

TARVIN & DUDDON



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## From the Vicar...

Helen and I invite you to join us for our 'Open Garden' on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 3-5pm at our home. It will be a great time to grab a cuppa and sit, relax, chat and catch up. If the weather isn't on our side we will put some shelter up and still enjoy the company of others. It's the company of others that is so important to us, being with people. There were very few times when Jesus wasn't with people, from small groups to huge crowds. People were who Jesus came to see and be with. As many people as he could meet, he did. The realisation that it is people who are important to God. As a church community it is vital that we follow in that same example, people are important. In our individual lives as well, people are important, those who teach our children, deliver our mail, keep us safe and well. People are important. Part of this philosophy is that you are important too, something I mentioned in the last 'Grapevine'. It is clear that when you look at the world not everyone shares the understanding that people are important, when we see, war, hunger, poverty, what do we say? Are we shocked by the images we see, have we become accustomed to it, seeing it as being part of the world in which we live. If it is the latter, then we need to rethink what is acceptable for us in this world and what is not. If we see all people as important, that does not end at the place where we live, but is the whole world. We have heard some really good news that in connection to the school in Bufunda, that the children are returning to school. It has been much harder for them, in that part of Uganda there are not the same medical facilities by a long way to what we have here. We are all one people, we are all God's children, yet we have some hard choices to make in order for that wish to become reality.

Adam

**Vicarage 'Open Garden'**  
**Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 3-5pm**  
**St Andrew's Vicarage, Tarvin.**

## Weekly Services

Service timetable:

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)

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

6.30pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

## Parish Diary

2<sup>nd</sup> Village Fete

2pm Wedding of Sandy and Helen (SA)

3<sup>rd</sup> 12.30pm Baptism of Hugo (SA)

5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Full Governors Meeting (Duddon)

6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)

10<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Wedding Rehearsal (SA)

10<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm Vicarage Open Garden (St Andrews Vicarage)

12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Churches Together Meeting (TMC)

16<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Wedding of Victoria and Timothy (SA)

18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm PCC Meeting (SA)

24<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Wedding Rehearsal (SA)

2pm Baptism of Leon (SA)

August

6<sup>th</sup> 12pm Wedding of Harriet and Andrew (SA)

3pm Burial of Ashes (SA)

## Notices



Tom

### Confirmation Service

It was wonderful to welcome Bishop John Hayden as we confirmed Zac, Lill, and Tom as they continue their journey of faith. I ask you to continue to pray for them their journey in faith as they look to see what God has planned for them.

Adam



Zac and Lill

### Church Floodlighting Fund

Barbara Cope and family welcome the arrival of Serafina, sister for Erik, Arvid and Kristoffer. Cousin to Evie and Annabelle.

# Prayer for July



**“Thank God for your brothers and sisters - for their faith, their love, their work and their perseverance”.**

Lord God, we give thanks for our Church Leaders. We ask for your blessing of wisdom upon them, that you would continue to mould them into the children you have called them to be. Lead them - as they lead us - and open the hearts of our congregations to hear and respond.

We thank you for our Church family, especially our newly confirmed young people. We pray that as we get older and closer we never lose sight of what brought us together in the first place, You! As we welcome (or welcome back) new members we ask that they would feel your presence around them, that you would watch over us all and keep us safe, encouraging one another in times of blessing and of trial.

Please Lord, give peace to all who are in difficulties of any kind at this time, whether known to us or known only to you. We pray that they would turn to you and know that you are right beside them in their time of suffering.

Our Church is one of the most important parts of our lives as it brings us closer to you. We place into your hands, dear Lord, our plans for the future that your wisdom may guide us and your Spirit may lead us. We pray that as we honour you first, we may do all we can to show Christ's love and light in our village and in our world which so desperately needs your hope and healing.

In your mercy, Lord, accept our prayer.

Amen.

## News from Bufunda

Dear Adam

I hope you and family are well. We are thankful to God each day. It is a sunny morning, and we are excited after some days of cloudy weather. People busy planting seeds and plants in the environment looking so beautifully green. The town of Ibanda which was ten years like a trading center is growing.

Schools which were in a sorry and humble state are struggling to raise standards to meet required urban facilities. Thank you for Bufunda's house project. Teachers stay and enjoy their work as the school too stays safe. If the current school going age don't attend school, there is a danger of experiencing a challenge of street kids soon, especially those from low social economic backgrounds and those who are orphans at a tender age and are taken up by other relatives or stay with their grandparents who live peasant live for survival.

Yesterday we had 8 primary schools participate in kids basketball tournament at Nyakatukura SS including Bufunda and Nyakatukura primary schools. It was joy.

Out term ends on 14th. and the new one begins on 9th May. though others will open on 2nd May.

