

TARVIN &  
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St. Peter's &  
Andrew's



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## The Vicar writes...

### A Reflection on the Faith, Sacrifice, and Triumph

This significant milestone marks eight decades since the end of World War II in Europe, a time when the Allied forces prevailed over the Axis powers, bringing an end to years of conflict and suffering.

VE Day, celebrated on May 8th, 1945, symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, the restoration of peace, and the beginning of a new era of hope. As we look back on this historic event, we are reminded of the tremendous sacrifices made by countless individuals who fought for freedom, justice, and the preservation of human dignity. The day also serves as a poignant reminder of the resilience and strength of the human spirit, as nations came together to rebuild and restore communities devastated by war.

Throughout the war, faith played a crucial role in sustaining the morale and determination of those on the frontlines and the home front. Churches and religious organizations provided spiritual support, comfort, and hope to millions affected by the conflict. Clergy members served as chaplains, offering prayers, conducting services, and providing a sense of normalcy in the midst of chaos. The unwavering faith of individuals and communities helped to foster a sense of unity and purpose, inspiring acts of bravery and compassion.

The lessons of VE Day continue to resonate today, reminding us of the importance of peace, unity, and cooperation. We encourage readers to reflect on the values that underpin our faith and to consider how we can contribute to building a more peaceful and just world. By embracing the principles of love, compassion, and forgiveness, we can honour the legacy of those who came before us and ensure a brighter future for generations to come.

As we commemorate this milestone anniversary, it is important to look to the future with hope and determination. We reaffirm our commitment to promoting the values of peace, justice, and reconciliation. We join in this mission, to work together to address the challenges of our time, and to build a world where the principles of love and compassion guide our actions.

In conclusion, the 80th anniversary of VE Day is an opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future. It is a time to honour the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom, to acknowledge the role of faith in sustaining us through adversity, and to recommit ourselves to building a more just and peaceful world.

Adam

## Weekly Services

### Sunday 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

#### 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

7pm Bellringing

#### Friday

6.30pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

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## Diary for May

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)  
6.15pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 4<sup>th</sup> 8am Holy Communion (SA)  
9.30am Family Communion (SP)  
10.45am Service to Commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day (SA)
- 6<sup>th</sup> 10am Craft Group (SA)
- 7<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)  
7pm St Andrews Women's Group (PR)
- 8<sup>th</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)  
6pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 11<sup>th</sup> 8am Holy Communion (SA)  
9.15am Messy Church (SA)  
9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)  
10.45am Family Communion (SP)  
12.30pm Baptism (SA)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 11am Toddlers (PR)  
12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
- 14<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 15<sup>th</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)  
6pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Duddon School 150 Anniversary Celebrations
- 18<sup>th</sup> 8am Holy Communion (SA)  
9.30am Family Communion (SP)  
10.45am Morning Prayer (SP)  
12pm APCM
- 19<sup>th</sup> 11am Toddlers (PR)  
12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)  
6pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

25<sup>th</sup> 8am Holy Communion (SA)  
 9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)  
 10.45am Family Communion (SP)  
 12.30pm Wedding Rehearsal (SP)  
 28<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)  
 29<sup>th</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)  
 6pm Choir Practice (SA)  
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)  
 31<sup>st</sup> 12.30pm Wedding of Emma and Marc (SP)

June  
 1<sup>st</sup> 8am Holy Communion (SA)  
 9.30am Family Communion (SP)  
 10.45am Morning Prayer (SP)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am Toddlers (PR)  
 12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)  
 4<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)  
 5<sup>th</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SPS)  
 6pm Choir Practice (SA)  
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

## Diary dates

Annual Dates for your Diaries..... (this is a provisional list and dates and times subject to change and confirmation)

June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fathers' Day and Trinity Sunday
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Annual Rum and Gin festival 2-8pm
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Patronal Festival St Peter's

## 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.

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

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## A chance to remember

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May the UK will be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, that unforgettable day in 1945 when after almost 6 years of war people woke up in the knowledge that the fighting in Europe ( although not yet in the Far East ) was over. Germany has surrendered on the 7<sup>th</sup> and a national holiday had been declared for the following day.

In London, crowds gathered at Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly and Buckingham Palace. At 3pm Prime Minister Churchill gave a victory speech, and at the Palace the Royal family and Churchill made several balcony appearances, to the wild enthusiasm of the huge crowd. All over the country, celebrations were in progress.



This year the nation will be marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that momentous day. Key moments being marked around the country include the reading of the VE Day Proclamation at 9.00am, the ringing of church and cathedral bells in the afternoon, including here in Tarvin, and at 9.30pm the lighting of beacons and lamp-lights of peace to represent the light of peace that followed the darkness of the war, accompanied by the hymn 'I vow to thee my country'.

