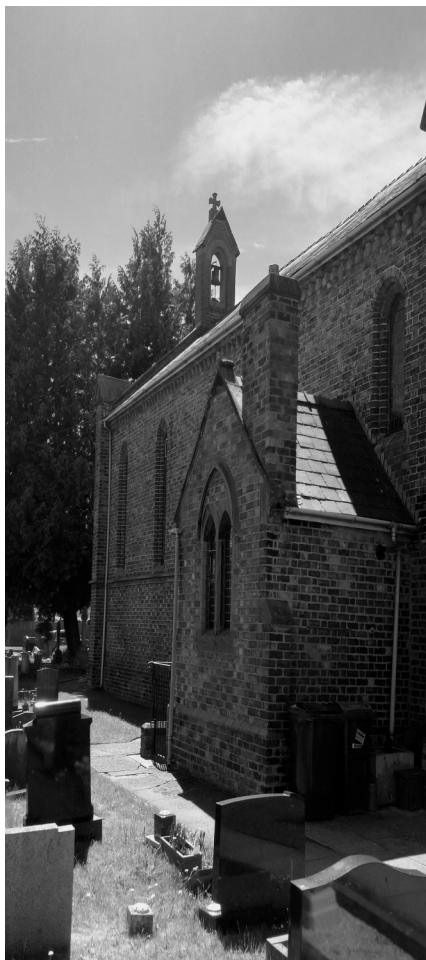


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The Vicar writes...

Who was St Peter....

Saint Peter, also known as Simon Peter, is one of the most prominent figures in Christianity. As one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, he is revered for his leadership, faith, and the unique role he played in the early Church. His legacy endures as the "rock" upon which the Church was built, as described in the Bible.

Saint Peter was born in Bethsaida, a fishing village in Galilee. He worked as a fisherman alongside his brother Andrew, who introduced him to Jesus. Known for his impulsive and passionate nature, Peter quickly became one of Jesus' closest disciples. His name "Peter," derived from the Greek word "Petros," meaning "rock," was given to him by Jesus as a symbol of the foundational role he would play in the Church. Peter witnessed many pivotal moments in Jesus' ministry, including walking on water (albeit briefly), the Transfiguration, and the Last Supper. Despite his devotion, Peter famously denied Jesus three times during the Good Friday—a moment that showcases human vulnerability—even as he later reaffirmed his faith and leadership after the Resurrection. After Jesus' ascension, Peter became a central figure in the spread of Christianity. He preached, performed miracles, and eventually travelled to Rome, where he was martyred under Emperor Nero's persecution. Tradition holds that Peter was crucified upside-down, as he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." (1 Peter 5:6) - A reminder of the virtues of humility and trust in divine timing.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) - Words of comfort for those enduring hardships, emphasizing God's care and compassion.

Saint Peter's enduring legacy lies in his humanity and transformation. He exemplifies the journey from flawed beginnings to spiritual greatness. As the first pope in Catholic tradition, he symbolizes the authority and unity of the Church. His writings and actions continue to inspire both scholars and believers, reinforcing the message of redemption and the power of unwavering faith. Saint Peter's life stands as a testament to the impact of

faith, humility, and perseverance. His story reminds us that even in moments of doubt or weakness, spiritual strength and purpose can prevail.

Adam

Weekly Services

Sunday 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 dates

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

July 6th **Pet Services 9.30am (SP) 10.45am (SA)**

July 19th **10am, -2pm Church Open Day (SA)**

Diary for June

1st	8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Family Communion (SP) 10.45am Morning Prayer (SP)
2nd	11am Toddlers (PR) 12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR) 3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
3rd	10am Craft Group (SA)
4th	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA) 1pm Wedding of Kathryn and Robbie (SA) 7pm St Andrews Women's Group (PR)
5th	10.10am Collective Worship (SPS) 6pm Choir Practice (SA) 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
6th	9.30am Finance Meeting (SPS)
8th	8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.15am Messy Church (SA) 9.30am Morning Prayer (SP) 10.45am Family Communion (SA) 12.30pm Baptism of Rosie (SA)
9th	11am Toddlers (PR) 3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
10th	4pm Governors Meeting (SPS)
11th	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
12th	10.10am Collective Worship (SPS) 6pm Choir Practice (SA) 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
15th	Father's Day 8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Family Communion (SP) 10.45am Morning Prayer (SP)
16th	11am Toddlers (PR) 12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR) 3.30pm Lego Church (SP) 7.30pm PCC (PR)
18th	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

