

TARVIN & DUDDON



## Queen Elizabeth II



Platinum Jubilee Edition

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## From the Vicar...

"You are important." I wonder how many times we have heard that recently. Probably not many, we spend time doing things, being places, helping others (hopefully), and we sometime meld into the background. Being who we are, all the time, is important. It is a good thing, I feel, that we are moving to wanting to be a more accepting society and indeed world. When Jesus asked us to love our neighbour it was in the context of loving ourselves. We need to be ourselves in order to love ourselves and if we do not like who we are then that's when we need to seek our change. I am asked if Faith changes you as a person, the answer is yes, it gives us a way of living and understanding of how we should act and treat others. It does not stop us being Human, and this is something that takes time, energy and commitment. It is this changing of living in a human way to being in faithful humane way that turns people away from committing themselves to God. It isn't easy, to change, for some people our upbringing, our schooling, the lessons we have had through life from Parents, Grandparents and teachers, that made us think that people in the world were different from each other, through race, gender, creed, and economic differences. I am sure you will be able to think of many other differences that get in the way of our faith. Committing ourselves to God means we must put these society influences to the past and acknowledge those times when we have been led by these differences rather than by faith and renew our commitment to total equality in our world, in the places where we live and work. Living a life of faith, makes us not just important, but indispensable. If we do not bring light to the darkness, who will? If we do not show love to those whom society has hated, who will? If we do not speak for those whose voice has been lost, because no one ever listened, who will? "You are important", you matter more now than ever, in ever changing uncertain times, to those around you, you are the hope, so trust in Jesus, seek change through his name and be who you are, the person that God knows best, that is the person this world, your world needs.

Adam

## Weekly Services

### St Andrew's

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

### St Peter's

9.30am 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Family Communion  
9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Parish Diary

### June:

7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ecumenical Ministers Meeting (TMC)  
11<sup>th</sup> 10am George Heath Foundation Football (George V Field)  
13<sup>th</sup> 6pm Standing Committee (Vicarage)  
17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Archdeacons Visitation  
19<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Confirmation Service (SA)  
27<sup>th</sup> 9am Ministry Team Meeting (SA)

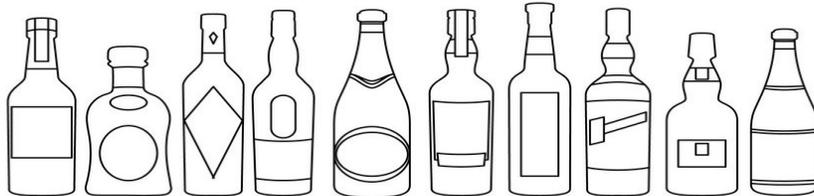
### July

2<sup>nd</sup> Village Fete  
2pm Wedding of Sandy and Helen (SA)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 12.30pm Baptism of Hugo (SA)  
6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)

## Notices

### Village Fete Tombola Stall

Once again Ruth and Jenny will be running the Tombola Stall at the July Village Fete in aid of Church funds. Please would anyone wishing to donate bottles of any kind, alcohol included, either drop them off to Ruth and Jenny, bring to Church or they will collect. In past years, with your generosity, this has proved to be a very successful stall. Thank you.



### Bells ring out in jubilation

Before the Jubilee service on Sunday 5 June, St Andrew's bells rang out across the village. Visiting bell ringers from Tarpoley and Chester supported tower captain Colin Howarth to join in the celebrations.

A morning to remember what service is all about - exemplified by contributions from so many different groups, choirs, readers, prayer leaders, tea & coffee makers and a baker!



### Church Floodlighting Fund

In celebration of Phil & Sylvia Weaver's Golden Wedding Anniversary,  
1st July



## PRAYER FOR JUNE 2022

Gracious God,

We give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.

We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance and her love of peace,  
for the care and devotion with which she has served her people,  
for the example of her gracious life.

We thank you for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us throughout the reign of our sovereign lady, and as we rejoice before you with thankful hearts, we pray that, following her example, we may ever be united in love and service to one another, as people called to live according to your will, for the good of all the world, and the glory of your great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## A Queen's Promises

On her 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday in 1947, when in Cape Town, South Africa, The Queen made a speech in which she committed her life to public service. As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee it would be timely to hear some of her words.