In our church in Tarvin we are so fortunate to have members of the congregation who can give us a first hand account of their own experiences and memories of VE Day 1945.

## Crafty Church



**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 concen-





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.



## Flowers

Tracy Davies, another new demonstrator, entertained us with the title "A Walk in the Woods" She provided 5 lovely designs and also amused us with her chat.

For her 1st design Tracy had a block of wood with Laurel leaves, antirrhinum, yellow roses, golden rod and the final touch of feathers making an overall colour of pink and yellow which was most attractive. This was followed by an elongated bird's nest made from twigs which used no floral foam and had short pieces of foliage with pink and purple flowers. We had an Easter design using a very large log with white blossom, helebores, daffodils and tulips in mixed colours into which Easter eggs were placed. A picnic basket formed the basis of a design which represented the Sequoia National Park in the U.S.A. Her accessories were an enormous fir cone and a teddy bear. The flowers used were white gerbera, white lilies and kangaroo paw. The final design brought us back to Britain and Sherwood forest. This was a pedestal design on a bark covered stand with a striking mixture of blue delphiniums, orange roses and rust coloured anthuriums. Tracy is a keen gardener and is hoping to use many more of her own flowers in future. She enjoyed her evening and commented on what a friendly club we are. Homemade cakes were provided with out tea/coffee'





On 14th May we welcome Carron White with "Pandora's Box" at 7-30pm in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre, Visitors are always welcome to join us



ASHTON HEYES  
And  
TARVIN  
FLOWER  
CLUB

## St Andrews Womens Group

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Rob Knotts to our April meeting. He was welcomed and introduced by Rev Barbara King for this his second visit to our group.

His topic this time being Wood Carvings of the Last Supper. Rob is a talented artist and woodcarver so was able to describe in detail the methods and materials used in the many woodcarvings from 14<sup>th</sup> century to present time. With the aid of colour slides he was able to show us pieces that he had seen from around the world.

These were truly awe inspiring carvings by many talented artists. Many were copies of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper.

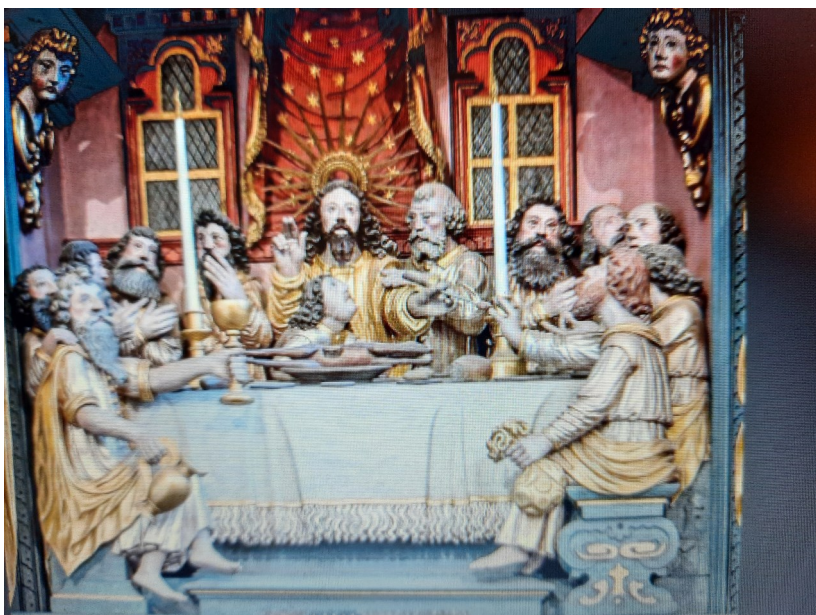
Thankyou Rob for a very enjoyable and informative evening. We were pleased to make a donation to the RAF benevolent fund on Rob's behalf.

As usual refreshments of tea, coffee and home made biscuits made our evening complete.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm when our speaker will be a former member of The Vice Squad.







## What is a Churchwarden?

At the forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting ( 18<sup>th</sup> May ), we will be electing or re-electing our Churchwardens. But what exactly is a Churchwarden, and what does he/she do?

From our childhood memories we may picture a stern, though kindly, suited man ( invariably in those days it would have been a man ) at the back of the church who ensured that things went smoothly and was sometimes to be seen in official looking conversations with the vicar in the vestry. Nowadays there are at least as many female Churchwardens as male across the church. On special occasions when the Bishop was there, the Churchwarden, along with his colleague, would carry a special stick ( also known as a 'wand' or 'prodger' ) in the procession at the beginning and end of the service. The wands remain a familiar sight in many churches today, standing in the back pews and remain a symbol of the office of Churchwarden. Normally a long wooden pole with a finial of some sort, they were, at one time practical instruments. They would be carried ahead of the Bishop to ward off any violent assaults against his person! The wands also used to be used by Churchwardens as a way of moving large groups of people in and out of church, for self-protection during the exercise of their duties and to keep people awake during services.

