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GRAPEVINE

April 2022

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From the Vicar...

As we see spring coming into action, the new life from the ground. We see a parallel of the story of Easter. The new coming from what once was lifeless in the ground. This year I invite you to join us for a walk of witness, this involves walking through the village as an expression of our Faith together. We are planning to do this on Good Friday, 10.30am from the scout hut, arriving at Tarvin Methodist Church about 11.15am. We will be giving out free hot cross buns to anyone we meet on route. Also if you are unable to walk with us, we hope to live stream our walk to TMC where you can enjoy a drink and listen to our walk before we arrive.

People may ask why do a walk, why the public display of our faith. Is it about unity or re-enactment of the journey of Jesus on Good Friday? It's a little bit of both. I remember as a child, walking miles (it was a very large parish), with strange looks from other people asking us what we were doing. This within itself, was all that could be hoped for, a public reminder that this day is special and important. To many it is a welcomed 'bank holiday' an extended weekend off work. Including the Monday. Walking to remind people of why it is a 'holiday' is well worth the public attention. They are symbolic of this significant day in the Christian faith when Jesus was crucified. Each bun is decorated with a cross made from flour paste, which represents the cross on which Christ died. The spices in hot cross buns are said to represent the spices that were used to embalm Christ after his death. It is ideal to give these out to people, whoever we come across. If we are seen as a little strange, then it isn't a problem. We remind them of the journey that Jesus made in order to buy our freedom with his death on the cross.

When Easter comes please do take on board, that the Egg you receive, (if you are lucky enough to have one) then the space inside the egg should be empty. This reminds us of the tomb that Jesus left and that those who went there early in the morning found. An empty tomb, a promise that that 'Temple' was rebuilt in three days and that the promised life that Jesus came to bring has now ours.

So as new things come to new life, we see the resurrection of Jesus within that, a reminder to all of us that Jesus is our saviour and risen Lord.

Adam

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm - Holy Communion
8.30pm - Reading of Marks Gospel
9.45pm - 10.30pm Prayerful Vigil

Good Friday

9.30am - Service of Reflection (St Peters)
10.30am - Walk of Witness (starting at the scout hut)
11.15am - Walk of Witness arrives at Tarvin Methodist Church for final hymn and prayer) TMC

Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion (SA)
9.30am Family Communion (SP)
10.45am Family Communion (SA)
6.30pm Taize Worship (SA)

Parish Diary

April

- 2nd 11am Wedding Rehearsal (SA)
6th 7.30pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)
9th 12.30pm Wedding of Laura and Richard (SA)
10th 12.30pm Baptism of Theo (SA)
14th 10.30am Wedding Rehearsal (SA)
4.30pm Wedding Rehearsal (SA)
7.30pm Maundy Service with Holy Communion (SA)
8.30pm Reading of Marks Gospel (SA)
9.45pm - 10.30 Vigil of Prayer (SA)
15th 9.30am - Reflective Service (SP)
10.30am Walk of Witness (details on Page 2)
17th 1pm Wedding of Jo and Chris (SA)
21st 12pm Wedding of Morgan and Joshua (SA)
23rd St Georges Day
25th 9am Ministry Team Meeting (SA)
7.30pm PCC meeting (SA)
26th 10.30am Ecumenical Meeting (TMC)
7pm Every Day Faith meeting (Handbridge)

May

- 4th 7.30pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)
8th 12pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SA)

Weekly Services

St Andrew's

8am Holy Communion BCP (Every Week)
10.45am 1st and 3rd Week Family Worship
10.45am 2nd and 4th Week Family Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong (1st Sunday)
6.30pm Taize Style Worship (3rd Sunday)
4pm Messy Church (2nd Sunday)

St Peter's

9.30am 1st and 3rd Week Family Communion
9.30am 2nd and 4th Week Family Worship

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays

9.15am Morning Prayer (St Andrews)
10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (St Andrews)

Thursdays

10am-11am Coffee Morning (St Peter's) Not in the school holidays.

