Our Assistant Curate writes.....

Dear all



I hope this edition of the Link magazine finds you in good health and good spirit as we continue the pathway towards easing lockdown restrictions. The PCC and wardens have taken the decision to open St Helens for communal worship on Sunday 28th March, before opening St Thomas' and St Johns on Sunday 2nd May, assuming all goes well. I hope that as many of you as feel comfortable will be able to join us for Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at 10am to celebrate together the wondrous news that "He is risen!"

This year, during Lent, a few of us have come together via Zoom to discuss a book called "Living His Story"* , written by Reverend Dr Hannah Steele. The book is on the topic of Evangelism, a word that sends shivers down the spine for many of us who have tried it, and failed, or who have been on the receiving end of it done badly, or who just don't like the very concept of broadcasting our faith. It was wonderful, therefore, to hear people's take on the book as a whole at the last of our four meetings. I will not of course name names, but we heard comments such as "It has made me re-think the word evangelism. I understand it better and am less afraid", or "This is a really helpful handbook about how to relate to people as much as spreading religion" or "It has encouraged me to be the person God intends me to be, and how important it is to tell the story of our faith journey." One of our number decided to go back to the beginning to re-read the book. If you would like to do the same, look out for our newly created "book corner" in church, where there will be a copy available after lockdown is lifted.

I shall close by quoting from the conclusion to the book that says in far better words than I could ever muster, the privilege we have to share the greatest story ever told.

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is the most remarkable story we will ever hear. It is a story of redemption, sacrifice and love, with the power to transform lives. As we prepare for the celebration of Easter, we remember a cosmic turning point in human history, when death is defeated and new life is made possible in Christ.

On that first Easter morning, God could have chosen to make the news of Jesus' miraculous resurrection known in any number of ways. He could have emblazoned a declaration across the sky so all could have seen it and not doubted its veracity. He could have had Jesus appear alive in the presence of the crowd who had bayed for his death. However, God chose the lips of ordinary women, whose hearts were broken with grief, now erupting with joy, to be the vessels through which he would pass on this life-changing news. God chose ordinary people, with personal stories of redemption and imperfect words, to tell the greatest news there has ever been.

God continues to use people like you and me to share the life-changing news of the gospel of Jesus. We are the ordinary people through whom God is bringing about a revolution of his extraordinary love... As we seek to live the story of the gospel, we are privileged to reveal his extraordinary love in ordinary ways, putting our name to his story and inviting others to join us as we do so. There is no task more urgent or wonderful than this!"

Happy Easter everyone.

He is risen, he is risen indeed!

Julian

**(Living His Story, Hannah Steele, p160-161, published by SPCK, London, 2020).*

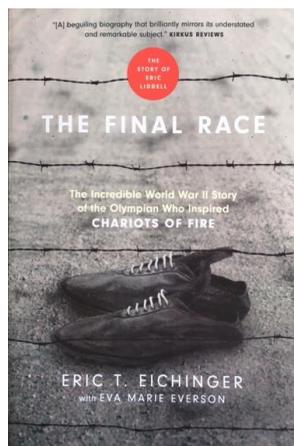
Also in our series ***From the Parish Bookshelf***

Walter Gibson reviews:-

'The Final Race'

By Eric T. Eichinger with Eva Marie Everson

I don't remember many sermons from my childhood but I do remember the one our minister, Donnie MacDonald, preached about Eric Liddell, Olympic 400m champion, Scottish rugby international and missionary. Scotland was and still is proud of this man



who refused to run in the 100m heats at the 1924 Olympics because they were to be held on a Sunday, and that was the Lord's Day. The pressure on him was huge because he was the favourite and the hopes of a nation were on his shoulders. But his faith meant more to him. If you have seen the film "Chariots of Fire" you will know what happened next: he switched to the 400m, a race he had barely prepared for, and won it. A legend was born.

But what happened then? Eric Liddell could have gone on to win more races and missionary in China. This book tells his story, of how his faith grew and developed, of the extraordinary personal sacrifices he made to serve and help those around them. I'm writing this in the week when the text for Julian's sermon included the verse *"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."* Eric Liddell is a great example of what that means.

This book is by American authors so some forgiveness of placing Scottish places in "England" was required here and there but they are at their best when exploring the foundations for Eric's faith and how his Christian journey and work as a missionary were interwoven. Some of the personal testimony from those who knew him well is moving. The decision in 1924 was just the beginning: he went on to make many more big decisions in his life and the book looks at how he prepared for them and what they cost him personally. Working in China in the 1930s was tough and dangerous and he could have decided to call it a day and come home: the book explains why he chose to stay and where it ended ... in his final race.

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Controlled re-opening of St Helen's Church for worship!

Following a PCC meeting I am delighted to say that from **Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday)** St Helen's is open once more for Sunday Worship. The church will be open on **Good Friday** between 12noon and 3pm for private prayer, so please feel free to join Reverend Julian, to light a candle, to pray or leave a prayer request or simply to listen in peace to some sacred music. There will also be a service at 10am on **Easter Sunday**.

Please take the time to read all of this document.

It is important because it explains the procedures that we have in place for the time being and the reasons for them.

As before, everyone's health, safety and well-being remain our priority and our latest Risk Assessment is available on the notice sheet.