The office of Churchwarden has a recognised legal status as far back as the thirteenth century. By the fifteenth century it was normal practice for Churchwardens to be chosen annually at a parish meeting, as remains the case today, with all the adult parishioners having a voice in the election. As the Handbook for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councillors puts it - Churchwardens have a twofold significance: they were both guardians of parochial morals and trustees of the Church's goods.

Over the centuries those responsibilities have changed and developed but some quaint duties remain on the statute books. Churchwardens retain powers to arrest anyone displaying riotous, violent or indecent behaviour in the church or churchyard, who interferes with worship or who distracts by 'molesting, disturbing, vexing or troubling or by any other unlawful means disquieting or misusing

duly authorised preachers or any of the clergy celebrating any sacrament or divine service'.

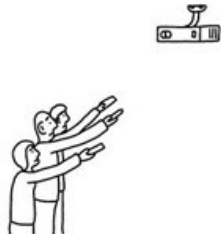
Churchwardens also have authority over the allocation of seats in church. They may still direct people where and where not to sit. This is not a common occurrence nowadays apart from special services or where practical issues may arise. Legal deadlock sometimes arose in the days of 'pew-rents' when certain individuals, usually the wealthy, bought rights to sit in certain pews. But for Churchwardens themselves 'it is illegal to demand payment, by way of rent or otherwise, for the exclusive use of a seat'.

Perhaps these days the first definition of 'Churchwarden' offered in the Collins English dictionary says it simplest and the best way: 'In the Anglican Church, a churchwarden is a person who has been chosen by the congregation to help the vicar of the parish with administration and other duties'. They remain 'officers of the Bishop' and are sworn in by the Bishop or Archdeacon.

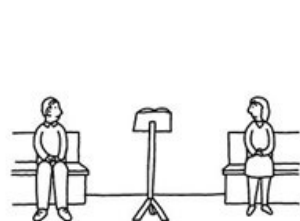
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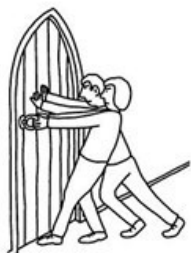
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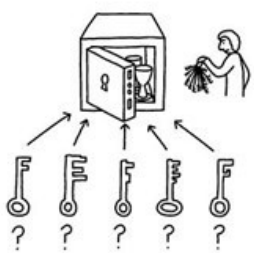
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NOTHING CLOSES



NOTHING STOPS BEEPING

## Barabara's bit

The merry month of May!

Mayhem: a situation where there is little control or order

A devil - may - care attitude: to act without fear or worry for the future.

A cat may look at a king.

May the force be with you.

April showers bring forth May flowers

A swarm in May is worth a load of hay.

May is the month of sunshine and flowers,  
birds in their nests and one or two showers.

Games to play and kites to fly or just looking at the sky.

We could spend a year this way if the year were made of May.

May the sun bring you energy by day,  
May the moon softly restore you by night  
May the rain wash away your worries  
May the breeze blow strength into your life  
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all  
the days of your life.

An Irish blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sunshine warm upon your face;

the rain fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again,

may Gods hold you in the palm of his hand.

Love and prayers.  
Barbara





## TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD MAY 2025

### SOIL CLEAROUT

Every few years, it is necessary to clear out the soil bund area at the bottom end of the graveyard. This is the accumulation of soil remaining from graves that have been dug, and other areas cleared of soil. This should really have been done at the end of last year, but because of the wet weather, the area next to the bund was too muddy to allow the clearance wagon in. Unfortunately, this also meant that the bund area was more full than in previous years when it needed to be emptied.



The gateway to the bottom end of the graveyard is quite narrow, and access for the big wagon was via Poolbank Estate. The "Grab and Shift" driver had to reverse his wagon up the slope and through the gateway. (See top photo). The maximum load that could go on the wagon was 16 tonnes, so about one third of the bund was still full when his wagon was filled to the maximum amount. The centre photo shows the amount remaining.



Equally, because of the difficult access, the wagon had to cut across some of the lawned area, and chewed up the grass quite badly. (Photo left). The Z Team have now tidied everything up, but the bund will be emptied more regularly in the future. Equally, as the tipper wagons get larger, there may have to be another method of disposing of the soil.

## Pilgrimages

Cyprus was basking in a heatwave that summer. We were in the local bus - no air conditioning - on a 3 hour drive. Trundling from farm to hamlet to village, we slowly ascended Mount Olympus to the Kykkos Monastery.

Founded in the 11th century it was where Archbishop Makarios first became a monk in 1926.