19th	10.10am Collective Worship (SPS) 6pm Choir Practice (SA) 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
21st	2-8pm Rum and Gin Festival
22nd	8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Morning Prayer (SP) 10.45am Family Communion (SA)
23rd	9.30am Ministry Team Meeting (PR) 11am Toddlers (PR) 12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR) 3.30pm Lego Church (SP) 4pm Governors (SPS)
25th	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
26th	10.10am Collective Worship (SPS) 6pm Choir Practice (SA) 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
29th	8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Patronal Festival (SP) 10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)
30th	9.30am Ministry Team Meeting (PR) 11am Toddlers (PR) 12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR) 3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
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1st	10am Craft Group
2nd	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
3rd	6pm Choir Practice (SA) 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
6th	8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Pet Service (SP) 10.45am Pet Service (SA)

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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

LEGO CHURCH meets every Monday in School Term time at St Peters Church, Duddon after school at 3.30 and is open to all Primary age children.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE We welcome Bishop Julie on the 28th September at 4pm for a confirmation service. Anyone who would like to be confirmed at this service, please get in touch with Adam the Vicar. There will be some classes beforehand explaining what it means to be confirmed in the Christian Faith, and the public declarations of belief that you will make within the service.

St Andrews Womens Group



At our May meeting of the St Andrews Women's Group we were pleased to welcome Francis Illing, a former serving officer with the Metropolitan Police Force. His experiences when serving with the Vice Squad were a revelation and shock to most of us. His warnings about online abuse of young children were very worrying and he urged us all to talk to our grandchildren about the dangers and how to avoid them. It was interesting to hear him say that children often take advice from grandparents rather than parents. A big responsibility for us all in that category.

Parts of his talk about prostitution and pornography were at times distressing and very sad. This was a very different evening for our group but brought to our attention areas of crime we knew nothing about.

As usual we finished the evening with home made refreshments.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th + June when our speaker will be Paul Mercer with his 'Tales of the North - the experiences of an Englishman living in Norway.'



Father's Day

Father's Day is held on the third Sunday of June in the United Kingdom.

So....it takes place on Sunday 19 June this year.

It is a day to celebrate fathers and father figures like carers or grandfathers.

Mother's Day has been celebrated for hundreds of years, but Father's Day is a little more recent.

The day probably originated in the US and there are several stories of how it started.

The most popular, and likely account, is that it started with a woman called Sonora Louise Smart in Washington.

After her mother died in childbirth with her sixth child, her dad brought up the family.

In 1909, Sonora heard a speech in church about Mother's Day and thought dads should also be celebrated.

Several local clergymen accepted the idea and it's believed that 19 June 1910 was the first unofficial Father's Day.



In **Thailand**, Father's Day is celebrated on the birthday of the hugely admired late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, on 5 December, who is considered the Father of the Nation.

It is traditional to wear yellow.

Fathers and grandfathers also used to be given a Canna flower though that isn't as popular now.

In **Mexico**, Father's Day or Día del Padre is also celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

Every year in Mexico City there's a 13 mile race called Carrera Día del Padre or Father's Day race. Children can also take part and run alongside their dads.

In **Germany** instead of spending time with their children fathers or väter often go off in groups for hiking trips, sometimes pulling wagons full of drink and food.

In **Nepal** children often give sweets as presents. Sons and daughters sometimes receive blessings from their fathers.

Those whose fathers have died, go to a pilgrimage site and perform shraddha, the holy ritual in remembrance.

In **France**, Fête des Pères was traditionally a Catholic celebration, but it was reinvented for commercial reasons in the 1900s.

Now all sorts of gifts are given on the day including roses.

In France it is traditional to give red roses to your father if he is alive, but if your father has died white roses are laid on their grave.

