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Holy Week and Easter  
at Messy Church

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## JUNE 2022

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**    **THE DAY OF PENTECOST Whit Sunday**

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

**12<sup>th</sup>**    **TRINITY SUNDAY**

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

**19<sup>th</sup>**    **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

These services will be Julian's last services in Tarporley Parish do please join us to say thank you and pray for Julian and Carolyn

**26<sup>th</sup>**    **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
The Done Room	4.00pm	Messy Church



**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**    **THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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

Each Wednesday at 10.00am at St Helen's: said Holy Communion.

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***If you have time, please stay for refreshments after our Sunday***

***Morning Services. Every Sunday at St Helen's;***

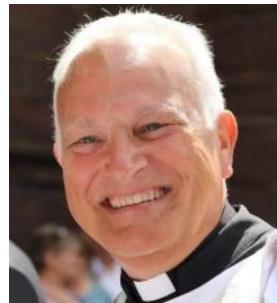
**1st and 4th Sundays at St Thomas'**

**1st Sunday of the month at St John's**



**Our Assistant Curate Writes:-**

This is such a wonderful time of year. New life is everywhere, the dawn chorus is almost deafening, the days are longer and warmer and for four days in a row we have seen a pod of dolphins swimming across the bay. This is also a time of year in the Church calendar when new beginnings are made. Ordinands become curates, curates become priests and curacies come to an end as incumbencies begin.



I can hardly believe that it is nearly six years ago that I accepted early retirement to follow my vocation to seek ordination. Three and a half years ago I arrived in the Parish as an Ordinand; Three years ago, I was ordained and became your Curate and I loved every minute. You may just remember those Curate's Blogs that I wrote for the Link Magazine, charting the series of "firsts", from wearing a dog collar for the first time and then wearing it in public at the Tarporley Carnival for the first time, to reflecting on my first funeral, first Baptism and first Christmas. Little did I know that I was headed for my first vacancy, and that we were all heading for our first pandemic!

The firsts kept on coming, Covid or no Covid, and it was not long before I was able to preside at my first Holy Communion, a service that ended with my son and daughter and their respective other halves singing Rutter's beautiful blessing, something I had no idea would happen. In Covid we all had to find other ways to worship together whilst apart, to be a family whilst separated and trusting God in the most difficult of circumstances. As we bade Georgina a fond farewell, I found myself holding the fort, learning to swim by jumping in at the deep end (more of that later)!

As Jim reminded us recently, we came through the really difficult days together and, praise God, relatively unscathed. There is no room for complacency, but I can hear that wonderful hymn that ends with the line "here in the love of Christ, I stand" playing through my mind. Now is the time to look forward and to move forward as a church family, seeking to increase that family as time goes by.

You have supported me on every step of the way, overlooking my (many and varied) mistakes, laughing with me and certainly praying with, and for me. I have felt your loving support so clearly over the years. I am delighted to say that

my Curacy was officially “signed off” as successfully completed by the Bishop a couple of weeks ago, with encouragement to seek an Incumbency of my own in due course. That thought leaves me conflicted, because Tarporley is such a wonderful place to be. If you have a Bible or access to the Internet handy, have a quick read of Matthew 14: 22-33.

This is the essence of vocation, to step out of the comfortable boat in faith, to follow Jesus on the water. Peter had been a fisherman all his life. It may have been stormy that night, but he felt safer in his boat, and as a man of the sea, he knew that rule number one is never, ever leave your boat, even if it is upside down. Six years ago I stepped out of the comfort of my boat, started to sink and had to call on Jesus for help. What I have learned since, is that stepping out is not a one-off choice but an action that needs to be repeated again and again in order to grow in knowledge and love of God. The time has come for me to take another step, to leave the comfort and warmth of Tarporley parish, to begin a new chapter elsewhere. Carolyn and I have loved our time with you, but curacy is a time-limited training post, and sadly our last services with you will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. I hope you can join us to say farewell and to share coffee and cake after the service at St Helen's.

The water may look choppy and cold, but whatever you feel Jesus is asking you to do or to become (remember we need more Dorcas!<sup>1</sup>), take that step of faith. It's lovely once you're in!

## *Julian*

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Footnote <sup>1</sup>

Dorcas was a member of the early Church who was known as 'being devoted to good works and acts of charity' (Acts 8:36)



### **Julian's final services in the parish will be on 19<sup>th</sup> June:**

9am Holy Communion at St Thomas' Eaton and

10am Holy Communion at St Helen's Tarporley.