"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."



Sixteen months after she became Queen, her Coronation was held at Westminster Abbey, a tradition that goes back almost a thousand years to the Norman Conquest. In a speech made on the evening of her Coronation, The Queen commented that: "Throughout this memorable day I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me. I have been aware all the time that my peoples, spread far and wide throughout every continent and ocean in the world, were united to support me in the task to which I have now been dedicated with such solemnity. I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust. My Coronation is not the symbol of a power and a splendour that are gone but a declaration of our hopes for the future, and for the years I may, by God's Grace and Mercy, be given to reign and serve you as your Queen." Speaking earlier this year, 75 years on from her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and 70 years after her accession to the throne, The Queen, in her Commonwealth Day message from Windsor, reaffirmed the promise that she had made. "In this year of my Platinum Jubilee, it has given me pleasure to renew the promise I made in 1947, that my life will always be devoted in service. In these testing times today, it is my hope that you can draw strength and inspiration from what we share with another, as we work together towards a healthy, sustainable and prosperous future for all. I hope we can deepen our resolve to support and serve one another, and endeavour to ensure the Commonwealth remains an influential force for good in our world for many generations to come."

## Tarvin decorated



## A Queen Quiz

1. What are the Queen's three Christian names?
2. The Queen's early years were spent at ( 145, 151 or 162 ? ) Piccadilly, the London house taken by her parents shortly after her birth.
3. Name the two Pages at the Queen's wedding? ( They were both aged five )
4. The Queen's Bridal Veil was made of tulle and held by a tiara of diamonds. This tiara (which can also be worn as a necklace) was made for Queen Mary in which year? 1916, 1919 or 1921?
5. What was the name of the Corgi who went with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their honeymoon?
6. The Queen has delivered the Queen's Christmas Message every year except one. Which decade was that in? 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's or 90's?
7. Queen Elizabeth II is the fortieth monarch since.....? Whom?
8. How many times has the Queen made official visits to Canada? 23, 25 or 31?
9. Technically the Queen still owns the 'Fishes Royal' in the waters around the UK. The 'Fishes Royal' are recognised as sturgeons, whales and .....
10. The only other British monarch to celebrate their Diamond Jubilee was whom?
11. Traditionally which member of the cabinet (official title, not name) had to be present in the next room during the Queen's birth to ensure her 'legitimacy'?
12. Name both of the two official documents issued by the government that the Queen does not have to have that every other citizen must have?
13. How many ships has the Queen launched during her reign? 23, 27 or 32?
14. Name two of the colours in the Queen's horse racing colours.
15. In 1986, the Queen became the first British monarch to visit which country?
16. Who was the first Prime Minister to have been born during the Queen's reign? He was born in early May 1953, a month before her coronation.
17. The first soccer match the Queen attended was the 1953 FA Cup Final. Where was it held?



18. Where is the one place the Queen is not allowed to enter?  
( The last King to do so, Charles I, lost his head!)
19. How many rooms are there in Buckingham Palace, the Queen's official London residence? 775, 795 or 805 ?
20. What did the Queen travel on, in London, for the first time in May 1939?

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# Teas and Cakes





## Songs of Praise



## Fun and Games



## Queen Quiz Answers

1. Alexandra, Elizabeth, Mary
2. 145 Piccadilly
3. Prince William of Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent
4. 1919
5. Susan
6. 1960's (1969)
7. William the Conqueror
8. 23
9. Dolphins
10. Queen Victoria
11. The Home Secretary
12. Passport, Driving licence
13. 23 ships
14. Purple jacket, red sleeves, black cap, gold braid.
15. China
16. Tony Blair
17. Wembley
18. The Chamber of the House of Commons
19. 775 rooms
20. London Underground



## TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD MAY 2022

### "Churches count on Nature" event 2022

From the Church of England web site, we read that churches and cathedrals across the country are preparing for the annual "**Churches Count on Nature**" event - taking place from 4-12 June - the same week as "**Love Your Burial Ground Week**".

