



GRAPEVINE November 2022

From the Vicar...

I write this on the day of the resignation of the prime minister, Mrs Truss, just to be clear, just in case in the 7 to 10 days before this is published there is more change at the top. I don't say this with any relish, after all it adds turmoil and uncertainty to the leadership of our country which is much needed, in an ever-growing crisis. There is a difficult road ahead and as I write this, no clear plan to bring us all through this together. I hope that those who can come together during November, then please join us for free, tea, coffee and biscuits. In the warmth of the Parish Room, next to St Andrew's Church. On a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am - 11am. On a Wednesday we continue with our ever popular Coffee Morning from 10am - 11.30am with Cake and Scones. What is really important is to come together to talk, to 'have company'. To be with other people is something that helps us all have worth, to talk with others keeps our minds ticking over. Importantly during November, our Church and Parish Room will be open and warm every day except Saturday. So, pop down if you are free or make the time to do something. I know this doesn't solve any problems. What if though we make the problem less than it was before. After all Jesus says that society and people do not care so much for the vulnerable, the helpless and the poor. It is up to us to change society and do what we should and must to try and make it better. If we criticise those in political office, but refuse to change what we can, how does that bear upon our faith? The truth is that we need to act, to set an example and then we can change the society we live in. Change doesn't happen overnight, it is a long process unfortunately, one which we are quick to give up on. If you do something right, something that is needed in our world. It is then that we live our faith, it is through that example that we show to others what our faith is really made of and that Our God, empowers us to fight for change. It is through that compassion, love, and selfsacrifice that we for just a moment, become true disciples and our actions spread the word of the good news of Jesus.

Adam

Weekly Services

Service timetable:

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)
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
6.30pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)



Parish Diary

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November
       7.30pm Village Fete Meeting (PR)
2<sup>nd</sup>
       7pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)
3<sup>rd</sup>
       7.30pm Uganda Trip Meeting (SP)
\tilde{6}^{th}
       1.30pm Baptism of Rosa (SP)
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       7.30pm Standing Committee (SA)
11<sup>th</sup>
       10.50am Remembrance Day Service (SA)
13<sup>th</sup>
       9.15am Messy Church (SA)
       10.50am Remembrance Sunday Service (SA)
19<sup>th</sup>
       10am -5pm Water Aid - World Toilet Day (Sponsored Sit on
       the Throne!) (SA)
       11am - 2pm Tower Open Event (SA)
21st
       9am Ministry Team Meeting (SA)
26<sup>th</sup>
       9am Delivery the Christmas News, Leaflet Drop
27^{th}
       10.45am Patronal Festival - Welcoming Bishop Julie Birken-
       head (SA)
       6.30pm Sunday Advent Evensong (SA)
December
2<sup>nd</sup>
4<sup>th</sup>
       8pm "Youth Sleep in" (SA)
       4pm A service to Remember those who have died. (TMC)
       7pm St Andrew's Women's Group
Please see Our Christmas Advert for Services.
January
4<sup>th</sup> 7pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)
9<sup>th</sup>
       7.30pm Standing Committee (SA)
23<sup>rd</sup>
       Ministry Team Meeting (SA)
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Save the Date

Wassailing Event on the 14^{th} of January, 1pm at the Vicarage, proceeding to Williams Wood for games and fun. More information to come soon......









A 'sleep in' @ St Andrews Church Tarvin

Friday 2nd December 8.30pm – 7am

For Year Groups 6,7,8, and 9.

Activities from 9pm – 7am Breakfast at 6.30am!

If you would like to come and be sponsored, please ask a parent to text me on:
Adam. 07984003665.

Music at St Andrews



Last months concerts

Sea shanties and The Last Night at the Proms



TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD OCTOBER 2022

ANOTHER GRAVEYARD, ANOTHER HEADSTONE

Whilst away on holiday in the Cotswolds, a local graveyard had a pathway through it out to the countryside. There were a few graves of interest, but the one below was a real eye catcher. The words have been reproduced for clarity. (Italics as on headstone)



SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
SIR FRANCIS HASTINGS GILBERT
BARONET
WHO DIED ON THE 17TH NOVEMBER
1863
AT THE RESIDENCE OF HIS MOTHER,
LADY GILBERT
FIVE DAYS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL FROM
SCUTARI IN ALBANIA
OF AN ILLNESS CONTRACTED
WHILST IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS
DUTIES
AS BRITISH CONSUL AT THAT PLACE

If ever there was a headstone that told a story, but only a snapshot of what happened, this was it. On digging a little further, it was discovered he was born in India in 1816 to Sir Walter Raleigh Gilbert KCB 1st Bt, and Isabella Rose Gilbert. His father was a high ranking officer in the East India Company Army. Apparently, Sir Walter Raleigh Gilbert was well known in India and rose rapidly through the ranks to be given the Knighthood and Baronetcy whilst there. He fought with distinction in the second Anglo-Sikh war in 1849.