*Do join us at either service to say thank you and pray for Julian and Carolyn (perhaps also sharing a piece of cake or two after the service at St Helen's!)*

If you'd like to contribute to a leaving gift for Revd Julian, you can give a cash donation to our wardens in a marked envelope, or if you need the bank details to give online, please contact Revd Jim or our Treasurer, Anita. Thank you.

**The Tarporley Parochial Church Council (PCC)** is the executive committee of our three churches. It consists of clergy and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives elected from the parishioners. But

: “Who are they?”

**This month Mike Kiddle and Dianne Ouseley introduce themselves.**

**Name Mike Kiddle**

Jennifer and I moved to Tarporley in 2013. My Parish Church is Saint Helen's. My religious faith began when I attended the King's School, Peterborough. Being a Cathedral School we attended services there on Saint's Days and after Saturday morning school.

After confirmation aged thirteen we were required to attend morning Eucharist and Evensong each Sunday at our Parish Church or the Cathedral.



I qualified in medicine at Saint Mary's Hospital, London, in 1966.

Jennifer and I were married the following year and had four children. After more hospital experience and a spell on General Practice I became a Consultant Paediatrician in Northamptonshire.

In 1991 we moved to the small village of Sudborough, where I joined the PCC. Subsequently I became the Safeguarding Officer to the Benefice and for the last six years Churchwarden. I have been the Junior Golf Organiser at the Portal Golf Club and continue to be the Welfare Officer.

I joined the PCC when we moved here and have been the Electoral Roll Officer for the past five years.

I enjoy helping at Messy Church.

**My favourite hymns are:-**

“In the bleak midwinter” and “What child is this, who, laid to rest”.

**My favourite prayer** is the Nunc Dimitis

I found my most spiritual place to be Crowland Abbey. Only the north aisle remains of this once great monastery in the Lincolnshire Fens.

It is now the Parish Church. *Mike Kiddle*

**My name is Dianne Ouseley,**

I am married to Peter and have lived in Tarporley for many years.

**Churches and services attended in the parish:-**

I attend the services at St. Helen's Church, Tarporley.

**PCC role/responsibility**

I have been a member of the PCC for a number of years and I am a representative on the Malpas Deanery Synod and hold the position of Deanery Treasurer. I am also a member of the Church Choir at St. Helen's and also involved with the flower team decorating the Church for our special services. I am also the co-ordinator of the Coffee Rota and also a member of reader team at St. Helen's.



**Current/Previous Employment**

I worked for many years at Chester Magistrates Court but sadly was ill health retired.

**When I'm not at Church, I spend my time:**

I enjoy many hobbies which I have taken up since retiring from the Magistrates Courts, watercolour painting, machine embroidery and I joined the Women's Institute and I hold the position of President of Eaton WI. I am also Chairman of Tarporley Luncheon club. Each of these clubs gives me the opportunity to meet people and enjoy listening to a speaker or watch a wonderful flower demonstration. I am also Honorary Secretary of the Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust, and of course most importantly I enjoy spending time at home with my husband Peter.

**Favourite Hymn:**

Being a member of the church choir at St. Helen's I have many hymns which I enjoy singing and it is difficult to pick one out. Being a member of the WI of course '*Jerusalem*' has to be one of my favourites and '*How great thou Art*' is another.

### Favourite verse/story in the Bible

Again I do not have a particular passage or verse of the bible. I enjoy listening each week to the passages which are read and reflecting on them during the weeks that follow.

### My journey of faith:-

I was brought up in Hargrave and attended Hargrave church as a child. When I moved to Tarporley I started attending St. Helens. I have attended for many years and enjoy being part of the church family and the friendship I receive.

*Dianne Ouseley*

### *We congratulate and pray for those baptised:*

*Emily and Gracie Debysheire*



### *We congratulate and pray for those recently married:*

*David Cox and Valerie Hough*

*Charlie Weaver and Laura Ness*

### *We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:*

*Doris Fox Marrs*

*Barbara Hitchen*



Christian Aid Week in May this year continued to highlight the impact of the climate crisis on those most vulnerable across our world.

The photograph to the right shows a team from St Helen's enjoying the Christian aid quiz run at the Tarporley Chapel.

**Christian Aid envelopes.** Thank you to those people who have already given via the Christian Aid envelopes or on-Line. If you have an uncollected envelope please give it to Elaine Meredith (tel 01829 732104).



As well as giving generously, we can all make a difference in the ways we act and consume - here's a short list of actions you might consider. If you did just one of these, or added to the actions you are already taking you would be making a difference. No doubt you can think of many more ideas!

