

TARVIN &
DUDDON



St. Peter's &
Andrew's



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The Vicar writes...

St. David, also known as Dewi Sant in Welsh, is the patron saint of Wales, celebrated for his piety, dedication, and numerous contributions to Christianity during the early medieval period. His life and legacy continue to inspire the faithful and embody the spirit of Welsh culture and heritage. St. David was born around the year 500 AD in the region of Ceredigion, Wales. According to tradition, his mother, St. Non, was a devout Christian who raised him with a strong sense of faith and duty. It is said that from an early age, David exhibited a keen interest in religious matters and displayed extraordinary piety. David's early education took place in monastic schools, where he was mentored by prominent Christian figures of the time, including St. Paulinus. These formative years played a crucial role in shaping his spiritual outlook and preparing him for his future mission. As a young monk, David embarked on a series of missionary journeys across Wales and beyond. He founded several monastic settlements, including the renowned monastery at Glyn Rhosyn (now St. Davids), which became a centre for learning, spirituality, and missionary activities. His efforts were instrumental in spreading Christianity throughout the region and consolidating the faith among the local populace. St. David was also known for performing numerous miracles, which further solidified his reputation as a holy man. One of the most famous miracles attributed to him occurred at the Synod of Llanddewi Brefi. It is said that while preaching to a large crowd, the ground beneath him rose, forming a hill, so that everyone could see and hear him clearly. This miraculous event is commemorated by the presence of a mound at the site to this day. St. David's teachings emphasized simplicity, humility, and asceticism. He advocated for a life of prayer, fasting, and self-denial, encouraging his followers to focus on spiritual growth and the well-being of their communities. His famous exhortation, "Do the little things," reflects his belief in the importance of small, everyday acts of kindness and devotion in living a faithful Christian life. Under his guidance, monastic communities thrived, becoming centres of education, charity, and social support. St. David's influence extended beyond Wales, as his followers carried his teachings to other parts of the British Isles and even to Brittany in France.

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St. David's life and legacy serve as a powerful reminder of the impact that faith, dedication, and humility can have on the world. His contributions to Christianity, his miraculous deeds, and his unwavering commitment to his beliefs have left an indelible mark on Welsh culture and the broader Christian tradition. As we celebrate the life of St. David, let us draw inspiration from his example and strive to embody the virtues of kindness, humility, and devotion in our own lives. St. David's enduring legacy is a testament to the strength of faith and the power of small acts of goodness to bring about significant change. As we honour his memory, we are reminded that even the simplest gestures can have a profound impact on those around us and contribute to the greater good of our communities.

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

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

7pm Bellringing

Friday

6.30pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

Diary for March

- 2nd 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Communion (SP)
 10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)
- 3rd 11am Toddlers (PR)
 12.30-2pm Singles Lunch (PR)
 7.30pm PCC Meeting (PR)
- 5th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
 6pm Ash Wednesday Service (SA)
 7pm St Andrews Women's Group (PR)
- 6th 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)
 6.15pm Choir Practice (SA)
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 9th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.15am Messy Church (SA)
 9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)
 10.45am Family Communion (SA)
- 11th 11am Toddlers (PR)
 12.30-2pm Singles Lunch (PR)
- 13th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 14th 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)
 6.15pm Choir Practice (SA)
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 16th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Communion (SP)
 10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)

17th 11am Toddlers (PR)
 12.30-2pm Singles Lunch (PR)

19th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)

10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

20th 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)
 6.15pm Choir Practice (SA)
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

23rd 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)
 10.45am Family Communion (SA)

24th 11am Toddlers (PR)
 12.30-2pm Singles Lunch (PR)

25th 4pm Full Governors Duddon (DSP)

26th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

27th 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)
 6.15pm Choir Practice (SA)
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

30th Mothering Sunday
 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Communion (SP)
 10.45am Family Communion (SA)

31st 11am Toddlers (PR)
 12.30-2pm Singles Lunch (PR)

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2nd 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

3rd 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)
 6.15pm Choir Practice (SA)
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

Notices

TODDLER GROUP meet on Mondays (term time only). 11am - 12pm in the parish room next to St Andrews Church. This is open to anyone caring for children.