Friday

7pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

Donations to Church

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**Tarvin Parish Annual Parochial Church
Meeting 2022**
**Sunday 8th May, 12.00 in St Andrew's
Church.**

AGENDA

*Welcome & prayers
Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd May 2021**

*Annual Vestry Meeting
For the appointment of Church Wardens*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

1. To receive Annual Reports*
2. To receive Annual Accounts*
3. To receive the Electoral Roll Officer's report**

*Elections and Co-options:
PCC members - 5 vacancies
Deanery Synod representatives - 2 vacancies
Independent Examiner*

**Reports and Minutes will be made available online prior to the meeting and also in printed form in both St Andrew's & St Peter's Churches.*

***A Revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 4th-18th April.*

Please consider:

Nominations for Church Wardens to the Vicar, prior to the meeting.

Nominations for PCC or Deanery Synod can be made prior to/at the meeting.

St Andrews Womens Group

For our March meeting we were very fortunate to have as our speaker MARY MORGAN

She spoke about MINDFULNESS AND WELL BEING.

A subject that most of us knew little about. She told us of her work with teenage boys, suffering from behaviour problems and excluded from school. Teaching them to be calm and learn techniques of coping with stress brought about great changes to their life.

She talked us through some of these techniques, which we all tried and could understand how beneficial this could be in our daily life when we all experience stress and distraction. We learnt to savour various types of food, take our time and really think about the taste. We all enjoyed this especially the chocolate saved until last!

Thankyou Mary for a most enjoyable and enlightening evening.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 6th in the Parish Room at 7.30 pm when we welcome STEPHEN HILDRETH as our speaker and the subject will be NEW ZEALAND.

A warm welcome awaits you if you would like to come along to this open meeting.



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TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD MARCH 2022



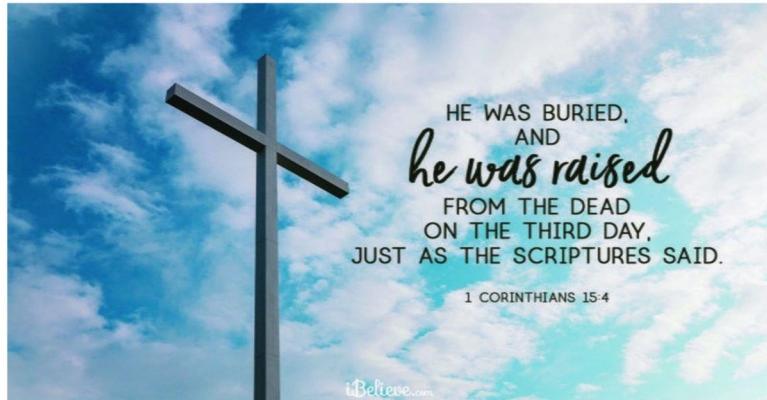
What better way to represent spring than seeing a delightful array of daffodils in the St. Andrew's graveyard, especially when set against the green backdrop of cut grass around the graves. The Z Team have already received a series messages of thanks from those who regularly walk through and visit the graveyard about how neat and tidy it looks as we enter the spring to summer transition.

In the last two issues of the *Grapevine*, there has been a concentration of work on making the "old" shed safe and watertight, but a decision was eventually made that the old roof had to come off and a new one installed. There was too much damage to the slates and structure to warrant any more repair work, as well as new drainage gutters need to be fitted.

St. Andrew's PCC very kindly offered to pay for the wood and roofing felt, as well as the supply of "Shiplap" cladding on the two faces seen in the photo on the right. It is hoped this will all be done by mid April.



PRAYER FOR APRIL 2022



Lord,
the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into a world that so desperately needs your
presence and healing.

Amen.

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Curates Corner

We all say it don't we? "Lovely sunshine! It makes such a difference to the day!" And it does! I am writing this with the sun warm on my back and I can feel it easing the knots of winter tension. Smudge is snoozing on the front window sill. I have moved a bench in my garden so that it is in the sun for a lot more of the day and have even allowed myself the time to sit on it with a cup of tea! Every time I sit there I think I must sit there more often.

It is never 'just sitting' - I remember the verse of the poem by William Henry Davies:

'What is life if full of care
We have no time to stand and stare,
No time to stand beneath the boughs and stare as long as sheep and cows'.

There is some neat word play here; cows and sheep are ruminants. They need to chew cud regurgitated from their rumen, a special stomach, to be able to digest grass. And we too can ruminate because it means contemplating or meditating - standing and staring or sitting if you prefer. It is good to contemplate; thoughts get clarified and can turn to prayer. When the world is in terrifying turmoil and we are desperate to find the words to pray, just sitting is so valuable. We have a chance to connect deeply with our inner being, the Holy Spirit can work for us and turn our despair into words of prayer.