**Here are some suggestions:**

**Do not buy any composts/garden products containing peat.** Seek out peat-free alternatives.

**Turn thermostat down by 1 degree and put on a jumper.**

**Plant** a tree or volunteer with a tree planting project.

**Buy refillable products** and use refill outlets.

**Start milk delivery in glass not plastic bottles** from your local milkman.

**Go litter picking.**

**Wherever possible** make the choice *not* to buy goods/food stuffs wrapped in plastic.

**Take showers instead of baths.**

**Sow some wild-flower seeds.**

**If you are a landowner or farmer,** identify land that could be offered for tree mass tree planting for the "Queen's canopy" for example.

**Start a compost.**

**Change your electricity supplier** to one that supplies 100% renewably generated electricity.

**Start to use the search engine Ecosia** see <https://www.ecosia.org/?c=uk> (every time you search the internet money is generated toward a tree planting project world-wide).

**Contact your pension provider** and ask if your money is invested in sustainable funds.

**Collect rainwater** for watering your garden.

**Turn off lights and all electronic devices whenever possible.**

**Recycle** whatever you can.

**Reuse** whatever you can particularly plastics.

**Support local environmental initiatives.**

**Plant a sunflower seed** (or any seed for that matter!).

And there's always more to do...why not get involved in the parish's challenge to become Eco Churches? See Revd Jim for more details

**A date for your diary      Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00pm**

**A Concert/Fundraising event at the Jessie Hughes Hall Eaton.**

**The concert will feature Australian Singer/Songwriter Stu Larsen**

Proceeds will be split 50/50 between St Thomas' Church and the Mid Cheshire Food Bank Winsford. For tickets or further information call or text Nick Parker on 07785350376 or email [nickyp43@hotmail.com](mailto:nickyp43@hotmail.com)

Tickets are 12.50 per person inclusive of a welcome cocktail.

### **News update from the Trustees of Tarporley War Memorial Hospital – Spring 2022.**

**The Trustees** are pleased to report that the partnership with the Countess of Chester Hospital (COCH) NHS Trust, which started in January, is progressing well and we are delighted to see significant progress in their plans. Building refurbishment work to develop a multidisciplinary hub for the community based services is complete. A broadening of the services delivered within the community is already starting to take place, and we anticipate staff to move in by late summer. This is phase 1 of the transition.

### **A quick reminder of the new services to be offered from Tarporley War Memorial Hospital (Phase 1.)**

The hospital will become a rural hub for the following:-

- Rapid Response Team enabling people to receive care and rehabilitation in their own homes.
- REACT Hospital at Home Team enabling improved access to patients in crisis who might otherwise need to go to hospital to receive treatment in their home.

### **What's Happening Next**

**Phase 2 (Winter 2022)** is expected to include the development of in house clinics for general health and wellbeing. This may include mental health support, social prescribing, paediatrics, outpatients, wound clinics etc.

In the meantime, the Trustees have managed to maintain the physiotherapy service, and out of hours surgery, and they hope to work with partners to help develop the remaining parts of the hospital (gardens / kitchen etc.) for community based activities to support vulnerable and isolated groups across all

groups of our society, as well as those using the NHS services. We will be seeking to recruit volunteers to support this activity in the autumn, and of course, we will involve the community as much as we can in these developments to make sure we are matching our ideas to real needs.

We look forward to updating you further in the next few months. If you have any questions in the meantime please email [fundraising@tarporleyhospital.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@tarporleyhospital.co.uk)

**Finally:-**



**Messy Church made a welcome return to our calendar this Easter.  
Rev Jim describes the event below:-**

A great time was had at Messy Church at the first returning session on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The theme was Easter, and the children had a lot of fun making handprint pictures, decorating Easter egg shaped biscuits, and making the Easter story in Lego – there were some great models and creativity on show!

Then after some singing and prayers in church, there was an Easter trail in the glorious sunshine outside church, retelling the story of Holy Week, thinking about how Jesus and the disciples would have felt (and with some added Easter eggs to find too), and the sessions ended with some delicious spaghetti bolognese and jam tarts.

Messy Church meets on the fourth Sunday of the month, 4pm-6pm - it's church with a difference, so why not try it?!

Please see the photo montage on "The Link" front cover. *Jim*

### **Tarporley Flower Club**

*Members of the Tarporley Flower Club invite you to join them at their monthly meeting which is held at the Tarporley Community Centre between 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month (except in January when the meeting is held on the second Tuesday). There is no meeting in August.*

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