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please contact our Rector Jim by email on

Email: revjimb1017@gmail.com

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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

October 2023

October 1st

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism
St John	11.15am	Holy Communion



8th

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St Helen	9.30am	Café Church
St Thomas	4.00pm	Holy Communion

15th

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	4.00pm	Evensong

22nd

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St Thomas	9.00am	Songs of Praise: Followed by breakfast at the Jessie Hughes Hall, Eaton
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
Done Room	4.00pm	Messy Church.



29th

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St John	10.00am	Joint parish Holy Communion at St John and the Holy Cross Cotebrook.
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November 5th

St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
St John	11.15am	Holy Communion
St Helen	4.00pm	All Souls service See details on P12

Each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Helen's: Holy Communion.
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The Rector Writes:-

Over the summer we went on a family holiday to Rome for 4 days – it was a whistle-stop tour of sightseeing and ice creams all in 38 degrees heat! One thing that constantly amazed me when looking at some of the historic buildings in the city such as the Colosseum, was that they still remain safe and structurally sound, despite being nearly 2000 years old. It is a similar feeling when going into cathedrals in this country, trying to understand how such magnificent buildings were made in times without the technological advancements we have. But one of the other things I noticed particularly in Rome was the way in which they were built – there was a combination of thin bricks and sections of rougher stones, which I found out were known as bonding tiles. Yet, despite this mix which looked strange and a bit haphazard to the modern eye, the structures were still standing solid.



All this rumination on bricks led me to think about our own buildings – not necessarily the physical places, but what we are building our lives on and with? What are the ‘bricks’ that make up the walls of our lives? What are the things that keep our lives as Christians firm and solid?

Hopefully the answer is partly character and partly behaviour: what we *are* and what we *do*. As Christians, some of the things that we *do* which should help us are things like prayer, worship, reading the Bible, using our time, talents and money for others; and this doing should come from who we *are*, people of compassion, love, forgiveness, peace, justice, people who want to know and love God and the world and people God made. This mix, like in the Roman buildings, can lead to a well constructed life.

As autumn and winter approach, it is a time to make sure our houses are ready for a change of weather, to make sure they are waterproof, insulated, to gather enough fuel ready to keep us going. I wonder whether it might also be a time to reassess how we are building our lives – are the right bricks in place for us to be the people God wants us to be, to be able to reach out and connect with those around us in this parish? Do we need to do some (urgent) repairs, or add the next layer of bricks to our wall??!

We want the wall of our lives to be as strong and lasting as those holding up the Colosseum – the very least we could do is look at the life of Jesus and try to imitate it. So for me it's time to get the hard hat on and have a good look at what needs doing, and then roll up the sleeves and get going with it!

Jim

Done Room Renovations

After a long time of waiting for planning permission, the PCC has now got approval to commence essential renovations and building work on the Done Room.

The focus of this work is on refurbishing the roof, gable ends and some internal work, such as creating a new fire escape. This will be a big project!

The Done Room has long played an important role in the Tarporley parish community: from its inception as the first school in the parish in the seventeenth century, through to its use as a recreational area for the parish, to its most recent use facilitating the Done Room Pre-school, uniformed organisations, as well as a place to host a myriad of church meetings, socials and events, from Afternoon teas to Deanery Synod meetings to Messy Church! The Done Room continues to help serve the community of this parish, especially its younger residents, and our vision is for it to continue in that rich heritage for the future. But to do so, it does need some urgent work.

Please come along to Café Church on Sunday 8th October as we launch our **Done Room** project – find out more detailed information about the planned work, its cost and timescale, and how YOU may be able to help out with this project, as we make this important community building fit for years to come!

Jim

**The Done Room
in a moment of
peace after the
energetic bustle
of Pre-School!**



News from St Thomas' Eaton.

We celebrated St Thomas' Day on 2nd July with a service in church and a lunch time BBQ at The Drays. Anne and Declan Kelly were wonderful hosts and the weather stayed dry. We had a lot of fun, good food, live music and games. It was a great first Patronal Festival and thank you to everyone who made it so.



The BBQ at The Drays.