However, what the headstone doesn't tell us that Sir Francis Hastings Gilbert was the 2nd Baronet in the line behind his Father, but the line finished with him when he died. He had no descendants, but obviously had a distinctive career with the Foreign Office up to his death at the young age of 47. Imagine the journey from Albania to the UK whilst feeling very ill, back in 1863!



Remembrance

11th of November 10.55am Act of Remembrance (War Memorial)

13th of November 10.45am Remembrance Service and Act of Remembrance (War Memorial)

On Remembrance Sunday, the service will be **outside only**. It will last around 25 minutes. There will be some chairs for those who need to sit down. For those who are not able to be outside, the service will be streamed into

St Andrews Church and Tarvin Methodist Church. (as well as through St Andrew's Facebook page)

Subject to any technical malfunctions.

Prayer for November 2022

A time to remember

A simple activity prayer for all ages

We can all be involved in prayers for remembering, whether in church or at home. All you need for this simple prayer is your poppy.

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Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country, and each one remembered by and known to God.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

LEST WE FORGET

Curates Corner

November

Leaves are falling, letting go a cascade of colours.

Novembe, a month of memories and remembering. Memories to give to God, it is the past, things that cannot now be undone by us God takes for us.

Hindsight cannot repair things, hopefully we learn from mistakes but maybe at the time we did what were able to do under the pressures of life. There are always the 'what ifs...' I have to put them in an imaginary box and staple the lid down, even sit on it, they can be very persistent, and then give the box to God. It always comes back empty but why do I always refill it?

Remembering is precious. I pray for all those whose memories are stuck or lost due to dementia or Alzheimer's and especially for those who care for them and remember them as they were and love them as they are.

Remembering is healing. I pray for all those who recall events with tears, where the sadness or regret is still painful. I pray our Lord's blessing and healing on you.

Remembering is joyous. I pray Lord for the giggly times, those gone and those to come, the memories of holidays, shared time, family habits, customs and sayings that pop up at unexpected moments. Remembering is love. I pray God's love on us all, especially those who are low or anxious, give your worries and care to God, he never forgets, he is always there.

God gives us many things but importantly he gives us faith. We cannot touch his wounds to help us believe as Thomas did, so God gives us faith, the power to see the un-seeable and know the un-knowable. We read the life of Christ and see God through faith. God's Holy Spirit gives us strength and words we didn't know we had. I pray that this November and always that you receive the gift of faith and that blessing of God's Holy Spirit will comfort and sustain you.

These are both taken from Inner Wellies © Jane Upchurch. May they speak blessings for you.

When you see trees, think of God When love throws you a line or a friend warms your heart, think of God. When you are lonely or in pain, think of God. When your day is blessed by sunshine, or insight, forgiveness or laughter, think of God.

May God be a home to you, an anchor and a safe place.

May God be the wind to you carrying you into a new day.

May God be your settling down and your rising up, your certainty of security and your agent of change.

May God be the moon of night and the sun of day to you.

May God be what is now and what is to come to you.

May God be music and silence to you.

May God be you.

Love and prayers, Barbara

From the Farm

Autumn has definitely arrived - we've had glorious sunny days and torrential rain on other days. This has meant that sowing the wheat has had to be tackled differently. We plough first, as even after all the rain the soil is quite dry underneath. Then we can sow the seed hopefully before heavy rain. Ideally the crop needs to get a good start before winter weather comes.

The wildflower plots are look bedraggled at this time of year but are still attracting birds. The skylarks are around their usual fields and the bramblings are quite vocal and noticeable flying in flocks. There are many young pheasants in the bird seed plots. I'm afraid some of my lovely stock doves have been caught by a kestrel. They are so docile and of course they stand out being so white - it must be an open invitation to any bird of prey. We've been hearing a tawny owl regularly calling at night so that is good to know that they are here. In the evening we have been seeing large skeins of geese flying over, more than we've seen for years. We hope that they keep going - if they land in a field they can decimate the entire crop.

Pat Briscoe

St Andrews Womens Group

For our October meeting we welcomed local artist CAROLINE GREGSON whose media is sculpture in willow. She brought along some of her smaller pieces and showed us photographs of her many large sculptures commissioned by notable organisations such as the National Trust, Hampton Court, Chepstow Castle as well as the Cheshire Show and large hotel groups. We may have seen these wonderful sculptures and



not realised that the creative artist lives among us.