This 'citizen science' event will welcome people to churchyards and encourage them to record what animals and plants they see. That data will then be collated and shared on the National biodiversity Network.

Last year more than 540 activities and events were organised by churches across the country. People submitted 17,232 recorded pieces of data on wildlife they saw, with more than 1,500 species recorded.

Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and lead Church of England bishop for the environment, encouraged churches to start preparing. He said:

*"I'm encouraging every parish to get involved with this year's Churches Count on Nature.*

*Churchyards and gardens are an incredible home of biodiversity, making up thousands of acres of green oases in every community of the country. Last year, hundreds of parishes got their local community searching for insects and plants in their open spaces.*

*This is a great outreach programme, and it also helps those working on the environment better understand our natural world. The Church is committed to increasing biodiversity and is currently working to reduce our carbon footprint to net zero by 2030."*

This year we are taking part in this event. The children from Tarvin School are coming on the mornings of 7th to 10th June to St. Andrew's graveyard to enable them to look at and record the wild flowers, insects, trees, birds, grave dates and inscriptions, along with a little history of the graveyard. An annotated notebook will be available to each child to record their findings.

A member of the graveyard team will be available each morning from 09.30 to 12.00 to help with information and to guide the children through the area. Any adults who wish to take part in the event are also very welcome to join, either as part of the guidance team, or as an information collector for all of the above. If any further information is needed, Ron Fuller is the contact on 01829 740559.

## P.C.C.

### Membership of the PCC following elections at 2022 APCM

#### **Ex-Officio:**

Clergy	Adam Friend (Vicar)	
	Barbara King (Assistant Curate)	
Parish Warden	David Ferguson (Vice-Chair)	
Readers Representative	Ron Fuller	
Deanery Synod	Lynn Orfanelli	
	Jill Pegrum	
Safeguarding Officer	Mary Morgan	
Health & Safety Officer	Ron Fuller	
Treasurer	David Caddell	
Secretary	Jane Holmes	(without voting rights)
Agreed Co-option for 3 years	Sandra Turner	

#### **Elected:**

9 members

Sue Caddell	retires 2023
Barrie Rees	retires 2023
Paul Mercer	retires 2024
Derek Mansfield	retires 2024
Ken Fayle	retires 2025
Simon Anderson	retires 2025
Vanessa Ankers	retires 2025
Thelma Reynolds	retires 2025
Douglas Gruffydd-Walters	retires 2025

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<b>Electoral Roll Officer</b>	Ruth Hardiman
<b>Gift Aid Officer</b>	David Caddell

**Standing Committee** - Vicar, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair, Parish Wardens

3 elected PCC members - Paul Mercer, Simon Anderson, Mary Morgan

**Ministry Team** - \_\_\_ Adam, Barbara, Parish Warden - David  
Readers - Mary Burgess, Jo Richards, Ron Fuller, Colin Haworth.

Lynn Orfanelli, Sandra Turner, Sue Caddell, Ken Fayle.

## From the Farm

The summer is here - what a lovely spell of weather we have enjoyed. On 1<sup>st</sup> May I saw my first swallows of the year. A pair have stayed around going in and out of the building where swallows have nested in the past (you remember that none nested here in 2021 for the first time ever). I'm so thrilled that they are back.

Down the fields there are many pheasants pairing up. They are such foolish birds - if you're coming towards them on the tractor they will run for at least a 100 yards up a tram-line in the crop and only ever take off as a last resort. Perhaps it is inbred into them that they might be shot in the air!

I had better explain what a tram-line is - it is two lines which are left after sowing where the tractor wheels should run for all the operations needed to grow the crop - spraying and fertilising.

We have sown the winter bird food plots and have seen an increase in birds in those areas, particularly partridges and yellow hammers. In the garden the lovely blue tits have hatched their brood and are frantically feeding them as I write this. We also have black birds and thrushes whose singing is beautiful. Unfortunately a pair of magpies have taken up residence in the cherry tree. Handsome birds but a danger to the young of the other birds. Such is nature.

Pat Briscoe



### **St Peter's CE School, Duddon.**

This is our church school and has a close relationship with our church community.

The school motto is:  
**"Be the Best you can be"**

The School has a nursery which is part of the Foundation Unit and Reception is taught alongside the nursery unit.

Treetops has a younger group 'Treetots' that meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am,

For more information about the school please call:  
01829 781366



The Village Fete this year is on **July 2<sup>nd</sup>** and stall sites are filling up. The price for renting a stall is just £25 or £10 for charities. If you would like to have a stall at this year's event for yourself or for your charity, we have set up a dedicated email address for you.

For all enquiries or to book a stall for this year's event, please contact us at  
**stalls-tarvinfete@outlook.com**

## St Andrews Womens Group

The "MERRY MONTH OF MAY" meeting of the St. Andrews Women's group turned out to be just that. Welcomed by wine and nibbles and with time to catch up with friends our attention was then quickly focussed on the quiz papers prepared by the Rev Barbara. Initially provoking much hilarity and amusing answers we found that as we progressed the quiz questions were more serious needing deep concentration and much discussion. Serious brain food arrived at our tables in the form of delicious home made cakes , coffee and tea. This provided us with a party atmosphere and gave us renewed energy to finish off the evening ( and the quiz) in style. A very good sociable meeting enjoyed by us all . Thankyou Barbara and our brilliant cake makers for making this possible.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st June at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room when we welcome a member of staff from THE BOAT MUSEUM at Ellesmere Port to talk about the history and progress of the museum.



## Woodland Notes

### The outcome of Tarvin Plant Sale.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the day dawned bright and clear, without a raindrop in sight! Soon after 8.30am, the space in front of Tarvin Methodist Church began to be filled with tables loaded with plants. There were so many plants that trays of "reserve" plants (to replace those sold) had to be stored under tables, there were extra tables on the pavement and the front wall was lined with large pot plants and hanging baskets! By 10am, the official opening time, the front of Chapel was crowded with people as well as plants and a hectic two hours followed. There were many bargains to be had and a lot of people went home laden with new plants for their gardens, Roger Hones operated his 'low carbon' delivery service (a trailer behind his bicycle - which carried a surprising amount) and Trustees were kept busy carrying trays of plants to people's cars. At the same time, the Chapel were offering teas and coffees, accompanied by cakes - or bacon baps - or both! There were jams on offer, too and a jigsaw exchange proved popular. All told, the Chapel took over £400, which, for a coffee Morning, is exceptionally good!

Irene Brearey had made cards out of two of her watercolour paintings of Tarvin and these were on sale to help fund Tarvin Community Woodland Trust. They raised £100 - a remarkable achievement, for which we are very grateful to her. The raffle and the plants were also good fundraisers, resulting in an overall profit on the morning for the Trust of over £1,500.

This was really good and puts this plant sale amongst the most profitable that we have ever run. It also means that the 2022 Plant Sale is likely to be the principal source of funds for our woodland this year.

Tarvin High Street plays host to a number of "whole village" events, of which the Christmas Market and the Plant Sale are the two most evident. There is a wonderful atmosphere when the whole community comes together for something like this. Both Tarvin Community Woodland Trust and Tarvin Methodist Church are proud to have been a part of such a marvellous occasion. They are also pleased to be able to work together and to help each other to raise much needed cash - a splendid example of synergy!

### No mow May.

The Wildlife Trusts, conscious of the threat to many of our pollinating insects, have asked that lawns, verges and other expanses of grass are left unmown, at least until the end of May. This will allow whatever wild flowers there are in the grass to produce flowers, the nectar and pollen from which will sustain a great many of the pollinating insects that are under threat.

The hope is that, gradually, the downward trend in pollinator populations might be reversed and, since many of our food crops rely on pollinating insects to set fruit, the future problems of food supply for generations still to come might be averted. We can all help a little bit - and, without doubt, we certainly should.