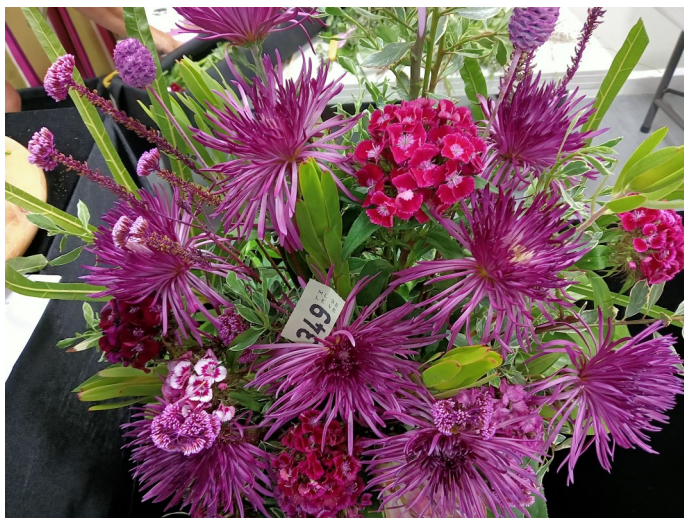


Flowers

Pandora's box and many other stories, ideas and helpful floral hints were amusingly told by Carron White our demonstrator. She arranged 5 designs, all different in many ways. Two of these were completed without floral foam which can be difficult for a demonstration where the designs are then raffled. The 1st was in a plastic ice cream container with tape in a grid at the top and the other one was also taped and was in a glass mixing bowl.

Another design was a wreath ring made into a table design and containing some died multicolour roses. A very dark and dramatic arrangement seemed to be the favourite mainly with spider chrysanthemums. Her final design looked bridal and contained a large orchid and pale pink and peach flowers. Her purple designs had a good background from the curtains in the Edna Rose room, these usually clash with most designs.

Home made cakes with our drink completed a very successful evening. Next meeting May 18th. when we visit "The Old Parsonage Gardens" at Cotebrook. Members wishing to go who haven't put their name down please contact Merryyn or June Mary Mayes took the photographs.





Barabara's bit

Somethings need repeating a lot ... not just 'please' and 'thank you' , important though they are, and 'you are wonderful' ... feel free to say that anytime ...but the words of our faith, stories of Jesus ... yes, yes, heard that, we had it last year...STOP! Have we really heard it? Do we stop and think around the story? Or do we drift off onto the shopping list?

We hear the stories again and again, not because they are there in the Bible and no one has written another yet (oh, plenty of translations, why do we need all those?) but because it is a living word, sorry, the living word. And if something is living it evolves and develops. What we understood last year is suddenly fresh and new this year, though it is the same story! This always fascinates me how layers can be revealed when I think I know it all! Ha! I knows nothing really! Because I forget, or I read it in a different context.

Each day I have a thought for the day from Iona. It is free and wonderful! I have bought quite a few of the books! So many people share their observations and thoughts on life. I try and save them all on my iPad, and the list gets longer and longer, then I have tried deleting a few but each time I am struck by the simple truths they share, the deep, profound truths ... that I forget, and need the reminder, like:

'Swimming in circles

Repeating the same mistakes

Will we ever learn?' (from Caring for Creation Together)

And then:

'To walk in the light is to walk freely not fearfully, to see and delight in all the beauty around us: in people, on nature, desiring it to be allowed to remain beautiful. It is to walk with a light heart, relaxed not tense, to have choices. The light is in the world.

there is an old Jewish saying, 'Do not say, God is in my heart. Rather' say, I am in the heart of God,' The gospel of Jesus says precisely this thing. I am in God's heart and you, and you and you. Loved valued, unconditionally accepted, we live and move and have our being in the heart of God which is the light of God' (from Growing Hope)

Dear Lord, please keep reminding me of your wonderful truths so I can learn and live as you want me to be.

Love and prayers for the living word to fill you anew.

Barbara

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Pilgrimages

Durham Cathedral's imposing stone structure loomed large through the evening mist. We'd not planned to stop there; our destination was Newcastle on Tyne, but the building struck an immediate chord with us both. We quickly decided to stay in the city and almost as quickly, found a nearby Travelodge.

Our original objective was to reconnoitre the route of Hadrian's Wall, with a view to walk the 73 miles long distance path the following Spring. We'd already checked out the Carlisle side, staying at the quaintly named Twice Brewed Inn. But the Cathedral seemed to good to miss. Built between 1093 and 1133 it's the largest example of Norman architecture in the UK and holds the Shrines of St. Cuthbert and The Venerable Bede. Built on high ground in a meander of the river Tyne, and in constant use since it's construction, it's always been a major tourist attraction. Many years after we'd visited it became a famous location in many Harry Potter films.

The Bishop's Throne is said to be one inch higher than that of the Pope's - making it the highest throne in Christendom. Internally the building has so many things to see that it's probably the thickest (and heaviest) guide book I've ever purchased with it's 900 year history makes fascinating reading; Oliver Cromwell and Henry 8th being two high (or perhaps low) points.

It's a vast sprawling place becoming a World Heritage Site in 1986, and when the 10 bells in the central tower are rung the sound echoes for miles around.