Easter is a powerful time to ruminate, the agony of Good Friday turning to resurrection joy on Easter Sunday. Think on that love for us, the tremendous gift from God, it can take a lifetime to think through but also be known at once!

I pray that this Easter you may have the time to ruminate, enjoy the sunshine and know how deeply and wonderfully you are loved.

Happy Easter!
Barbara.

Prayers for April: taken from 'Each Day and Each Night' by J. Philip Newell. © 1994 Wild Goose Publications. The Iona Community.

Search me O God and know my heart.

Test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me to the way everlasting (Psalm 139. 23-24)

Lord, help me to be still and aware of your presence within and all around.

May those without shelter be under your guarding this day O Christ.

May the wandering find places of welcome.

O Son of the tears , of the wounds, of the piercings,

May your cross this day be shielding them.

Lord, we pray for the coming day and for refuges and those without a place of welcome.

O Christ you are a bright flame before me.

You are a guiding star above me.

You are the light and love I see in other's eyes.

Keep me O Christ in a love that is true.

Keep me O Christ in a love that is strong, tonight, tomorrow and always

May the grace of love of the stars be mine.

May the grace of the love of the winds be mine.

May the grace of the love of the waters be mine.

In the name of the Word of all life.

Prayers for Peace

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of their nation, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Newsround

Ashton Hayes and Tarvin Flower Club

Do you like flowers and enjoy meeting people? Why not join us for an evening of entertainment as you watch a skilled flower arranger demonstrate their art.

All arrangements are raffled so you may even take one home with you! We meet in Tarvin Community Centre, on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. (except August and December) and you would be assured of a friendly welcome.

Further information from 01829 740832 or 01829 740473

War Memorial Hall, Duddon

The War Memorial Hall, Duddon will be holding a quiz on Friday 8th April, starting at 8pm, entry is £2.50 and there will be a bar and raffle.

Christian Aid Week 2022

During the 15th and the 21st of May this year, St Andrews, St Peters and Tarvin Methodist Church will be working together with our partners in many parts of the world to turn hunger into hope for thousands of families by helping to build their resilience to withstand the effects of the climate crisis and lift them out of hunger. More details will be in the May Grapevine

Church Bells

On Saturday 12th March a Quarter Peal (1260 changes) of Bob Minor was rung at Tarvin in memory of Winnie Vernon , who died last year, by her son Peter, myself and 4 other ringers from the locality. Peter was a Tarvin ringer before moving to Chester but was born and bred in the village.

Colin Haworth
Tower Captain

On the Farm

Our farm was the site of Tarporley Races, which was organised by the Tarporley Hunt Club. The event was first held in 1775 and had a few sites, firstly on the edge of Delamere Forest and then at Cotebrook. In 1879 a new course was established on the Arderne Hall Estate at Ash Hill - our farm now. The races were held there for the next sixty years and became a very popular day out. The Duke and Duchess of Westminster were patrons and it is said that they entertained lavishly. Thousands journeyed to the races and Tarporley and Tarvin were brought to a standstill. People came by train to Beeston and were taken to the course in horsedrawn vehicles. I have seen pictures of this scene taken in 1898, when some 10,000 people came. In 1937 a new grandstand was built to seat 2000 spectators, which was I believe eventually sold to Oulton Park.

On the 26th of April 1939 the last meeting was held with 8000 attending. This was because the war broke out later that year, the very last race was a steeplechase. The winner was Luke Lillington who sadly was one of the first RAF pilots to be killed. During the war the MOD took over part of the site for a prisoner of war camp (more about that in a future edition). By the time peace was restored and the POW camp no longer needed, my parents-in-law had bought the farm from the Arderne Hall Estate. There were hopes to revive the races but this was by now a dairy farm and the race course went through virtually every field. The course, which is well marked on old maps, would have to be fenced and maintained and this was not a viable option with cows grazing the fields.

To this day there are traces of where the course ran. It was considered "a good test over birch and gorse fences with a water jump over a ditch". Walking the course makes me realise what a hard slog it must have been for the horses, as it is all uphill heading towards Fisher Green before swinging right to the finishing line. I can just imagine the roar of the crowds. What heady days they must have been prior to the outbreak of war.