Caroline talked us through making something more our size, producing a small chicken sculpture by the the end of the meeting. We were all inspired by her work and keen to learn about the classes that she does for small groups.

It was a pleasure to have Caroline as our speaker and we rate this as one of our best meetings. Thankyou Caroline for a most enjoyable evening. The meeting was completed by the consumption of coffee and home made cakes baked by our excellent cake maker .

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd November in the Parish Room at 7pm





Safeguarding

Over the last few months, members of St Andrew's Church PCC have received training in the Basic Awareness of Safeguarding. This has been prioritised by the Church of England in recognition of the past failures to acknowledge and deal with allegations of abuse in a mindful and appropriate manner. Different levels of training are available according to an individual's roles and responsibilities and the following is a guide for all involved in church life.

What is 'Safeguarding'? Safeguarding is central to the Church affirming the value and dignity of every human, committing to the prevention of abuse, whatever the individual's age, and responding immediately and appropriately where it has happened.

What should I do if I have concerns? Everyone has a responsibility to report any concerns in regard to an individual's physical, sexual or emotional well-being.

Who should I contact? If you have any concern you should contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Morgan 01829 740450 or the Vicar, Adam Friend 01829 740354. If they are unavailable you need to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Pauline Butterfield 07703 800031. If it is an emergency, ring 999.

Will it be kept confidential? Please be assured that all matters will be dealt with confidentiality by the Church and reported to the police and/or social services as required to protect those who are vulnerable from harm.

Mary Morgan

Ashton Hayes & Tarvin Flower Club

The next demonstration is Wednesday 9th November 2022 our Christmas Meeting with Julie Pearson entitled "Tis the Season"
Details from June Pughe
Programme Secretary
01829740473

Tarvin Co-op

St Andrews Church has been chosen by the village Co-op as one of their three local causes that you can support.

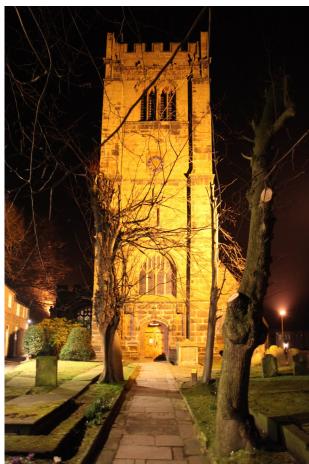
We wish to offer visits to the Tower, to look out over our lovely village and surrounding countryside, followed by refreshments, and our project is to provide barriers at the top of the tower in order to ensure safety for all. We hope it will encourage people to get outdoors and enhance their wellbeing. Access to the tower will add a new level of interest to children and families: a free activity with food/drink.

Our overall objective is bring people together in a safe environment where all are welcomed and valued. It is an opportunity for isolated/lonely people or anyone in the community to meet over coffee for a chat, dominoes or crafts. We offer lifts if required, disabled access, toilet facilities and Foodbank.

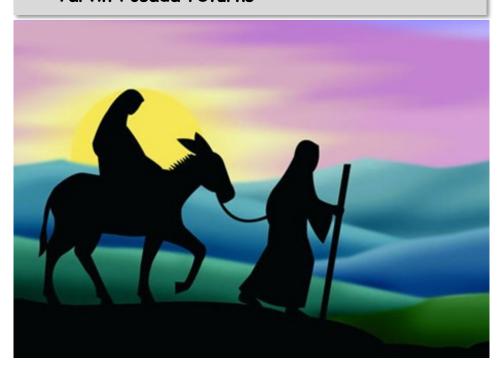
So become a Co-op member and nominate us as your chosen cause. Every time you shop at the Co-op and use your Co-op loyalty members card it will add a little bit to our cause.

Thank you to the Co-op for choosing our project to be one of their three local causes.

Please support us if you are able to. Thank you!



Tarvin Posada returns



Posada is a Central American tradition that celebrates the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem

Last year, throughout December you may have noticed the large figures of Mary, Joseph and their Donkey outside various houses and buildings in the village. They may have been in your street, or someone's front window, perhaps in a local shop, in the Community Woodland or even visiting the school?

If your house, family or village property would like to offer them a home for one day and one night this December please let us know. We aim to find 24 different locations and create a Posada Trail

You can also follow their journey on a special Facebook page called **Tarvin Posada—The journey to Bethlehem**Join the group page and find out more about Posada and the journey they took.