"Half church of God, half castle 'gainst the Scots' Sir Walter Scott once wrote in a poem. We only spent one morning there -

Hadrian's Wall and the heady delights of a Saturday night in Newcastle centre, were calling us. So we only scratched the surface. It would have repaid another and much longer visit.

Donald Bailey



Three Churches to Visit

After reading Don's stories in the Church Magazine about St Andrew's Church in Higher Blackley and St Hywyn's in Aberdaron, which I have visited regularly on my trips to The Llyn Peninsula, I started to think about other churches I have visited in the past.

If visiting Aberdaron it's worth taking a boat trip to Capel Ynys Enlli, the island chapel on Bardsey Island. You can also see the remains of the thirteenth century Augustinian Abbey of St Mary. My family and I would occasionally take a boat ride to Bardsey island and we would enjoy seeing the birdlife, large seal colony and sometimes dolphins on route.

On other holidays in St Ives in Cornwall, we listened to an organ recital in St Ia St Ives Parish Church, where there is a sculpture of the Madonna and Child by Barbara Hepworth.

On a second visit to St Ives when we had Louis as a puppy (He is the little white dog who you may see on Sunday mornings) we visited the nearby village of Zennor. You can catch a local bus from St Ives or if you like you can walk the old coffin trail to Zennor Church where you can see The Zennor Mermaid carved into a chair.

I think you would enjoy visiting these churches just as much as we did.

Caroline BRIERLEY



All things Duddon

Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School – What a celebration!

On Saturday 17th May, the school celebrated 150 years since its beginning in 1875. It was a wonderful day! Through the working of the PTA and the staff, as well as all the volunteers who helped to organise and set up the activities, a really great community event brought so many people together from across generations. We enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces and catching up on the lives of pupils who had attended the school over the years.

So many previous and current staff, past and present pupils and their families came and enjoyed the afternoon together, enjoying the free food and activities which had been generously paid for by the School House Trust, Duddon Parish Council and Clotton Parish Council. Thank you so much to them for their wonderful support.

A collection of photographs was on display in the school hall, with the earliest one being from 1909 – things were very different then! The photographs stirred many memories and generated much discussion about friends and experiences.

On Friday 16th, the children were invited to dress as Victorians and talk about the history of the school and what life was like for children then – not all of it good! Even our youngest children in Treetops dressed up as part of the experience.

We feel very blessed to have been part of the school's history and hope that it will continue to develop its place in the local community for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make it such a great success.



PRAYER FOR JUNE 2025



Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the beauty of creation and the gift of gardening. We ask for Your blessings upon all gardeners, who work tirelessly to nurture the earth and bring forth its fruits.

Lord, guide them in their work, providing wisdom to know when to plant and when to harvest. Protect their gardens from pests and harsh weather, and let their labour be a reflection of Your divine creation.

May their gardens be places of peace and reflection, where they can feel Your presence and find solace in the beauty of nature. Bless their endeavours, and let their gardens flourish as a testament to Your glory.

We pray for our Z team at this busy time of year. We thank you for their faithful work every week and for the respect they show for our loved ones by keeping their resting places neat and tidy. Bless them as they labour and keep them safe.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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June 21st 2025 2pm-8pm

Tarvin Rum and Gin Festival

Now in its 3rd Year!

@ Fernleigh, Holme Street, Tarvin

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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
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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

TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD JUNE 2025

WEEDING FRONT PATH

Despite there being a dry spell through May, the weeds in the graveyard have continued to grow. A concerted effort from John P and Bill in the last couple of weeks have now cleared the front path with several wheelbarrow loads of debris taken away.



The two photos left and below show John and Bill in action, on their knees, clearing the weeds from between the flagstones.

The next job will be to fill these gaps with a cement grout to prevent regrowth of the weeds. The bottom photo shows the path in the weed-free state.

A few people have asked about the fact the daffodils are left in place for a while after flowering. After the flowers fade, it is recommended they are left at least six weeks for the leaves to go yellow and die naturally. By leaving them all for this period, it enables the bulbs to store energy and produce a quality bloom next year. They will all be cleared up by the end of May.



Whilst John and Bill were weeding, Peter Ryan was working with a strimmer in the front grassed area to clean up the weeds and grass around the graves in this, the oldest section of the graveyard.

Keeping abreast of the grass cutting is the most important task at the present time. The team have several power driven mowers available, so if any of you have a few hours to spare on a Wednesday afternoon, please come along to help.