

TARVIN & DUDDON



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## From the Vicar...

Serving others is something we so not always think we are doing and we lack the grace to do it as well. As we plan our events in June, recognising the 70 years of service as Queen, that Her Majesty Elizabeth II has given to the countries that she is head of state to, we can take time to reflect on our own lives and what we have done. I recognise many of us have not reached the age of 96 so will not be able to 'get into the zone' very easily, however it is also a time to think about what we can do rather than what we have done. As a Christian it isn't duty, why we serve others, why we help and feel compassionate. It is the love of God given to us through faith, through worship and prayer, through a relationship with Jesus as God's Son. In May we celebrate, now transferred to the Sunday after, because of lack of mid-week attendance across the whole church, Ascension Day. It is the day that Jesus left the disciples and disappeared into heaven. His life of service, however short, was now complete and his passion to help others, to heal a broken world, to give hope to people that has lost all hope, now passed to those 12 apostles and the rest of the disciples that had followed him, and now to us. Jesus sent his Holy Spirit as a power inside of us to help us do and be his disciples, to serve others and to live a life of worship and service. This is something that Her Majesty the Queen has often mentioned,, that her faith has kept her strengthened. It must be hard to be in the Public Eye, be that within the faith of church or no, public opinion is sometimes tragic. Yes we know that people are people and we also know that those given or elevated to higher office need to be more than servants. The problem occurs when those who are in a role of service to others, then consider themselves in a job, as that is quite different. Jobs come with working hours, times when you are not reachable, and downtime. A life of service is constant. There is no break, there is no downtime. On Maundy Thursday in church after our communion service I read, for those who were able to stay, the whole of gospel of Mark. Although we read parts of the gospels all the time it is good to read from end to end, it took about an hour and half and crammed the three years of Jesus public ministry into that time. One of the most profound things that struck me this time more than others, was the Jesus did this, he went to rest and a crowd gathered, he slept in the boat and there was a storm. It seemed that every time Jesus tried to find space and time, it just didn't happen. We need to be aware of those whom we see as being servants of the people in our world, that we don't grind them down. Even Politicians! It cannot be

easy being in the public eye, the talk of the town, the headlines in the paper. It is sad that good news doesn't always hit the headlines, after all when Jesus was risen I am sure instead of leading with "Jesus has won victory of Death" it would have been "Jesus' body mysteriously goes missing". Walk in faith, serve God and others well, remember though, you are human and not divine, our bodies and souls need refreshment and rest.

Adam

### **Queen's Jubilee@St Andrew's and St Peter's**

In St Andrew's Church we will be hosting an **Afternoon Tea on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June**. This will be by ticket only (tickets available soon, from Sandra Turner or Susan Caddell), there will be two sittings. Times will be on the tickets.

**On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of June**, we are hosting a Service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The service will be at 10.15am and on this Sunday there is not any other service, they have all been combined for one celebration. Please note that there is no service at St Peter's, Duddon on this day. Let us come together as a Village and give thanks for the life and service of The Queen.

### **Other Events in the Village.**

#### **Thursday 2nd June:**

**2pm - 5pm** Not on the Street Party - TMC

Tarvin Methodist Church will be holding a 'Not on the Street Party' in honour of the Queens 70-year reign. There will be an old-time sing along and simple party food. Tickets will be available from TMC closer to the time.

#### **Saturday 4th June**

**16:30 Start - Disco, Rock 'n Roll Bingo and Musical Evening - TCC**

The Tarvin Christmas Market Community group are organising an afternoon of celebrations at Tarvin community centre with Tea time Children's Disco with hot dogs and pancakes available. Followed by rock'n roll Bingo and then a Musical evening. Details to follow.

## 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

### May

4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)  
8<sup>th</sup> 12pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SA)  
14<sup>th</sup> Adult. George Heath Football Tournament (George V Field)  
15<sup>th</sup> CHRISTIAN AID WEEK  
22<sup>nd</sup> 12pm Wedding Rehearsal  
24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Full Governors Meeting (Duddon School)  
28<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Wedding of Rebecca Okell and Hue Thomas (SA)  
29<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Baptism (SA)

### June

1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June please see events re the Jubilee in this magazine.

## **Notices**

### **Donations to Church**

If you are able to give a regular donation by standing order, or through the envelope scheme, that is great, and please check with the treasurer if you are not sure ( Contact details on the back page )

We are now able to take donations for the church and it's ministry through text giving. Please use the following numbers, and text TARVIN to make a donation of £1, £3, £5 or £10 depending on what you are able and would like to give.