Details from: Paul Mercer 07904 812252

Tarvin Christmas Festival & Market

The Tarvin Christmas Festival and Market will take place on Saturday 3rd December this year from 5-9pm in Tarvin High Street. The Street Market will have a variety of stalls selling hot foods, crafts and gifts. Father Christmas will again make a special trip to Tarvin and all children are welcome to visit him at his Grotto. Tarvin Methodist Church will have children's activities and Nativity puppet shows throughout the evening. Lots to keep you and the whole family entertained.

And so come along, lend your support and enjoy the fun.



@ Grapevine

The cover photograph shows the 'Wolf Burning' a community highlight of the Allendale Folk Festival

Copy deadline for the November edition is Monday 21st November.

Please send any news items, articles, events or diary entries to tarvingrapevine@gmail.com

We are also making this Grapevine available in digital format as a pdf download from http://kenfayle.com/home/grapevine

For Hire

Tarvin Parish Rooms

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
David Ferguson
39 Deansway, Tarvin
Tel: 01829 741192
Email: davidhferguson@hotmail.com

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

Our Food Bank Project

In December 2019 we ran a special appeal to support the local Food Bank. We called it a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' and encouraged individuals and families to create an 'Advent Calendar' of FOOD by putting a food item into a box through Advent. These boxes we collected and took to the Food Bank in January.

It was amazing - we donated from Tarvin over Half a Ton of food items.

This year we want to do something better, and deliver items to the Food Bank in time for Christmas itself.....

The 12 Days of Christmas

Everyone needs a little help at some stage in their life....so here is a great way to help.

We all enjoy Advent Calendars and receiving a little something every day as we count up to Christmas.....so let's do it the other way round.....In Reverse!

For each of the first 12 days of Advent you put an item of food into a box, one for each day. By the week before Christmas your box will be full.

We will collect and deliver your full 12 Days of Christmas
Boxes to the West Cheshire Food Bank in the week before
Christmas

Empty boxes and full details of what foods are needed are available from

St Andrew's Church, Tarvin or from Paul Mercer 07904 812252.

This Winter could be long and hard for some people and putting food on the table at Christmas may not be possible for some people—please help us and join in

West Cheshire Food Bank currently needs Tinned meat / fish Tinned vegetables

Tinned meat / Tish
Tinned vegetables
Tinned potatoes
Cuppa soups
Tinned tomatoes
Pot noodles
Pasta sauces

Instant mashed potato Tinned / Instant custard

Tinned fruit Biscuits
Jams and Spreads UHT Milk
UHT Fruit juice Instant Coffee

Tinned puddings/Tinned fruit/Rice pudding/Sponge

puddings

When your box is full please leave it in St Andrew's Church or contact me to arrange for us to collect it from you

Paul Mercer 07904 812252 thorfastr@gmail.com



Tarvin Community Centre

For more information - always look at our website

Tarvincommunitycentre.org

Tickets for all shows and films are available at the Post Office, and at the door. Some are available to buy on line too.

Friday 4th November

The Chronicles of Atom and Luna a Children's production This is a signed live performance. Atom and Luna are twins. They never go into the dark wood and never break any rules and no one knows how special they are except for the birds and the moon. Suitable for ages: 7 plus at 7pm Prices £7.00 for under 12 £10 for 13 plus

Films for November 25th

Kids' Film at 6pm

Lyle Lyle Crocodile PG

Children £3 and Adults £4

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris PG at 8pm

All tickets £5

Pantomime Time

Saturday 3rd December - before the Christmas Fair Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Packed with comedy, songs, adventure and audience participation This is usually a sell out - so tickets may not be available at the door

Time3pm

Volunteer Committee Members Required!!

One meeting per month to help run our wonderful and very busy Centre.

Help with opening up and locking up the Centre, setting up events, meeting and greeting hirers plus box office, publicity and running the Bar.

Woodland Notes

Apple Pressing Day 2022

Having had our last Apple Pressing Day back in 2019, we were faced with the problem of finding all of the equipment and making sure that it was all clean and functional before the day arrived. That was in addition to making sure that everyone interested knew about the day and that there would be sufficient apples to last for the four hours. In the event, we need not have worried about any of this the sun shone brightly, Tarvin families came along (with their bags and buckets of apples), the equipment worked perfectly and everyone enjoyed themselves. As well as drinks, there were not dogs and beef burgers (purchased from Wally Dutton, of course!) and the Street Market Committee once again ran their very popular crepe (pancake) stall.