SINGLES LUNCH - for those who eat on their own. We have lunch, and a domino game and conversation. This will be 12.30pm - 2pm on Monday's in the parish room. If anyone would like to know more, or express an interest in coming, please contact Adam on 01829740354, if you would like to come and need a lift, please contact Adam on the same number.

CRAFT GROUP meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from 10am till 12 midday in St Andrew's. So far we have played with clay, made a quite tricky card and tried some Christmas ink stamping. You can join in with the activity provided or sit and knit and crochet with June or bring your own ideas along, or just come along for a chat, though it does get very quiet at times when people are concentrating! If you are able to give a small donation towards the cost of the materials, great, but it is not essential! Just come! Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

COFFEE MORNINGS at St Andrews Church every Wednesday morning 10.00 to 11.30

CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING. Following the recent installation of a defibrillator at the War Memorial Hall in Duddon, a free training session is to be held in the Hall at 6pm on Thursday 6th March, the training is to be given by Mr Richie Watts of the NW Ambulance Service. If you have an interest please come

WAR MEMORIAL HALL, DUDDON. A Quiz is to be held at the War Memorial Hall, Duddon on Friday 14th March, starting at 8pm, entry is £3.00, there will be a bar and raffle. All proceeds will be used to maintain the Hall.

St. Andrew's Church, Tarvin.

You are invited to pop in for refreshments and a chat in warm surroundings

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

10am to 11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME

ON WED 5th March 2025

WE ARE HAVING A

PANCAKE DAY



WITH FRESHLY PREPARED CRÊPES MADE TO ORDER!

Also, our usual Cafetière coffee, pots of tea, teacakes, home-made scones and cakes etc.

There is no charge but if you feel that a small donation is in order then it would be welcome.

Uganda Link News

As a parish we are involved in two of the 8 schools supported by the Ibanda Educational Trust. The two schools are Bufunda linked to Tarvin Primary and MLD Blessed linked to Duddon and Barrow Primary Schools. In October I will be leading a team out to Ibanda to link up two new schools and to continue the work in others. Nearer the time I may be asking for donations and possibly so old large suitcases (so if you are throwing any out let me know, as long as they can make one journey there....). There is a unique way that you can help and some within the parish already do and that is to support a child in the school. It will cost between £130-£190 a year, depending on if you support a primary age child or a kindergarten child. This includes uniform, school materials, such as books and pencils etc, it also included sanitary products. The sponsorship pays for their education and their lunch and snack each day. If you are able, and willing to support a child even for a year, then please let me know. We have someone in Ibanda now who is compiling for all schools a list of children that are 'on the books' waiting for the opportunity to be educated. The list is being organised with the neediest child first. Examples of this would be that the child is an orphan, has been mistreated, parents have medical issues and unable to work. There is no state help for children unable to pay for their education. If you want more information or for a form to fill in to sponsor a child, then please get in touch. The amounts are estimates as the exchange rate for Ugandan Shillings does fluctuate.

Photo of some children sponsored at Bufunda receiving their school materials for the year.



BIND CHILD SPONSORSHIP

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Greetings and welcome

We are so grateful for the ongoing contributions of our supporters and partners. Your dedication helps us make a lasting impact and we truly appreciate everything you do.



Bind pupils Joy P.5 and Ephraim P.5 at Bufunda P/S



Ainembabazi Precious P.3 at her home

Theory to practice

We are glad our students take the theoretical knowledge they learn in classroom and apply it to real world situations. This helps students bridge the gap between abstract concepts and practical applications allowing them to see how their learning is relevant outside the classroom.



Nagasha Maria , S.2, showcasing her mat she made from banana fiber



Kabasinguzi Editor ,P.4,showcasing her baby toy made from banana fiber



Amutuhaire Lillian, S.1, Showcasing her arm bracelets made from beads and thread



Aryasingura Joel, P.6, with the his rabbits he takes care of at home

Enhancing Education with essential Supplies



Bind pupils at Bufunda School with the teacher representative and deputy head teacher receive scholastic and hygiene materials



Bind pupils at Peas Aspire High school receive scholastic and hygiene materials



Bind pupils at Nyakatukura Primary school with the head teacher and teacher representative receive scholastic and hygiene materials



Bind pupils at Bisheshe primary school with the head teacher receive scholastic and hygiene materials



Bind students at Bugarama primary school with the Head teacher and teacher representative receive scholastic and hygiene materials



Bind student at Nkondo Secondary school with the head teacher receive scholastic and hygiene materials

St Andrews Womens Group

Navigating life with guidance and Emotional Support

We provide our students with the necessary resources, advice and emotional care to help them manage the challenges they face during their educational journey and personal life.



