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We also want our Board of Trustees to represent the needs and interests of the whole community; therefore we would welcome applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds, skills and perspectives to join our team. If you are passionate about community engagement and fundraising in order to improve local health and social care services, we would love to hear from you. Specific expertise in fundraising or IT or estates management would also be helpful, though not essential.

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**PARISH DIRECTORY – TARPORLEY**

**Services** See Calendar tab on the website or page 5 in 'The Link'

**Weekday Service** At St Helen's each Wednesday at 10.00am Holy Communion

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## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

### June 2024

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

**9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

**16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
St Thomas	6.30pm	Evensong

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Thomas	9.00am	Songs of Praise
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	4.00pm	Messy Church



**30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion (joint parish service)
The Drays Eaton	12 noon	Parish Barbecue for St Thomas' Day

**July**

**7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

Each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Helen's: 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 at St Thomas', 1st Sunday at St John's**



## The Rector Writes:-

One of the many good things that I love about this parish is the stained glass at St Helen's, not least the four female saints in the All Saints' chapel – with representations of Saints Monica, Catherine, Cecilia and of course Helen.



Seeing those four women, each showcasing very different ways of following Jesus in their daily lives, is a great encouragement, and a reminder of the place of women at the heart of our faith. It was a woman who was tasked with the care of God's most precious gift, it was to women that the resurrection was first proclaimed, it was the faithfulness of women throughout the centuries that has nurtured and encouraged new generations of followers of Christ in home and church.



St Cecilia,

St Helen,

St Catherine and St Monica

*As depicted in the magnificent stained glass window in St Helen's Church*



As someone whose later childhood was spent in the 1990s, I don't think I often fully appreciate just how groundbreaking the ordination of women to the priesthood was. By the time that I was attending church and conscious of the role of a priest, I already thought that a priest could be either male or female. But for many people, the sight of a woman leading worship and presiding at Communion must have felt something that was virtually impossible just a few years before.

This year marks 30 years since the ordination of the first women priests in Bristol Cathedral on 12 March 1994. Whilst there are still those opposed to the ordination of women, I think the last 30 years has shown that the ordained ministry of women has been a great blessing and encouragement to the Church. I have been fortunate to have ministered under and alongside some fantastic priests, both male and female; however, hearing the stories of those female colleagues, the struggles that they had to overcome, the systems and prejudice that they had to fight against, does humble me, and make me aware of the (sometimes unconscious) privilege that I enjoy as a white, middle-class, male priest: no one had ever refused to receive communion from me because I am a man, or asked for a female colleague to take a service instead of me because they'd prefer a 'real priest'; I have not been spoken over in meetings, or snubbed by colleagues because of my gender; my experience has not been belittled because of the colour or style of my hair, or the tone of my voice. Living with a female priest has opened my eyes to the inequality that continues to operate even in 2024. There is still constant questioning of their role, their calling and ability, and often having to be trailblazers – whether the first female incumbent in a parish, the first female Bishop or the only female voice on very masculine dominated committees and groups. All because they too are being faithful to the gifts and calling of God – this is something to celebrate not try to stop.

It is with pride that I celebrate the role of women priests in the Church of England, and in my life, for all that they continue to share in the Church. I am proud that this parish has a female saint as its patron, a woman of great faith, and a trailblazer in her own time, and proud to be married to another! If you are able, do join in the special service at Chester Cathedral at 3pm on 2 June 2024 to celebrate 30 years of Women in Ministry, or watch along online. (cont o'leaf)

Above all thank God for the faith and spirit of the amazing women who have served, do serve and will continue to serve in our midst. *Jim*

### **St Paul's Utkinton, Primary School News.**

A new Headteacher, Natasha Wood, joined the school after the Easter holidays. She has been impressed by the work of the team and received a warm welcome from the children, staff, parents and the community and would like to thank everyone for their kindness.

The children continue to enjoy a wonderful curriculum including specialist PE, Ukulele and Forest School lessons. Mr Allman is completing the spring tasks to keep the site looking fantastic and enabling everyone to enjoy the glorious setting.

At the time of writing, children in Eagles class are hard at work preparing for the Year 6 SATS tests, but are very much looking forward to a trip to Cheshire Oaks at the end of the assessment week.

At the time of publishing, the DfE are yet to send confirmation, but sadly, an application for the school's closure has been made due to declining and unsustainable pupil numbers.

However, this small school with a big heart, has much to celebrate and Mrs Wood and the team are planning work with the children to acknowledge and celebrate the school's wonderful history. It will certainly end in its current form on a high, with a magnificent Ofsted report, committed professionals, children who truly care for one another and a real sense of community.



St Paul's School Utkinton- ThankYou



The team would like to invite the community and anyone associated with St Paul's into school between Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July to enjoy a memories wall. Please drop in during school hours to look through old photographs and collections from the school's history, add your name to their tree and add a treasured memory to their collection.

Celebrations will culminate in two events:

A Service of Celebration at St Helen's, Tarporley at 2pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

A celebration evening at St Paul's Primary School 5:30 – 7:30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July followed by a gathering at the Rising Sun for anyone wishing to reminisce. Booking is essential.

The celebration evening will offer an opportunity to visit the site, take part in games inspired by the opening of the school in 1893 and share food and memories with one another. The school ask that those wishing to attend confirm numbers with the school - office [admin@utkintonce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@utkintonce.cheshire.sch.uk).

