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Our new aim is to go above and beyond what the NHS is able to provide by fundraising to enhance facilities, services or equipment for the people of Tarporley and its surrounding communities. We want to support people of all ages, through every stage of life, and to make a difference to both the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our community.

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.

This is an unremunerated role with a time commitment of five formal meetings per year, an additional online meeting during the other months, plus some email/reading. If you are interested in finding out more about the opportunity, please contact the Trust's Business Manager, Sarah Mills, in the first instance (email: info@twmh.org.uk). Please note we plan to hold interviews during April/May 2024.

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Email: revjimb1017@gmail.com

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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

May 2024

May	5 th	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
		St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
		St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
		St John	11.15am	Holy Communion
	9 th	ASCENSION DAY		
		St Helen	6.30pm	Holy Communion
	12 th	THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION		
		St Helen	9.30am	Café Church
		St Helen	11.00am	The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)
		St Thomas	4.00pm	Holy Communion
	19 th	PENTECOST		
		St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
		St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
		St Thomas	6.30pm	Evensong
	21 st	St HELEN'S DAY		
		St Helen	7.30pm	Holy Communion
	26 th	TRINITY SUNDAY		
		St Thomas	9.00am	Songs of Praise
		St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
		St Helen	4.00pm	Messy Church
June	2 nd	TRINITY 1		
		St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
		St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
		St John	11.15am	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:-

We may all know about the patron saints of the British Isles, but how much do you know about St Helen? Or St Thomas? Or St John? Those three saints bear the names of our three churches in the parish, but what do we know about them? Which travelled to India, which made many pilgrimages to Rome and found the cross of Jesus? When are the dates they are remembered in the Church calendar??



Patronal Festivals are times to remember the lives of those particular saints and think of how their lives still impact us today, and give thanks for the work and continued ministry of the churches in which a community is located. In the distant past allegiance to particular saints and churches provided as much rivalry as football team allegiance does today, so Patronal Festivals became holidays from work, and times for communities to proudly proclaim the support and help of a particular saint.

While it won't be possible to recapture the devotion to the saints from days past, the PCC has committed to celebrating our three 'patron' saints, and use their saints' days as ways to connect with each other and those we live among, especially as times to bring us together in joyful fellowship.

As a result, we are planning special services around their saints' days, as well as some social events to bring our local communities together. We did this very successfully last year in Eaton for St Thomas' day, when we held a special service followed by a BBQ kindly hosted by Anne and Declan Kelly at The Drays in Eaton. And for St Helen, a group of volunteers joined me as we led Years 3 and 4 from Tarporley Primary in an interactive day to find out more about the real St Helen, and help deepen their faith journey, just like that saintly woman.

So this year, there will be a number of events; the first celebration is for St Helen, who is remembered in the Church of England on 21st May; as well as repeating the successful St Helen's day with Tarporley Primary on Monday 20th, there will be a special service of Communion at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st at St Helen's followed by Strawberries and Fizz, and Charles and Sandra Hardy have

kindly agreed to host a social lunchtime gathering on Saturday 25th May from 12pm at their home in Willington. St Thomas' day comes on 3rd July and we will be celebrating once again with a barbecue at the Drays on Sunday 30th June at 12 midday and Holy Cross day falls in September: more details of plans for Cotebrook will be publicised in the coming months.

Do come along and celebrate, and bring others with you too!

Jim

Thy Kingdom Come

Over Lent, a number of us made good use of the book 'How to pray' by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. What made this book different from many that we have look at during Lents and Advents in the recent past is that it is not really a seasonal book – prayer can, and should, be done at all times, throughout the year, not just for a six week period; in addition, the book is full of very handy and practical tips and prayers to help find a way to pray that works for each one of us. As someone who came along to the sessions commented, while other Lent and Advent books soon get placed on my bookshelf to gather dust, this one will be in constant use, encouraging, helping and challenging me to pray.

Just because Lent is over, does not mean that our prayer life can take a break too! And we have just the thing a few weeks away to keep us praying – **Thy Kingdom Come**. This is an initiative that has been running since 2016, and is now a global movement of prayer in the days from Ascension day (this year 9th May) until Pentecost (19th May). This was always used by the Church as a time of special prayer, praying for God's Spirit to be at work.

As the Thy Kingdom Come website puts it. *Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.*

Archbishop Justin Welby has commented that *"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."*

Here in Tarporley Parish we are encouraged to pray for 5 people who we know and love to respond to the call of Jesus to 'follow me', and there will be opportunities to pray together throughout the weekdays of those 9 days, in all three church buildings, in the middle of the day for about half an hour; so if you'd like to, please gather at 12.30pm to pray:

Thursday 9 th May	St John and the Holy Cross Cotebrook
Friday 10 th May	St Helen's Tarporley
Monday 13 th May	St Thomas' Eaton
Tuesday 14 th May	St John and the Holy Cross Cotebrook
Wednesday 15 th May	St Helen's Tarporley
Thursday 16 th May	St Thomas' Eaton
Friday 17 th May	St John and the Holy Cross Cotebrook

However you pray, whether alone or together, keep praying: Thy kingdom come Lord!