We are praying that the world order be back to new normal and our exchange program continues. Looking forward to seeing you in Uganda or in The UK.

Attached are some pics of activity with sponsored children at Bufunda.

Greetings from Benon, Maude and friends in Ibanda .

Regards  
Kosam



## Curates Corner

### Jottings for July

I was away in June having a wonderful holiday on the Isle of Mull, enjoying gorgeous shaggy-headed, horned cows, dolphins, whales, lots of seabirds, some white tailed eagles (spotted on out last day!) and cheeky little puffins. We sampled home produced ice-cream, cheese, fish and chips and of course some whisky, lovely and smoky! We encountered roads that curled around steep corners, went through rocky outcrops, went dangerously close to cliff edges; they went down and then up and then disappeared! You couldn't see where the road went and then as you rounded a corner or topped the hill, there was a bus or a timber lorry blocking the road! There were passing places, mostly at the right time! It was very exciting! My job was to yell 'car!' so we made it to the passing place! Apart from the ferry crossing, we had 2 boat trips, one for four and half hours, dancing with the dolphins and the other over to Staffa to see Fingal's Cave and the puffins. That was a real adventure climbing up Staffa, narrow steep ladders, then carved out steps, then whatever you could hang onto and on your bottom when dignity didn't matter. It was all worth it!

I came back with a head full of pictures and impressions of imposing mountains and hills, and above all a tremendous sense of thankfulness for the wonderful country I live in. And if a day is a bit down I think back to the dolphins, playing with the boat, leaping in its wake, jumping in graceful arcs together, so many of them we lost count at one time. And I remember too that I have smelt the breath of a whale! Very fishy! I have sympathy for Jonah.

It is good that we can start building happy memories again, having the times with friends and family we can look back on. I can't remember last summer but I will remember this one.

As we look for the treasure in each day, the fact we woke up, there was food to eat, the sun was shining, a neighbour called round, let us ask the Holy Spirit, fresh from Pentecost, to make us a treasure too and help others to have good memories.

With love and prayers,  
Barbara

**Pauses for thought and prayer that may help our essential, everyday conversations with God.**

"Our days are identical suitcases - all the same size - but some people can pack more in them than others."

(J. John. A Bucket of Surprises)

Pack into each day what you need, what delights you, throw out any rubbish or things that tie you down, trust in God, he supplies all our needs.

Be yourself, love yourself as God loves you.

"A middle-aged woman has a heart attack. While on the operating table she has a near-death experience. She sees God, and asks if this is it. God says no, she has another thirty years to live. She recovers and decides to stay in hospital and have a facelift, liposuction, etc. She figures since she's got another thirty years she might as well make the most of it. She walks out of the hospital after the last operation and immediately gets hit by an ambulance. She arrives in front of God and demands, "I thought you said I had another thirty years?"

God replies, "I didn't recognise you."

(J. John. A Bucket of Surprises)

"A smile is God's cosmetic."

(J. John. A Bucket of Surprises)

"Be kind to everybody. You never know who might show up in the jury at your trial."

(J. John. A Bucket of Surprises)

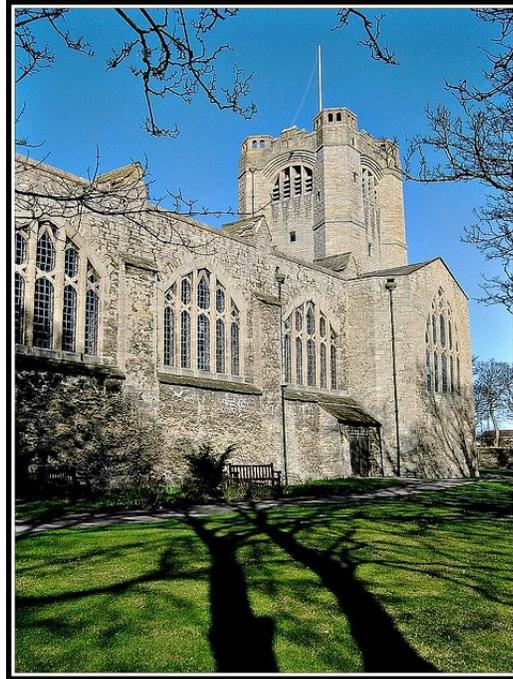
"If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If God had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and sunshine every morning. When you want to talk He'll listen. He could live anywhere in the universe and He chose your heart."

Sherry M. Keith

## Pilgrimage

Vivienne and I were married at St Andrews, Roker, Sunderland nearly 50 years ago. Although we have no family living in Sunderland now, we occasionally go back for a wander around old haunts.