Pat Briscoe

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There will be all the usual attractions that we all love including the fairground rides, the Dog Show and the Tug of War. This year, the procession will start from St Andrews and then turn into the High Street. From there it will follow the traditional route.

The fete wouldn't be the same without all the lovely stalls offering you a huge variety of local goods or sale. If you would like to book a stall at this year's fete, please email to stalls-tarvinfete@outlook.com

We always need lots of people to help us with organising and running this important event. If you would like to be a part of the fete or if you can help us in any way, please email to jinks1107@aol.com We'd love to hear from you.

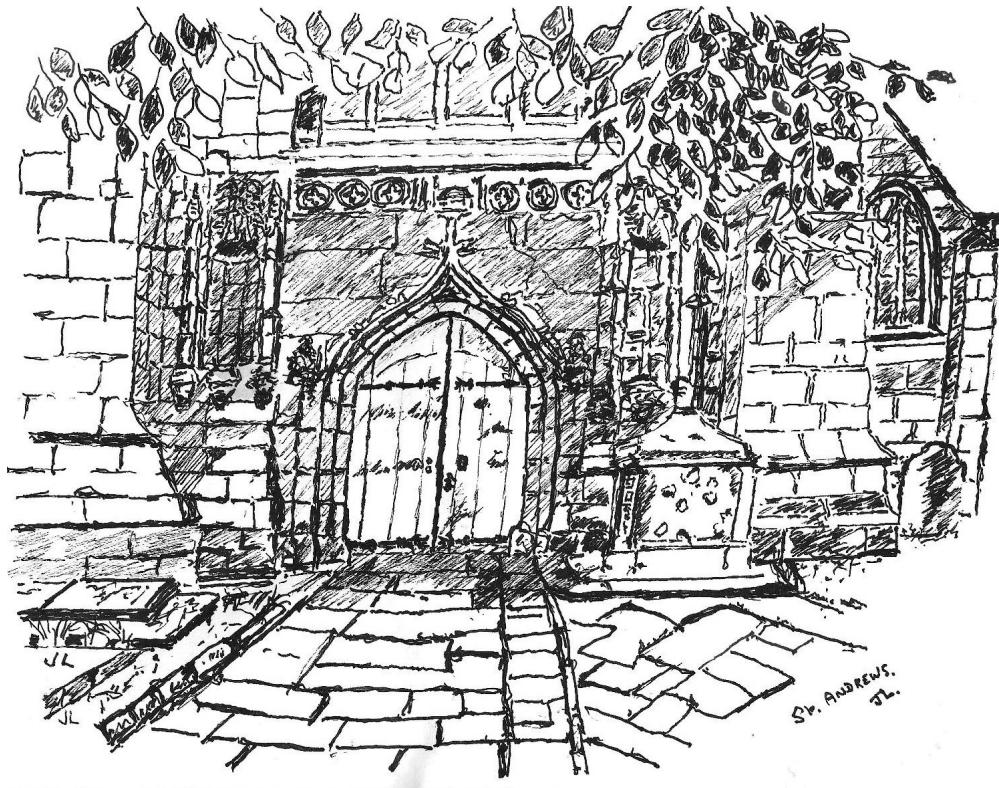
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The sketch below is another of St Andrew's done by Jenny Lloyd



Woodland Notes

Stand by for the Plant Sale!

On Saturday 14th May between 10am and 12.00 Noon, a Tarvin tradition will return to the High Street! Once again, Tarvin Community Woodland Trust will be holding its plant sale, alongside the Tarvin Methodist Church's Coffee Morning (with, of course, the famous bacon baps!) Once again, the Chapel frontage will be crammed with both plants and purchasers. As ever, prices will be highly competitive - they have to be because unsold plants do not provide any funds for running the woodland - and we often find someone who "only came to look!" going home with several boxes-full!

However, there is one area in which we would really appreciate some help. At our sales, we always find that we have a shortage of vegetable plants - and these, of course, are always very popular. Are there any folk who are reading this who have been growing vegetable plants and have some spare that they would be prepared to give to us for the sale? Any types and varieties would be welcomed. If you'd be prepared to help us in this way, just give a call to 01829 741172, so that we know who you are and what you're promising! Thank you

The effects of climate change.