Jim

Done Room Renovations update

The campaign to raise funds to secure the future of Tarporley's historic Done Room is up and running thanks to two successful grant applications. The Done Room Renovation project was launched last autumn with the aim of finding almost £180,000 for a new roof, kitchen and other necessary work to enable the building, which opened in 1636, to continue to be at the heartbeat of education for youngsters of all ages in the area.

Generations of children through the ages have benefitted from the various activities staged in the building next to St. Helen's Church but without essential repairs almost 400 years of history would be under threat.

Thanks to the sterling work of Stephen Wright three important grants have just been secured which means a starting date for work on the project can be pencilled in. FCC Communities Foundation have committed £94,728 to the cause, the Ursula Keyes Trust has contributed £23 000, while the National Lottery have weighed in with £18,960. There have also been contributions from

local benefactors including a generous £5,000 grant from the Holroyd Foundation.

The evidence of the relentless drive to make sure the Done Room remains an integral part of the local community can be witnessed at first hand by taking a look at the fund raising countdown board which stands at the entrance to the grounds of St Helen's Churchyard. It will display that more than half of the necessary funds have been secured – but there is still plenty of work to be done to reach the ultimate target.

A number of fund raising events are in the planning stage which will involve parents, children and locals in the drive to make sure those using the Done Room will continue to do so in the knowledge that the future of the unique building is safe and sound and in good hands. That will be good news to Tarporley Pre-School who are the main users of the premises. Also very much involved are The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides while it's a venue used for church meetings, Messy Church and a variety of social events.

The Done Room has over the years played an important part in many local people's lives and will continue to do so providing the funds are always there to safeguard it. If anyone would like to donate, any contribution would be most welcome, then please contact the parish treasurer on how to donate. Tarporley.parishtreasurer@btinternet.com.

To borrow a well known saying from Lord Kitchener

'Your Done Room Needs You'.

APCM 2024

This year's APCM will be held on **Sunday 12th May at 11am at St Helen's**, following that morning's Cafe Church service. All members of the Electoral Roll are able to vote at the meeting, as well as be nominated to join the Parochial Church Council (PCC) or stand as Churchwarden. We currently have 2 vacancies for PCC, so please prayerfully consider whether you could serve on PCC – if you want to know more, or hear about what being on PCC entails, please talk to one of the Churchwardens or Revd Jim. (Continued overleaf)

Copies of the Electoral Roll will be published in each church in the coming weeks: please check you are on the Roll, and if not, ask Revd Jim or Jenny Christian, the Electoral Roll Officer, for a form to join.

Full reports and information will be sent out to all members of the Electoral Roll by email in the coming weeks - if you would like a paper copy, please contact Revd *Jim*.

Easter celebrations at St Thomas'.

St Thomas' church looked lovely for Easter, the service music was wonderful and the Easter message uplifting.

It was good to be able to welcome everyone to our church at the joint Parish Service in April and then chat with everyone over a coffee in the Jessie afterwards.

The fourth Sunday Songs of Praise Service has been described as a version of Desert Island Discs – always informative and enjoyable. Do let Jim know if you would like to lead a service.



Easter decorations at St Thomas

We are fundraising this year to improve the heating system in the church. Our old, oil-fired boiler is coming to the end of its working life, and we want to take the opportunity to install a more environmentally friendly system.

On Saturday June 8th, the Vale Royal Singers will delight and entertain. The concert will be in two halves; part one in church and part two in the village hall where refreshments (bubbles and light refreshments) will be served. Tickets will be available soon from Jan Freeman or Amelia McCourty.

Amelia McCourty

Finally

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We are pleased to announce that the Tarporley War Memorial premises have become a rural hub for the provision of health and social care services in the community. Our strategic clinical partner, the Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust, has been welcoming and treating patients at the hospital and feedback is extremely positive.

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

Ultrasound, Physiotherapy, Children's therapy team, Neurotherapy team, Podiatry, doppler, leg ulcer and dressing clinics, Community midwives' and health visitor open advice clinics, Diabetes education group, AAA (abdominal aortic aneurysm) screening, Private counselling/therapy services, Autism and ADHD assessments, Pelvic floor clinics, Rapid Response and Hospital at Home.

All clinical services are provided by the Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust and access to the services is usually arranged by your GP practice or following a hospital referral.

For all clinical queries - 01244 364620 coch.tarporleyenquiries@nhs.net

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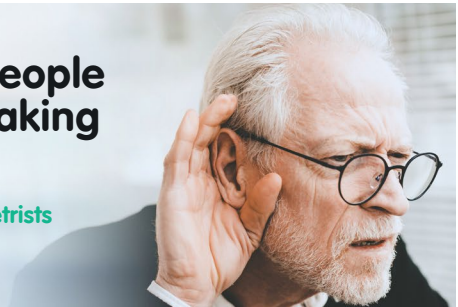
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