Externally the church appears simple and massive. It is recognised as one of the finest churches of the first half of the twentieth century and the masterpiece of architect Edward Schroeder Prior. Its principal benefactor was shipyard owner John Priestman, who dedicated it to the memory of his mother Jane Priestman.



The church of St Andrews is often called 'The Cathedral of the Arts and Crafts Movement' and it was completed in 1907.

As dressed stone was too expensive St Andrew's was designed as a reinforced concrete building. The stone masonry is of local Marsden limestone from a quarry three miles north of the site and the roof is covered in Yorkshire slate.

The interior of the church has been described as being similar to an upturned boat, with the arches looking like the ribs of the boat with slots for the oars!

The reredos is a tapestry made to a design of Edward Burne-Jones, *The Adoration of the Magi*, and was made by Morris & Co, as is the chancel carpet.

The dome over the Chancel is painted a deep blue with a mural depicting the days of the Creation around a large domed light depicting the Sun.

The baptistry contains a stone bowl font by Wells with carved hexagonal piers and a wood cover by Robert Thompson of Kilburn, with one of his signature mouse carvings on the rim.

A Lych Gate was built in the Arts and Crafts style in 1920 as a memorial to those who fell in the First World War.

A peal of 10 bells was installed in 1948 as a War Memorial. Coincidentally these bells were cast in Croydon near where I was born!

It is well worth a visit if you ever find yourself in Sunderland.

Paul Mercer



### Tell us about your Pilgrimages

Please send in a few words and some pictures of interesting churches that you have visited. Perhaps the church where you were married or have a connection to, or an interesting church you have visited when on holiday. It would be nice to make these a regular feature in the grapevine

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## TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD JUNE 2022



Thanks to a very generous donation from the estate of the late Alan Rowland (pictured left) the team were able to undertake a significant refurbishment of one of the sheds housing the Z Team equipment. Please see the two photos below for a "before (left) and after (right)" comparison.

Alan worked with the Z Team for around 20 years, bringing his skills in brickworking and other civil engineering tasks to the graveyard. Many of the walls in the graveyard, including the burial of ashes area and the waste bund, for example, were built by Alan, along with other team members. Alan also was more than happy pushing the largest of the motor mowers to keep the grass in the new area to an acceptable short level. Thank you, Alan.

The shed, as shown below, now has a new roof, has been re-clad with a shiplap board, drainage gutters, and has a new door, using the original wrought iron hinges.



During June's Nature Week, the children from Tarvin School visited St. Andrew's church and the graveyard. They showed a keen interest in the trees, by checking the leaf profiles against given outlines. Equally, they were amazed by the range of symbols on gravestones and were able to check the meanings of each of them against the templates provided. The children would be very welcome to visit again in autumn to see how the season has changed the graveyard.

## From the Farm

Has anyone else noticed this peculiar behaviour by jackdaws? On the lawn one sunny morning a jackdaw had flattened itself with its wings outspread and stayed in this position completely still for at least five minutes. Perhaps it was sunbathing or maybe trying to attract a mate, which it didn't.

Something different happens every day if you just happen to see it. Looking out of my kitchen window a female duck waddled across the lawn followed by her 5 ducklings, little balls of fluff. Where they had hatched is a mystery and where she was trying to go with them I can't imagine. She seemed to want to cross the main road so I kept sending them back. Eventually I lost sight of them and just hope they survived. Ducks are known to get these unstoppable urges to lead their young to some pond, lake or river no matter what danger lies ahead.

I had the pleasure of watching a female great spotted woodpecker feeding peanuts her chick. I did not know that the female bird has no red on the back of its head unlike the male and juvenile birds. Always something to discover!

The swallow eggs have not hatched yet so let's hope they are successful too.

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

## **Village Groups**

### **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

### **A NOTE FOR ALL OUR VILLAGE GROUPS**

During the last few years, whilst Covid interrupted all our meetings and gatherings in Tarvin and Duddon, we seem to have lost touch with the many village community groups that used to announce and report on their meetings in this magazine. PLEASE send us items so that we can include them here. Contact details are on page 23.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU**

## St Andrews Womens Group

At our June meeting we were privileged to have as our speaker DI SKILBECK MBE

Who enlightened us with many facts about the restoration and development of the BOAT MUSEUM AT ELLESMERE PORT.

She has been involved since the early 1970's when the restoration began with volunteers doing the hard physical labour of moving everything that a derelict site accumulates before the digging out of the silted up docks could begin.

Without the dedication of this group of people we would not have the wonderful asset that the Boat Museum is today.

Wearing a traditional cotton pinafore dress, that would have been worn by the women who worked and lived on the canal boats, Di gave us a most entertaining and informative evening enjoyed by all who attended. Thankyou Di for sharing your experiences with us.