Winter seems to have passed us by with very few frosts, the snowdrops appeared rather earlier than might have been expected and trees are coming into leaf sooner than was the case in my youth.

There seems little doubt that the climate is altering - and with it - so does nature. In one particular respect, there has been a very noticeable difference - the frequency with which we are on the receiving end of what used to be truly exceptional storms. Lately, there have been reports of many ancient and much-loved trees being blown over and Tarvin has suffered its share of damage. However, we are pleased to note that, within the woodland, NONE of our trees suffered any damage that was more than slight. Where there WAS significant damage, it was to trees which are outside the boundary of the Trust's land and so are not our responsibility. The safety of our trees is taken very seriously and that is why the three-yearly full survey of all the woodland's trees will be undertaken by a qualified arboriculturist during this Summer. There has been a change in the time that this is done - rather than the survey being carried out in March, it has been delayed by several months, so that, as a part of the survey, our ash trees can be checked for ash die-back at the

same time. The cost of such a survey is several hundred pounds, with any subsequent work found to be needed being charged on top of that. This is one of the ways that the funds from the plant sale prove to be essential!

Flowers in the woodland.

As I write this, in mid-March, many of the snowdrop flowers have finished and the plants will soon be ready for splitting, thereby increasing the number of flowers next year. I wonder how long it will be before Tarvin Woodland begins to get visitors to its "Snowdrop Walk"? The daffodils and the crocuses, planted by "guerrilla gardeners" in the original woodland have been flowering happily, as have the primroses. Perhaps most noteworthy of all is the truly magnificent crop of white blackthorn blossom on the tree at the back of the larch triangle. Blackthorn can be distinguished from hawthorn (which is also known as 'quickthorn') by the fact that, on blackthorn, the blossom appears before any of the leaves, whereas the hawthorn will be in full leaf before any blossom appears.

You are reading this in early April. By that time, the wild daffodils (the true 'lent lilies') should be in flower in the large grassed area alongside Fairfax Avenue, there should be yellow, buttercup-like Lesser Celandines throughout the woodland, Snakes Head Fritillaries at path edges and near to Hockenhull Lane, the beautiful, white Wood Anemones will be covering the ground with white stars. Later, once the Wood Anemones have finished flowering, the same area will be full of the green leaves, pretty white flowers and unmistakable aroma of Wild Garlic (also known as Ramsons). Then, at the end of the month, or in early May, the bluebells will appear. What a joyous entry to Summer!

The activities of our volunteers.

After last month's great list of the jobs that our volunteers have recently done in the woodland, you might think that there would be little to report for March. You would be very wrong! During the past month, our volunteers have done the bird survey, coppiced more hazel trees and used the prunings and brash to produce another dead hedge in the wilding area. Additional log piles have been made and gaps in existing hedges have been filled by planting hawthorn whips in appropriate places. Also, have you seen our wonderful new identifier posts? Now that the volunteers have installed them, they do a fine job of marking out which trees are which.

Our website.

Everything that is going on in the woodland is well documented on our very extensive (and frequently updated) website. Do 'visit' us at:-
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Hot Cross Buns

English folklore includes many superstitions surrounding hot cross buns.

Did you know.....

Buns baked and served on Good Friday will not spoil or grow mouldy during the subsequent year. If you keep such a bun for medicinal purposes a piece of it given to someone ill is said to help them recover.

If taken on a sea voyage, hot cross buns are said to protect against shipwreck.

If hung in the kitchen, Hot Cross Buns are said to protect against fires and ensure that all breads turn out perfectly. (Note...The hanging bun is to be replaced each year !)

One theory is that the hot cross bun originates from St. Albans, in England, where, in 1361, Brother Thomas Rodcliffe, a 14th-century monk at St Albans Abbey, developed a similar recipe called an 'Alban Bun' and distributed the bun to the local poor on Good Friday.

In 1592, during the reign of Elizabeth I of England, the London Clerk of Markets issued a decree forbidding the sale of hot cross buns and other spiced breads, except at burials, on Good Friday, or at Christmas.

The first definite record of hot cross buns comes from a London street cry: "Good Friday comes this month, the old woman runs. With one or two a penny hot cross buns", which appeared in Poor Robin's Almanac for 1733. The line "One a penny, two a penny, hot cross-buns" appears in the English nursery rhyme "Hot Cross Buns" published in the London Chronicle for 2-4 June 1767.

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