However, I have a grouse. The village verges were in wonderful form, full of a wide variety of wild flowers. (You should remember that a weed is only a wild flower in the wrong place and the weeds growing in your garden are wild flowers when they are growing in the roadside verge!) Then - along came the contractors and mowed every verge in sight! All those wild flowers, sustaining who knows how many pollinators - gone! Am I cross at the contractors? No - of course not. They are contracted to cut the grass at a certain time and, if they don't do it, they won't get paid. They had to do the job that they were contracted to do.

With whom am I cross? I am cross with the Council Officers and with the Councillors whom we elect to tell the Officers what to do. If they were to think a bit more closely about when and how they have the verges cut, they could ensure that many of the flowers were allowed to remain while still having the verges that need to be short to ensure road safety trimmed appropriately. Would there be a cost? Yes, in terms of Officer time, because the contracts would be much more complex. But NO in terms of the cost of mowing, because having the verges mown less frequently would be a much cheaper job. We cannot influence the Officers - but our Councillors can be influenced! Ask them about it when you have chance. After all, it is their great-grandchildren, too, who will have food problems if we lose our pollinating insects!

#### **Spring flowers in the woodland.**

This spring has been a particularly good one for wild flowers and tree blossom - it has been difficult to go for a walk without being able to see flowers everywhere. Once the snowdrops had finished, the celandines and wood anemones appeared, closely followed by the cowslips, primroses, snake's head fritillaries, red campion, wild garlic, dandelions, bluebells and marsh marigolds. Forget-me-not and honesty, both garden escapees, were in evidence and there were violets in hiding, to be admired by those who searched. But the most striking displays have been on the trees, where the blossom has been really plentiful. We began with the stunning white of the blackthorn blossom - produced before the tree develops its leaves - and the tree at the rear of the larch triangle was once again absolutely covered in white. Later, our cherry trees (we have both wild cherry and bird cherry trees) have produced shows of blossom worthy of the cherry trees in Japan and the apple blossom has also been beautiful, although, because we have many different varieties of apple, the blossom period is stretched out somewhat. The hawthorns - first the white and then the red - have also done well. We are very fortunate to have so much to look at in our woodland. We do hope that folk don't walk through with their eyes closed!

### The woodland suffers vandalism.

Until recently, the woodland had suffered very little from vandalism. However, during April, the bark was removed from one of our trees, thereby killing it. In early May, we had all of our identifier posts and the A4 signboards pulled out and scattered about. It appeared that no harm was done to them but obviously someone thought that pulling them out and tossing them aside would be a fun thing to do.

Who would do such things? Who would want to spoil a place which is the VILLAGE'S OWN WOODLAND? Who would want to undo the work undertaken generously and willingly by village folk? Who is determined to undermine the efforts to produce a woodland that can be enjoyed at any time by everyone - a woodland that has been "Created by the community, for the community"?

I cannot understand why, because something is of no interest or value to oneself, it is thought appropriate to stop it being available for other folk, who might appreciate it. Would someone being bored provide a sufficient justification? The policeman to whom I reported the damage didn't think so: he recorded the incident as one of criminal damage.

The Woodland Trustees are not out for vengeance. We are NOT SETTING OUT to have anyone prosecuted. All we want is for the trees, plants and animals in our woodland to be left unmolested and the information signs and identifier posts that the Trustees have spent their time and the village's money in creating to be left alone. We want other people to be able either to enjoy or to ignore things as they see fit. Doing things like killing trees or pulling out and discarding information signs - which is spoiling things for other people - ISN'T FUNNY - IT IS VANDALISM! We would be grateful for anyone who has any knowledge of what has been happening to have a quiet word with me or with another Community Woodland Trustee, so that we can try to prevent any events such as these from occurring again.

Ours is the TARVIN COMMUNITY WOODLAND - intended for EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY. The only rule that the woodland has is **PLEASE LEAVE THE WOODLAND AS YOU FOUND IT!**

### 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: [www.tarvincommunitywoodland.org](http://www.tarvincommunitywoodland.org)

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**A Hall with toilets and a small kitchen  
Next to St Andrews Church**

**From only £7:50 per hour**

**For full details please contact the Church Warden**

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