For the first few weeks we will hold a single weekly Sunday service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion at 10am at St Helen's.

It is with sadness but a firm grasp of the reality of the situation and the resources we have that we cannot open all our churches and immediately return to our normal service pattern.

I know that this will be a disappointment, but no-one wants to undo all the good we have done through being careful over the last few months and **I would urge all those who fall into vulnerable categories and all who feel vulnerable to continue to exercise extreme caution and care. No one should return until they feel fully comfortable and safe in so doing.**

For this reason, as before, there will be no rotas of volunteers and the Minister will undertake all the service roles.

I pray that the precautions we are taking will keep us all as safe as possible and reassured and that it will not be long until we can resume our rotas and the normal service pattern at all three of our churches.

Please take the time to read the following outline of how worship will resume and if you have any questions, or need to talk any of this through, please email or speak to Julian, Phillip or Liz.

We will continue to monitor how all this works in practice alongside changing Government, National Church and Diocese guidelines, so please bear with us if and when things change again.

I very much look forward to the day when we can resume our regular service pattern, and all meet without these limitations, but the most important thing, and reason for these temporary restrictions, is that we are all safely there to celebrate together.

How Our Sunday Morning Service Will Look for the Time Being:

1. To help with social distancing we will operate a **one-way system and ask you to enter by the North Door (the one closest to the Swan) and leave by the South Door (the Lychgate side)**. Signs will be in position to remind and guide everyone.
2. Please **sanitise your hands on entering and leaving**
3. Please **maintain social distancing** as you enter and leave and within the building. I know you will all want to chat and sit together but please do so whilst following the current guidelines
4. Sadly for the time being **we cannot sing** during our services and, because of the restricted and enclosed space in the Tower, **bells cannot be rung**
5. To help with social distancing we have to **restrict access to some pews, and we ask to observe the signs and keep 2m apart from others who are not part of your household**
8. Please **wear a mask**.
9. **We cannot serve refreshments**, at the end of the service **the minister(s) will leave by the South Door and wait under the Lychgate**. This prevents any risk of a bottle neck at the church door but still allows you the opportunity to talk to the minister(s). Please leave the church when you feel comfortable and continue to observe social distancing.
10. We will not include a collection during the service, but our collection plates will be left out along with our digital card machine (and sanitiser) and **we welcome donations as you enter or leave**. Like everyone else over the last few months, our income has dropped because we have not been able to receive collections (safe receipt and counting of monies will follow the latest guidelines.)
11. To continue to minimise risk **we have removed items** that might be touched by many hands such as visitor's books, pens, church leaflets and guides, and the toys and objects in the children's area. **Carers are welcome to bring their own books, crayons, soft toys etc for use by their own family.**

12. For the same reason we will remove the prayer request book and matches in All Souls Chapel. **Candles will be refreshed** and left in situ each day and we ask you to either light a candle from one that is already lit or **bring with you (and take away) your own matches** or lighter.

13. To help with social distancing and improve air flow and circulation **we will open both sets of double doors and keep them open as far as is possible during the service.**

13. To ensure that the pre-school can safely open and because we cannot safely monitor and clean both the Church and Toilets at once, **the Done Room will be locked and the toilets will remain closed**

14. We remain **unable to accept Food-bank donations** because Mid Cheshire Food-bank is not yet able to receive them other than through supermarkets. You can still donate with physical items in store as you do your own shopping or with cash online through their website.

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Finally. How are your Childhood Memories surviving? Here is a quiz; Anon but courtesy of a friend in Frodsham.

Do you know your Nursery Rhymes?

1. Why was Polly Flinders whipped?
2. Which creatures sailed away to the land where the Bong Tree grows?
3. Who was pecked on her nose by a blackbird?
4. Who sings for his supper?
5. Who jumped out of a rotten potato?
6. Of what are little girls made?
7. What did the old woman use to sweep the cobwebs from the sky?
8. What were lost by the three kittens?
9. Who would sit on a cushion and sew a fine seam?
10. Who licked the platter clean?
11. What will the Robin do when the north wind blows?
12. What saw Cock Robin die?
13. What shines like a diamond in the sky?
14. Who lost her sheep?
15. What did the asking of Spain's daughter come to see?
16. What had fleece as white as snow?
17. What are one-a-penny, two-a-penny?
18. Where would you see a lady who has a white horse?
19. What flour did Hector Protector wear?
20. For what we're the lion and the unicorn fighting?
21. What said, "You owe me five farthings."?
22. Who went to bed with his trousers on?
23. Who wore rags, tags and velvet gowns?
24. Who stole a pig?

Answers (if the Editor remembers) next month.

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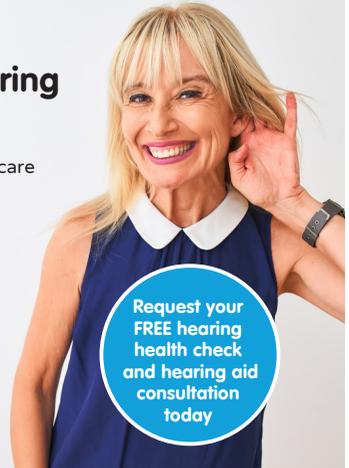
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