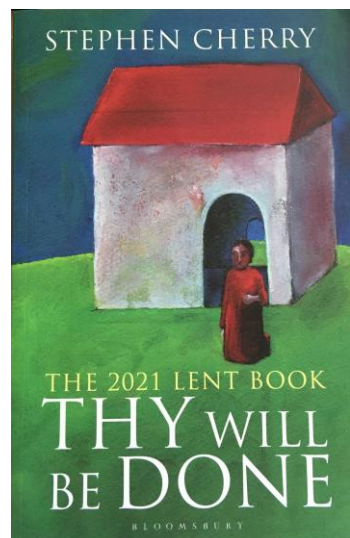
### **Book review:**

Walter Gibson reviews the book:-

'Thy Will Be Done'

By Stephen Cherry

The success of the Lent Book Club this year, reading 'How to Pray' by Stephen Cottrell, has made many of us think about prayer in new ways. In the discussions I joined the Lord's Prayer came up several times. It is so familiar to us, yet has it become so familiar that it has lost its meaning to some extent? This month's book can help if that is the case. Written by a Cambridge scholar yet in language that is very understandable, it takes a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer, phrase by phrase.



This is not a book to be rushed. Rather, allow yourself to become immersed in each line of the prayer, as Stephen Cherry draws on inspiration ancient and modern to provide us with fresh insights into its meaning. What does the word 'hallowed' really mean? It is not a word we use in everyday speech. What image comes to mind when we say "Our *Father*" ? Why do people in the Church of Scotland say, "Forgive us our debts" and those in the Church of England, "Forgive us our trespasses" ? What does 'daily bread' really mean?

This book is designed to expand our thinking and understanding, to enrich us as we say this most comforting of prayers.

*Walter Gibson*

### Greener Life Hacks

In this month's article we are going to look a bit more closely at recycling and reusing. While there are many ways that we can reduce the need to recycle or reuse by choosing to buy different products, as highlighted in a previous edition of Greener Life Hacks, recycling and reusing are also valid options to reduce our consumption of materials and energy.

We are all familiar with the CWAC recycling scheme which takes away waste glass, certain plastics, cans, foil, paper, and cardboard. Household batteries will also be collected if you leave them in a small sturdy box beside the bins. Alternatively the Co-op in Tarporley has a collection point for batteries.

CWAC also offers waste recycling centres which can receive other types of waste. For example, the one at Winsford will accept all these items:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/find-a-recycling-centre/winsford-recycling-centre>

Some of the items collected at Winsford are now being offered for reuse through a small shop, after safety testing. These include small electrical items and furniture. Across the country networks of volunteers are springing up offering to help repair our belongings instead of disposing of them and buying a new one. One such network is the Repair Café, where you can take broken items such as toys, bikes, appliances, and get specialist help to repair them ...and enjoy a cup of coffee. Our nearest one is in Wilmslow and they are open on three Saturdays every year:

We all have unwanted 'stuff' that we have in attics and garages that may well still be fit for purpose but has just outlived its usefulness for us. Clothes, paintings, jigsaws, toys, Granny's fur coat – all of these could delight a new owner so it is worth seeing if charity shops like our own Tarporley War Memorial Hospital Vintage Shop can take them and raise money for a good cause into the bargain.

Other local charity shops are playing an increasingly important role in extending the life of a whole range of articles, from books to clothes. Do think about using them as a buyer as well as a donor.

At a national level one charity that offers recycling of a whole range of items, including cars! turning them into donations, is WWF. Their website explains how it works: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/fundraise/recycle>

So, there are lots of ways to reduce your footprint and make a contribution to worthwhile causes at the same time. If you'd like to find out more about another inspiring local example of how reuse is helping local communities and how your donation of time or things can help, watch the Changing Lives Together video at <https://www.changing-lives-together.org.uk/about-us>

If none of the above are possible, you can always try to find a new home for your unwanted article through an organization like Freecycle or Trashnothing :

Your article will be given away free but its life will be extended and it will stay out of landfill.

These are just a few examples of how we can take our recycling and reuse to another level and help others in the process. We'd love to hear from you with your ideas and suggestions. Have you found a particularly good way to deal with unwanted items so they are repurposed? Have you found a good place to get household goods repaired? What do you find difficult to recycle?

All your suggestions will feature in a future edition of Greener Life Hacks.

And lastly, we like to leave you with some good eco-news. A British company called Moltex is developing a way of generating clean electricity from waste nuclear fuel at a lower cost than coal or gas. Is this the ultimate in recycling and reuse?!

*Nick Parker and Walter Gibson*

PS don't forget, you can recycle your old stamps in St Helen's.

**Registry:**     *We congratulate and pray for those baptised;*

*Otis Watson.*

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*Ian Burgon*

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The list of services provided continues to evolve and here is a reminder of the services now available:

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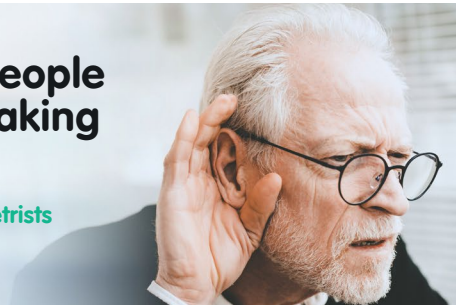
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