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### **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.

### **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.

### SHED REFURBISHMENT

The team have been trying to make the shed water tight for many months, however, without success. The decision was made some weeks ago to do a complete overhaul of the shed fabric, which was estimated as being around 100 years old. After a short delay due to the weather not being kind to the team on a Wednesday, the refurbishment of the shed took place mid-April with the full team taking a complete day to strip the old roof off, and replace it with new timber sheeting, and weatherproof felt. The roof was in a worst state than was originally thought, with many holes in the original membrane that needed to be repaired.



The photo above shows the state of the roof with the tiles off, and just the membrane and battens showing, which the team decided to retain as the basis for the new roofing sheets. It was believed that more damage could be caused to the roof structure by removing them, so the new sheets were screwed directly onto the battens. The photo above right shows the first sheet being placed before being marked and cut to suit the profile of the roof apex, which had become curved over the years. A second wooden sheet was then cut, located and screwed into place to cover the whole of one side of the roof. The next step involved the first sheet of roofing felt being cut (picture right) and



thanks to a concentrated effort of five of the team ready to be placed across the full length of the roof.

The photo left shows the 4m length of roofing felt being positioned, and nailed into place ready for stage two—the other side of the shed.

## Tales from the graveyard (cont.)



At the end of day one, both sides of the roof were fitted with the new roof boards, but only one side had roofing felt on it. Fortunately, there was virtually no rain over Easter, so the roof remained dry prior to day two of the refurbishment. All the boards were finally screwed into place, felt placed

along the boards, then as can be seen above, a series of felt pieces were positioned along the apex and nailed into place. Because of the bow in the apex profile, a single piece of roofing felt could not be used. A special felt adhesive was used along the joint lines to limit any water creeping between the joined sheets.

The photo right shows Herbert Sheen and John Sim fitting a new door, made by Herbert, using the original hinges. This is now a good deal more secure than the original "barn door" construction.



The remaining sections of work to be done involve fitting new cladding to two faces of the shed (started by Bill in the photo below) and fitting of gutters and drains to prevent the new wood from getting soaked and rotting as the original has done.



Thanks have to go to all the members of the Z Team involved : John P, Tony W, Tony B, Peter, Barrie, Mark, John S, Herbert, Bill & Ron. (The other team members Richard, Wyn and John W were fulfilling grass cutting duties whilst all the above were taking place.) Once again, Thanks to all.

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## Curates Corner

I feel Sprunged! Or is it Springed? I think it is because I have been out in the garden tackling jobs that should have been done ages ago - need to keep the green bin used now! I weeded my pots at the back and found little shoots shooting which have now doubled in size. The pots are labelled but it will still be a surprise when they are fully grown because I can't remember what the plants are like.

I have dug over most of the front garden bed, tried hard to remove a heather with roots tangled in the forsythia roots and a persistent bramble, while marvelling over the ability of plants to grow. How they die right down in winter and seemingly disappear but come Spring, they surface again, such magic!

I have been inspired to grow purple sprouting broccoli after being given some fresh from the garden for my tea. I never quite get plants started at the right time but I hopefully put some tiny seeds in a tray and despite being blown off the table, where I thought they would be sheltered, and turned upside down, I have pricked out 9 tiny plants into their next size growing pots... and feel inordinately proud of them!

I have a tub with tulips with extravagantly large, blousy pink and white flowers that take my breath away with their beauty. And robins nesting in the hedge! And a lawn, well some grass, full of dandelions! Which are also beautiful as the finches like them.

I hope your gardens are blooming too.

New life from Easter and Pentecost to come! The time to seize the shining hour, to get out as much as we can to sit in the sunshine and revel in the fresh air. If you can't get out at present, get a chair near a window where you can feel the sun. If you need one moving let me know!

We need both, the sun and the Son to give us life and energy. I pray that you are able to take advantage of both.

Love and prayers,  
Barbara

Prayers and thoughts for May

Lord, we continue to pray for Ukraine, for peace, for refugees settling here, for all to be welcomed.  
Holy Spirit, help us to pray

Be silent  
still  
aware for there in your heart  
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CHRIST. (from West Malling Abbey)

Holy Spirit help us to pray.

Lord of the morning if happiness is sharing, loving, giving, understanding, help me to share the good things of this day. Help me to be loving and thoughtful with family and friends. Help me to be generous in giving time and attention. Help me to be understanding when things go wrong so that this day will be a day of love, a day to remember. Lord of the morning help me. (Frank Topping)

Holy Spirit, help us to pray.