Bind students at Nyakatukura Primary school in a guidance session with teacher representative



Bind students at Bugarama Primary school in a guidance session with the field coordinator.



Bind students at Bufunda Primary school pose a photo after the guidance session with teacher representative and field coordinator.



Nayebare Rose S.I
With her certificate of merit as Vice
Chairperson of
Young Christian
Society of Ankole
High school



Bind students at Bisheshe Primary school writing letters to their sponsors.



Ankunda Ivon (baby class) shown by black arrow on the stage performing at MLD Blessed Kindergarten Top graduation to P.1



The February meeting of the ST ANDREWS WOMEN'S GROUP was the first meeting of the year and a time to catch up with each other and enjoy our evening with members of the Frodsham based Charity
KRDP - KIMBUTA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.
Founded in 2000 by a group of only 6 people from Frodsham who are still the driving force behind this successful charity.
With regular visits to Uganda they monitor all the ongoing projects through a local agent, not government controlled.
All projects are in keeping with local needs to improve the lives of the people in this village and always with the involvement of the village committee. A hospital, church, school, motor bike ambulance to name but a few.
On their return from Uganda they bring back many local crafts which we had the opportunity to buy to show our support for the work carried out by the charity. Thank you to Gareth, Richard Gill and Sarah for an inspiring evening.
As usual our meeting ended with tea, coffee and homemade biscuits.

@ Grapevine

Please send any news items, articles, events or diary entries to

tarvingrapevine@gmail.com

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Barabara's bit

Mad March Days.

Isn't the path up to church lovely with all the daffodils and crocuses? It is a real heart lifter to see them all and recognise the promise they bring for lighter days and hopefully, sunny ones! March almost begins with Lent this year, the time when we can try and think outside the box. It is a time to re evaluate what we do how we behave so we need to step out of that comfortable box that is snug and familiar and open our eyes of the Holy Spirit to really see. Lent is a time to look at ourselves, "thank you God for I am me" to try and iron out the creases the world has imposed on us. Lent is a journey as all life is, but a special journey where we can re commit to God, re commit to looking after our lovely world and recommit to love and care for all. It is a time when all the rubbishy bits of our lives can be put in the box instead and the lid firmly sealed! We each have our own rubbish but we don't need to carry it around with us, so perhaps each day we can put a bit in the box acknowledging any mistakes and wrongdoings, which hopefully we can also put right and say thank you to God for helping us. We can then be recycled as new improved models!

Jesus our Saviour,
take our rubbish,
the greed indulged,
the broken promises,
anger, resentments.

Take the long list of sin
that warps our being
and weave through your forgiving love
that makes of waste
a growing place
By Chris Polhill from 'Eggs and Ashes'

With love and prayers,
Barbara

Pilgrimages

Often, whilst on holiday, Brenda and I would visit a church, cathedral, monastery or similar. Not by design, or as a destination; but just as our mood (or the rain) happened on the day.

And so we became The Accidental, or Occasional Pilgrims.

Let's start in Aberdaron, at the very western end of the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales.

St. Hywyn's, on the edge of the beach, with magnificent views, dates from the 12th century - with evidence of 5th century origins. A second nave was added in the 15th century and the church was an embarkation point for Bardsey Island Abbey - the end of The North Wales Pilgrim Way.

If you visited both sites, one Pope said that equalled a single pilgrimage to Rome. This made the Way very popular, even today, and so

St Hywyn's became known as the Cathedral Of Llyn.

Inside there are TWO naves and the building is cleverly constructed from local rubble. There's a distinguished hammerhead roof and two carved boulders representing two early priests from the 5th century.

It's a beautiful building, adorned with many features and to sit inside whilst listening to the waves crashing on the beach is a very calming experience.

We loved it and always stopped by when in the village - as well as having a pie and a pint in the pub next door!