It's the home of a famous icon of the Virgin Mary; supposedly painted by the Apostle Luke himself. The icon is partially obscured, and it is said that if you look at it in all its full glory, you will be instantly struck blind. (I stayed in the gift shop!)

The monastery abounds in classical Cypriot architecture with colourful mosaics and paintings. Breathtakingly beautiful ornaments and statues are to be found at every turn. Plus there's 360 degree views of the surrounding mountains from the many balconies and courtyards.



There was so much to see that we tarried far longer than we should have done. Add to that, we'd also spent too much time in the cafe eating Shamishi pastries and drinking Commandaria wine.

Suitably fortified we left by the magnificently painted front door and headed back to the bus stop. There we found to our horror that we'd missed the last bus to Paphos....and, remember, it was a 3 hour ride originally. There was no returning to the monastery, the gate was locked and the monks were at their Compline service. So, without a word of Greek or Turkish between us, and only a small bottle of water and a Mars Bar for sustenance, we resolutely started on a 45 mile walk.

We were, in fact, spared that horrible ordeal as, after some 30 minutes, a passing ex-pat Liverpudlian in a gigantic air conditioned truck, stopped and picked us up. We did eventually get back to the hotel at nearly midnight. Our journey became a confusion of ex-pat bars, lifts from very kind total strangers, many thank you drinks all round, and a dubious tasting goat curry. But what a glorious visit and what a memorable day....

Donald Bailey



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## All things Duddon

### Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School Exciting News



We are very proud and excited to announce that the school has been awarded a grant from the Royal Society for an environmental project which will start in the summer term. The project will be aiming to increase biodiversity within the grounds of Duddon School and to impact the wellbeing of the pupils through their involvement.

The Royal Society's fundamental purpose, reflected in its founding Charters of the 1660s, is to recognise, promote and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity.

As part of our application the school was required to join with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) partner and we are very grateful that Professor Tessa Smith from the University of Chester has agreed to help support and lead the projects, along with the involvement of some of her students at the university. As a former parent at the school Tessa has a great relationship with the staff and children, having already been involved in awakening children's interest in pond life and bats, so we are really looking forward to working with her on the project.

All the children at school will be taking part in different parts of the project, working on age-appropriate tasks, and working together to examine the environment around the school and the habitats which can be enhanced to increase the biodiversity of life. Findings will be shared with the whole school community. The school is already very lucky to have an orchard, a woodland area, a garden and a pond and all these areas will be studied and hopefully enhanced to provide even better areas for wildlife to flourish.

The grant from the Royal Society will be used to purchase new resources and equipment to assist with our studies, which will be ongoing over the next year and hopefully beyond.



## St. Andrew's



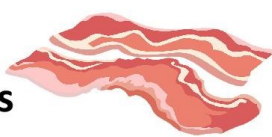
**Coffee Morning**

**10:00am to 11:30am**

**on Wed 14th May**

**Bacon Baps**

**Sausage Toasties**



***Along with our usual menu.....***

**Toasted tea cakes, fruit loaf, crumpets, scones,  
home-made cake, gluten-free options, tea &  
filter coffee.**

**All welcome! Come and join our friendly group.**

**Dogs welcome, too!**

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# June 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 2pm-8pm

## Tarvin Rum and Gin Festival

Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Year!

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Lots of different Rums and Gins to sample.  
Drop in anytime from 2pm-8pm or stay for the whole time.



Money raised is going to the  
Ibanda Educational Partnership



Tickets cost £12 per person.

Ticket sales includes a glass of your own and a welcome drink.

Drinks are sold by tokens purchased on the day.

3 tokens for £12 or 6 tokens for £20. (cash only)

Food available from Cath and Kenny at an additional cost.

With DJ Matt Hughes and Weavers in the house too.

*Please bring a chair or picnic blanket with you.*

*Only drinks purchased on site can be consumed at this event.*



### Adults only

(children of those organising the event may be present)



**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE  
for a look at the drinks menu.**

To purchase tickets please text Adam on  
07368335146 or  
email: [tarvinevents@gmail.com](mailto:tarvinevents@gmail.com)

## PRAYER FOR MAY 2025



Dear Heavenly Father,

As we step into the month of May, we  
come before You with hearts full of  
gratitude and hope. We thank You for  
the beauty of spring, for the blooming  
flowers and the warming sun that  
remind us of Your endless love and  
grace.

Lord, we ask for Your guidance and protection for our  
young people as they prepare for exams . Help them to  
see Your hand in every moment, to trust in Your plan, and  
to find peace in Your presence. May we all grow closer to  
You each day, seeking Your wisdom in all our decisions.

We pray for those who are struggling, that they may find  
comfort and strength in Your embrace. Let Your light  
shine through us, so we may be a source of  
encouragement and love to those around us.



In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.