Lord, we pray for all those facing exams and tests. Please calm their fears and worries and enable them to do the best they can.

Good, better, best,  
never let it rest till your good is better and your better best.  
Good Luck!

Holy Spirit, help us to pray

## From the Farm

This month I'm writing on a different subject to the farm. Seeing the Ukrainian people fleeing the terrible war in their country reminded me of a letter I was given recently by a fellow reader. It was written by Mr Jenkins recalling his time spent in Tarvin when Liverpool was being bombed in the second world war.

"9<sup>th</sup> July 1989

I lived in Tarvin for a short time during the war. It was either 1941 or 1942. I think I arrived in spring and stayed during summer and autumn. I was seven or eight years old then. Although bombs were falling heavily at home in Liverpool, it was a happy time for me arriving as an evacuee in rural Tarvin. I recall assembling with other children in the local hall with my name and address printed and attached to my coat. Very soon my name was called and I recall being taken by a kind lady to Mrs Johnson's home on the Sandstone rock off the high street. This was the beginning of my exciting life in Tarvin. I was the youngest of four other evacuees staying with Mr and Mrs Johnson, who became my adoptive Auntie Connie and Uncle Bill. I remember a fishpond in the corner of the garden - there seemed to be an abundance of fish in the rivers at that time. The Mill (across the main road to Manchester) was a favourite place for the children; beside fish we caught eels with a fork as they passed down stream.

The Tarvin chip shop which is still located in the same area, sold chips at a penny a bag. The evacuee's school was situated in a patch of lower ground at the far end of the village near the main Bypass Road. I can recall going to a near by farm with other children to pick potatoes. After the work was done each child received three shillings. Being rather young I received one and six pence.

When a stray bomb fell in a field close to Tarvin a big crowd went along to see the huge crater it had caused. Uncle Bill was a volunteer in the Fire service and demonstrations of fire fighting were given in the grounds of the large, detached house at the corner of the village. In the autumn we dashed home from school to our cottage on the Rock, where we kept a large box of apples. We selected our apples then put them in the oven to roast Mmm delicious - well we thought they were! It seemed as if the surrounding fields and meadows of Tarvin was our playground - trespassing was unheard of then. Happy days."

What a charming picture this paints of a time in a small boys life during a horrible war.

Pat Briscoe

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## St Andrews Womens Group

The April meeting of the St. Andrews Women's group was held in St. Andrews Parish Church instead of the Parish Room with regard to covid related safety issues.

We were very pleased to welcome STEVEN HILDRETH who enlightened us with many facts about the history of and present day life in New Zealand. Thank you Steven for an enjoyable and entertaining evening which we all enjoyed. Refreshments were then served at the rear of the church in a very happy and relaxed atmosphere with time to catch up with friends, hear their news and holiday plans which for some may include New Zealand.

Our next meeting on Wednesday May 4th. Will be a social evening and Quiz held in the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Woodland Notes

### Tarvin Plant Sale returns to the High Street!

One of the marvellous things about living in Tarvin is that there are occasions when the village does things as a community. The Christmas Market and the Village Fête are excellent examples, as is the plant sale held on the front of the Chapel, in the middle of the High Street each May. And this event is even more wonderful, because it raises money for two good causes simultaneously - Tarvin Community Woodland and Tarvin Methodist Church!

On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** between **10am and 12.00 Noon**, in the front of the Church there will be a dozen tables crammed with garden plants of all descriptions: herbaceous and perennial plants and shrubs, flowering plants for your borders, vegetables and tomato plants for your plot, plus hanging baskets and some bedding plants for your decorative scheme. The space is usually not just crammed with plants - there are crowds of people, too, all taking advantage of the exceedingly keen prices. We have even had people getting off passing buses, "just to have a look", and then going to get the next bus loaded down with carrier bags full of plants! However, if you live within Tarvin village, you won't have to stagger home loaded down with your purchases this year - volunteers from the Community Woodland will be on hand (and wheels) to deliver all your plants to any address that is within the village - on the same day, making use of a bicycle and trailer. This is a small contribution towards a lowering the carbon footprint of Tarvin, emphasising that Tarvin woodland is actually a huge store of carbon and is "doing its bit" for the planet!