Donald Bailey



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All things Duddon

The Gatepost

You may have noticed over the Winter months that the gatepost between the churchyard and the school had rotted and the post and gate were laying on the ground.

Thanks to the sterling work of Tony Perks, all has been repaired and made good. A couple of holly bush seedlings will be planted soon to finish the job



On the Farm

Did you know that each of the months has its own bird? March is the month of the Robin, one of our favourite garden birds and something we have in abundance at the farm. Any gardener will know that they can become quite tame and will stay close if you are digging, waiting for worms and grubs to be turned up. Robins can recognise humans by face, body movements and voice, truly clever little birds! They are fiercely territorial and sing all year round to defend their territory. They will also sing at night, but this is thought to happen due to artificial light from street-lights.

Robins appear in many myths and folklore traditions - they are associated with rebirth, good fortune, hope and thought to be messengers from the afterlife. In Norse mythology they are associated with Thor the god of lightning and it's thought that anyone who harms a robin will be struck by lightning. Whereas in Celtic mythology the Robin is the Oak king of summer who overthrows the Holly King - associated with Wrens - at Yule and brings in the spring. In Christian symbolism the robin is thought to have got its red breast from a drop of Christ's blood as he comforted him on the cross by pulling a thorn from his brow. Another story says that a robin fanned the flames of a fire to keep Jesus warm and scorched its breast with the embers. They

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are of course closely associated with Christmas but this is a somewhat later story from the Victoria era when the post men wore red coats and were called Robins. This led to a rise of Christmas cards with robins delivering post and so a tradition was born! Fascinating how stories and myths build around our favourite birds.

Pat Briscoe

Duddon St Peter's CE Primary School

After enjoying the Christmas period and returning to snow which arrived soon after the beginning of the term, January proved to be a surprisingly busy one, with our visit from Ofsted halfway through the month. Inspections are always challenging and in our small school this can be especially so, as our wonderful, but small number of staff take on so many subjects to lead and monitor. Since the previous inspection there has been a great deal of progress with redesigning our curriculum to ensure that there is a good balance of all subjects, and this was reflected well in our inspection report, with inspectors acknowledging how hard our staff have worked as a team to ensure that the school continues to thrive.



Ofsted's judgement of the school was that it is a 'Good' school, and they commented particularly on its family friendly atmosphere, how polite and well-behaved our children the children were and how many parents gave such positive views of the school and the way in which the staff nurtured and cared for all its pupils. We celebrate our success and are determined that our great reputation as a small local school will continue.

Please visit our website at www.dstp.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to read more about our school, where there is also a link to our Ofsted report, or **contact the school if you would like to visit and see what it has to offer your child.**

'Be the best you can be.'

PRAYER FOR MARCH 2025

A prayer for the Church of England

**Most gracious Father,
we pray to you for your holy Church.
Fill it with all truth;
in all truth with all peace.
Where it is corrupt, purge it.
Where it is in error, direct it.
Where anything is amiss, reform it.
Where it is right, strengthen and defend it.
Where it is in want, provide for it.
Where it is divided, heal it and reunite it in
your love;
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ.**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer



A prayer written by William Laud [1573-1645]

Archbishop of Canterbury [1633-1645]

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TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD MARCH 2025

MAINTENANCE TIME



It is that time in the year when preparation of the area and equipment needs to take place before the grass cutting season is upon us. The first job was to get rid of all the cuttings and loose debris that had accumulated over winter. A bright, dry windless day emerged a few weeks ago, and as can be seen, a great deal of vegetation was burnt, with very little smoke. It is not often the conditions are right to be able to do this (possibly two or three times a year), but the fire

enabled a great deal of cut and stacked products to be reduced to ash.

Another aspect of maintenance is shown on the right where Bill has rubbed down the wooden North side doors at St. Andrews. He is shown in the process of giving them a first coat of wood preserver / stain, then will follow up with a second coat a few days later. Bill had already repainted the South porch door a few weeks earlier.



The Team have seven grass mowers in use throughout the season, and these require an annual service to keep them in top condition. The picture on the left shows Mark part way through a bi-annual oil change on one of the mowers. This particular mower had not been running well, so the fuel tank was drained and cleaned, the carburettor cleaned out, refuelled and started first time afterwards. Very satisfying. Other machines had similar treatment to ensure another years full operation.