Our July meeting will be an afternoon trip to the Boat Museum to enjoy all the new improvements that have been made recently.



## TARVIN Churches Working Together



At the end of last year some members of St Andrews and of Tarvin Methodist Church met together to see if we could collaborate on some joint events and services. The two churches have always joined together for the occasional event, but we wanted to explore some closer ties.

The Tarvin Posada, where figures of Mary, Joseph and a donkey moving around places in the village for the whole of Advent was the first thing that we jointly arranged.

We co-ordinated our events for Christian Aid week and plan to arrange some joint events for Harvest and for Remembrance Sunday, as we always do.

Our next collaboration will be on Friday 9th September when we plan to organise a Senior Citizens Holiday Club Day. This will be open to 'Senior Citizens' of both churches and an invitation will be sent to Iddenhall Care Home. A mini-bus will be used to pick up and return home anyone who needs a lift. We will start at 10.00 am serving tea/coffee as people arrive. Lunch will be provided and the day will be filled with interesting and varied activities, finishing at about 3pm. Look out for more details nearer to the planned day.

Ideas for joint projects are always welcome

## Woodland Notes

### Caring for other people

Last month, I made the point that ours is a community woodland - intended for everyone to be able to enjoy. But, since everyone is different, we all must make allowances for the fact that we are all different and what may quite acceptable behaviour for some folk may be totally unacceptable (or even upsetting) for others. Perhaps the best example of what I mean is provided by dogs in the woodland. The path through the woodland is a public footpath and so the rule is that dogs must be "under control". For some dogs, that may mean that they need to be kept on their lead at all times, while other dogs are considered trustworthy and allowed to run free, just as long as they can be recalled by their owner whenever necessary. The problem comes when a large, friendly (and perhaps muddy) dog bounds up to someone who does not like (or is afraid of) dogs and wants to show how pleased they are to see that person. Or a large dog might gallop over to a tiny puppy out for its first walk and scare both it and its owner, who feels unable to protect their tiny pup. The truth is that not everyone likes our family dog as much as we do and they have a right to be able to take their walk without having to come into contact with a hound that might be our "best friend" but certainly isn't theirs! Please take the words "under control" seriously and make sure that your dog does not spoil someone else's walk in our lovely woodland!

### Tarvin Woodland and Carbon Capture.

The news these days seems to be full of information about the warming of the Earth's atmosphere and the highly undesirable results that could come from it - especially the rise in the sea level. Recently published information suggests that this rise in sea level could reach a dangerous point because the rate at which sea levels are rising is accelerating. Even at the most conservative estimate, they will be more than a foot higher than at present by the year 2100. This is the very lowest of the estimates - should the rate of warming be greater than this, the rise might even exceed a metre. As a consequence, 8 of the World's 10 largest cities will be at far, far greater risk from storm surges and flooding than they are at present and some island nations may have their very existence threatened.

It is reckoned that human-produced greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide have caused much of the observed increase in Earth's temperatures over the past 50-plus years. All three are the subject of much research into techniques which will reduce the amounts we produce and, where possible, enable us to work out how to remove them from the atmosphere. Of all possible ways that Carbon Dioxide can be removed from the air, Mother Nature provides us with one of the best, through photosynthesis - green plants using light energy to take water and Carbon Dioxide and turn them into Sugar (their food and the raw material from which all other chemicals in the plants are then made) and Oxygen (which we are able to breathe). The bigger the plants are, the more effect they can have and trees in particular will play a really important role in helping to store Carbon Dioxide emissions.

According to information from the Woodland Trust, a young wood with mixed native species of trees (such as ours) can lock up better than 400 tonnes per hectare of the carbon in its trees, roots and soil. Our woodland is quite small - Tarvin Community Woodland currently covers rather more than 6 hectares but, even so, this means that our Woodland is helping by storing an impressive 2,400 tonnes of carbon. It is reckoned that the average person in the UK is responsible for at least five and a half tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year. It is clear that our Woodland is playing an important part in offsetting these emissions. The trees and hedgerows alongside roads and in gardens and fields are helping, too, as are the plants in our gardens in a relatively small but important way.

There are other benefits resulting from our woodland trees. Not only do they store carbon; they also help to reduce the noise and air pollution which come from our busy A51 Tarvin By-pass. When you then add the benefit to the health of village people which comes from being able to take a woodland walk within the village itself, it is clear that the value of our woodland to the community is huge! Because our trees do such an important job, we need to look after and protect them and Tarvin Community Woodland Trust is committed to doing just that!

For more information about our woodland as a local carbon store, you can visit [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

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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**@ Grapevine**

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Next to St Andrews Church**

**From only £7:50 per hour**

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