The plant sale is the principal fundraiser for our woodland Trust and it enables us to cover much of the cost of maintaining and developing the three sections of the woodland. To add to the proceeds of the day, there will also be a raffle, which will be drawn at the end of the morning. This will be sited in the Chapel corridor and you will pass it as you go in to get your hot drink (and, possibly, one of their very famous bacon baps!) Because the plant sale draws in a lot of people, this Chapel Coffee Morning often becomes the largest of the year and helps the Church funds enormously. How good is it when two organisations can work together, for the benefit of both?

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

### **Do you know what you're looking at in the woodland?**

Taking a walk in the woodland is very relaxing and peaceful. (Isn't it strange that, even with the A51 traffic only 50 metres away, it is so peaceful and the noise just seems to disappear? You don't believe it? Try it for yourself!) The trees and flowers combine to produce a very rural environment, in which it is much easier to de-stress. Many folk will enjoy their walks in the woodland without paying any particular attention to exactly what there is around them.

However, the members of the Trust firmly believe that a walk is much more enjoyable if you know what it is that you're looking at - and to that end, there have been three changes instituted recently that should make your walk more interesting. Two of them are merely upgrades of things that we have had for quite some time - the identifier posts and the A4 signboards. Both of these have been improved, in order to increase their longevity and, especially, their legibility - in their original incarnation, all of the information was in the form of inkjet-printed, laminated sheets. The information posts, being in place all the time, gradually bleached in the sunshine and the replacements from Cestrian Signs (plastic sheet and UV-stabilised inks) are very smart and should last unbleached for a long time. The A4 signs were originally made of "marine" ply and this de-laminated (the plywood came apart). The replacements have been made by Cabinet-maker Tony Gibbs - the same chap who made the three splendid notice boards in the woodland. The A4 boards are fashioned out of sapele wood (a type of teak) which is impervious to water and thus cannot suffer the damage caused to their predecessors.. The new signs are very smart and should be very long-lived.

The third change is an improvement suggested by the Green Flag inspector last year. They felt that people would value being made aware of the flowers that are to be seen in the woodland at any given time. To that end, we are now putting small notices that say, "Watch out for .... a particular flower" into each of the notice boards, so that people out for a stroll can spot these flowers as they walk through the woodland. Then they will be able to say, "So that's the name of that flower!"

### **Flowers in the woodland.**

These notes are always written in the middle of the preceding month and so I have to guess what flowers will be around in three weeks' time. For May, I expect that the Bluebells will still be in evidence, as will the tail-end of the blossom on our cherry and apple trees. However, the name of this month gives the clue to the blossom flowers that are likely to be most in evidence - there will be Hawthorn or May blossom on both hedges and trees. Strictly, May blossom is the white hawthorn blossom and in places where farmers and

landholders have not been too vigorous in cutting their hedges, it can be seen as an almost white sheet along the hedgerow - a truly spectacular sight. Because it flowers on last year's growth, though, a hedge that was recently cut will have lost the potential to flower so beautifully.

Because we are in Tarvin, however, we have many hawthorns with blossom that is a beautiful deep pink, rather than white. These Midland Red Hawthorn trees and bushes are everywhere, both through the village and in the woodland, and they make quite striking trees. Both white and red hawthorns, if allowed to flower, will set fruit - small red berries called Haws (hence the name Hawthorn - the thorn bush that bears haws.) These haws play a really valuable part in providing autumn and winter food for birds and small animals and that is why, if you can, you ought to leave parts of your hawthorn hedges uncut each year, ready to supplement the food available for our local wildlife.

#### **Not all volunteers can work on Thursdays**

Most of the work done in the woodland is done by the group of volunteers who turn out on Thursday mornings. The choice of the day means that those who are still in work are automatically excluded and the Thursday Group is indeed made up of retired folk. With this in mind, Trustees do run a second group on a Saturday morning (but on an irregular basis) and its particular focus is the newer Saxon Heath section of the woodland. The two-hour sessions (10 am to 12 noon) are relieved by a 'coffee (or tea) and biscuit' break at 11am. There is a great camaraderie and even some fun! If you would like to be an occasional member of the group, please telephone **01829 741172** and leave your contact details. We will be in touch when we are going to be in action again!

#### **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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## Newsround

### Ashton Hayes and Tarvin Flower Club

Do you like flowers and enjoy meeting people? Why not their art. All arrangements are raffled so you may even tajoins us for an evening of entertainment as you watch a skilled flower arranger demonstrate ke 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.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022                      Jean Hopkins      Apple Tree Flowers  
Further information from 01829 740832 or 01829 740473

## @ Grapevine

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#### **Tarvin Parish Rooms**

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

**From only £7:50 per hour**

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