A pair of crows decided to nest in the bell tower this year but the ringing (or should that be clanging?) of the bell did not disturb them. After they had flown, members of the congregation used scaffolding and harnesses to clear out the nest. While there they treated the wood and replaced the bell rope. They also cleared out the gutters before the next deluge of rain arrived. A very good job,



well done with a special mention of thanks to Mary Wilson who has no fear of heights!

And in case you were wondering – lunch was provided – so food came into another episode in the life of St Thomas!

One birds nest being safely removed from St Thomas' bell cote!

On the subject of food, our ever-popular Harvest Festival is Tuesday 3rd October. Do join us, 7.30pm in church followed by supper in the Jessie Hughes (supper the same price as last year £15.00 per person). See the poster opposite for more details. *Amelia McCourty*

*Come to St Thomas'
Harvest Festival & Supper*

On Tuesday 3rd October

*At 7.30 in Church
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Friday 6th October 2023

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Proceeds will be split equally between St Helen's Church and St Luke's Hospice.
Tickets go fast so don't delay.

Please join us at the quiz; it is great fun!

Eco Church Lifestyle Survey

The results are in!

A very big thank you to everyone who took part in our survey over the past few weeks. It's been great to read about how you are responding to the challenges of living more sustainably: it's given us a snapshot of our lifestyles across the parish and you have shared some great ideas on how we can all tread more lightly in the world. We plan to use your ideas and feedback to create a new 'Greener Life Hack' series of articles that we hope will help and inspire others to take some new steps towards that goal. Look out for them, they will be coming soon!

In the meantime, here are the results of the first part of the survey, which was all about our lifestyle choices. They are very encouraging and show that we are already taking this challenge seriously:

- 76% believe an ethical lifestyle is part of living out their Christian faith
- 68% walk or cycle to church if they are able
- 60% try and reduce car use whenever possible
- 84% limit their waste – reduce, reuse, recycle
- 84% have reviewed and changed their diet to make it healthier and more sustainable
- 72% try and purchase ethically where possible
- About 50% had made some kind of major investment to live in a greener way

Of course there is always room for improvement and from the survey it looks like there are two areas where we could collectively make real progress by

providing people with the information they need to consider whether to make a change:

- Only 16% have done a carbon footprint
- Only 28% use renewable electricity

In the first Greener Life Hack article we will focus on these two and how we can reduce our energy consumption. Other areas where we could all think about doing more include:

- Trying to buy Fairtrade goods (about 52% said sometimes)
- Using LOAF ¹ principles (about 64% said sometimes)
- Ethical banking and investments (about 44% said sometimes)
- Joining in community activities (about 32% said sometimes)

These will be explored in future articles, along with some of the other themes emerging from your feedback such as reducing waste, especially plastic, and recycling and reusing everything from paper to unwanted furniture. We plan to share your tips and other sources of information on all these topics over the coming months.

If you'd like to join the Eco Church team to help in any way please get in touch with Jim, Walter or Nick.

Note 1: For sustainable food, use the Green Christian

LOAF Principles:

Locally produced,

Organically grown,

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Joint Deanery service on Sunday September 17th.

Church congregations from throughout the Malpas Deanery gathered to worship together at St Boniface's Bunbury.

The front cover of this magazine shows the congregation at St Boniface at the 'Sunday Brunch' service on the morning of September 17th 2023. In this vibrant service we met and worshipped with friends old and new as the churches of Malpas deanery gathered together.

Praise the Lord!

Register:- We congratulate and pray for those recently married:

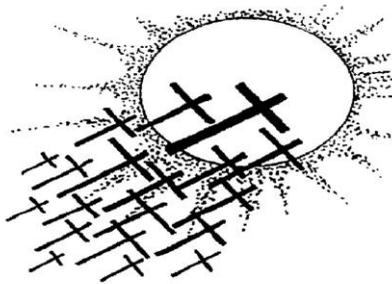
Adrian Roberts and Louise Mason



Finally: All Soul's Service, 4.00pm Sunday 5th November at St Helen's.

TARPORLEY PARISH

St Helen's, Tarporley
St Thomas', Eaton
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All Souls' Service

Sunday 5th November 2023

St Helen's 4pm

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 a bereavement recently or a long time ago.

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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.
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