This year, there was an additional stall that attracted great attention. Marjorie and Robert (Bob) Armitage are two local wood carvers who brought along some of their pieces of work for folk to examine (and marvel at!) Bob had the wood carver's equivalent of a self-portrait - a life-sized carving of his own head - complete with a pair of his glasses! Marjorie brought the piece on which she is currently working: a beautiful Triptych - a carving in three parts, the outermost "wings" of which fold over the main panel. The quality of the workmanship on display was absolutely stunning and they had a lot of enquiries about the prices of the items displayed. None were for sale - the Armitages might occasionally be persuaded to produce items on commission but the things that they were willing to share with us that day are all things that they have made for their own pleasure and will never be sold.



Bob and Marjorie Armitage



The Trustees are acutely conscious of the fact that we have a COM-MUNITY woodland and the apple pressing is organised quite deliberately so that families are brought into the woodland to enjoy themselves. It is also no accident that the event is run surrounded by apple trees, in the area which has been named "The Orchard". The trees are still too young to be producing large crops but, as they develop, larger quantities of fruit will be produced and, of course, the community will be welcome to help themselves to it. The only stipulation will be that folk take just enough for their own use - an apple to eat during a walk or sufficient cooking apples for a pie - while leaving plenty on the trees for the folk who follow on.

Our October Coffee Morning

The morning of Saturday, 15th October dawned to torrential rain but, fortunately, the clouds had passed over by 10am, when the Chapel doors opened for the Coffee Morning. Tarvin Methodist Church has a regular clientele for its Saturday Coffee sessions and so we felt confident that at least a few would turn up. And then they came. Not in vast hoards but in a really steady flow, so that the Chapel coffee tables were filled up and the buzz of conversation filled the air. People were happy to talk about the woodland: about what it has meant to them in the past and the difference it makes to their lives today. Above all, it was made clear that the woodland is important to the people of Tarvin and the work of both the volunteers and the Trustees is greatly appreciated.

There was no charge for refreshments. Instead, people were asked to make donations to the work of the Trust in the woodland, and this raised getting on for £200! Additionally, a raffle was held and, when everything was added together, over £370 went into Trust funds. This additional money is even more welcome because we have to find extra cash to pay for the felling of trees suffering from Ash Dieback. (See October 2022 'Grapevine'.)

Tarvin Woodland 5K and Fun Run

When the ladies who had previously grown the bulk of the plants to sell at our annual plant sale decided that it was time for them to retire, the Trustees were obliged to give thought to the matter of fundraising. Our demands for finance each year have not been great - usually between £2k and £3k per annum - but Ash dieback is likely to increase the need for cash considerably. We have to ensure we have sufficient ways of raising money.

One of the more interesting ideas that came forward was that we should organise a sponsored run around our woodland. We are fortunate that we have three keen runners amongst our Trustees - Roger Hones, Steve Parker and Martin Lloyd - and these three gentlemen have agreed to organise an event for Autumn 2023. There will be a measured 5 kilometre run for adults and enthusiasts, together with a much shorter and simpler "Fun Run"

for children and those less-committed athletes. Both runs will be based largely or exclusively within the woodland itself. Things are at an early stage of planning, but, hopefully, this time next year, we might be advertising an event such as "The Runs through Tarvin Woodland"!

Tony Gibbs

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the death of one of the Trust's newest members - Tony Gibbs. Tony was the brother of Jacqui Bradley and was by trade a cabinet maker. In his retirement, he accepted only those jobs that he wanted to do and one of those jobs was to produce the three fine new notice boards, one of which graces each section of the woodland. He also re-made the small information boards used in the woodland, planted a number of the trees on the Saxon Heath meadow and insisted on presenting our woodland with an example of a Sessile Oak (Quercus petrea - all our other oaks are English Oak (Quercus robur). His contribution to the woodland was such that he was invited to become a member by the August meeting of Trustees. He was exceedingly honoured and wore his woodland shirt with pride.

In the short time he has been coming to Tarvin, he became widely-known, with his long hair and long, bushy white beard being unmistakable. Last December, he served as under-study to a seasonal character at the street market, only to have to abandon his bus shelter grotto in a cloudburst. He loved Tarvin and its people. The contrast with his home in Essex was staggering and he could not get over how friendly everyone is and how many people stopped to talk to him whenever he went for a walk. He told us that he knew more people and had more folk in Tarvin whom he counted as friends than he did at home. He died on 31st August, after a short illness.

<u>Our website.</u>

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

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Readers	Mary Burgess 740716	Jo Richards 741474	
	Ron Fuller 740559	Colin Hawor 075844193	
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Tarvin Parish, St Andrew's and St Peter's takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding