

**TARVIN &**



**St. Peter's &  
Andrew's**



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## The Vicar writes...

**St Luke the Healer: Physician of Body and Soul**

**Feast Day: October 18**

St Luke, the beloved physician and evangelist, holds a special place in the hearts of Christians—not only as the author of the Gospel that bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles, but also as a symbol of healing, compassion, and faithful witness.

### **Luke the Physician**

Luke is the only Gospel writer who was not Jewish by birth. A Gentile and a doctor by profession, he brought a unique perspective to the life and ministry of Jesus. His Gospel is filled with stories of healing—both physical and spiritual. From the woman with the issue of blood to the ten lepers, Luke's account emphasizes Jesus' care for the sick, the marginalized, and the outcast.

It's no surprise that Luke is the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, and artists. His writings reflect a deep concern for human suffering and a profound understanding of God's mercy.

### **A Gospel of Compassion**

Luke's Gospel is often called the "Gospel of the Poor" or the "Gospel of Mercy." He alone tells the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son—stories that highlight God's boundless compassion and the call to love our neighbour.

His attention to detail and his orderly account suggests a careful, thoughtful mind—perhaps the mind of a doctor who observed not only symptoms but also the soul.

### **Healing in the Church Today**

St Luke's legacy continues in the Church's ministry of healing. Whether through pastoral care, hospital chaplaincy, or the quiet prayers of a parish, the spirit of Luke's Gospel lives on. His example reminds us that healing is not just about curing illness—it's about restoring wholeness, dignity, and hope. St Luke is one of my favourite gospels because it holds the tension together a gospel for everyone with the intent for faith to bring healing to all.

As we celebrate St Luke, may we be inspired to bring Christ's healing love to a hurting world—through our words, our actions,

and our prayers

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**

5.45pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

## **Church Open Day**

**Saturday 4th October 11am -2pm** is our new date for the **Open day at St Andrew's Church**. The Bell Ringing Captain and also the Director of Music will be on hand for anyone wanting to join those elements of our church. There will also be a refreshments service in the church building. Come along and find out about all our church activities, about the church building and it's history.

## Diary for October

- 1<sup>st</sup>** 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)  
5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 4<sup>th</sup>** 11am - 2pm Church Open Day (SA)
- 5<sup>th</sup>** 8am Holy Communion (SA)  
9.30am Family Communion (SP)  
10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)
- 6<sup>th</sup>** 11am Toddlers (PR)  
12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
- 7<sup>th</sup>** 10am Craft group (SA)
- 8<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)  
1pm Organ Tuners (SA)  
7pm St Andrews Women's Group (PR)
- 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)  
5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 10<sup>th</sup>** 9am Duddon School Harvest service (SP)
- 12<sup>th</sup>** 8am Holy Communion (SA)  
9.15am Messy Church  
9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)  
10.45am Family Communion (SA)
- 13<sup>th</sup>** 11am Toddlers (PR)  
12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Church (SP)

- 15<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 16<sup>th</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)  
5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)  
7pm Deanery Synod (St Lukes Huntington)
- 19<sup>th</sup> **8am Holy Communion (SA)**  
**9.30am Family Communion (SP)**  
**10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)**
- 20<sup>th</sup> 11am Toddlers (PR)  
12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Church (SP)  
7.30pm Standing Committee (SA)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)  
5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 26<sup>th</sup> **8am Holy Communion (SA)**  
**9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)**  
**10.45am Family Communion (SA)**
- 29<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 30<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

## **November**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **8am Holy Communion (SA)**  
**9.30am Family Communion (SP)**  
**10.45am Family Communion (SA)**  
**4pm All Souls Service (online)**

## 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 every other Tuesday ( except in August ), 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.



## Church Fundraising



This year, William's Wood chose St Andrew's and St Peter's Churches as beneficiaries for their charitable output. What this means is that for every member of the congregation who avails themselves of William's Wood products or services, ranging from firewood, bean poles through to attendance at events or activities like apple pressing or family school holiday activities, a percentage will be given to the Churches on April 5th 2026 and we can claim gift aid too.

Firewood is sold, certified as Ready to Burn under Certificate WS4344, in single nets or multiples. The current log net price is £5.25 inc VAT at 5% and we are given 50p per net. **Collect your wood from William's Wood or for orders 8 nets or more, in multiples of 8, delivery to the villages of Tarvin and Duddon are inclusive.** 40 nets is a tight stacked cubic metre.

They don't deliver tipped bulk loads because nobody really looks forward to receiving and dealing with a pile of logs on the driveway, and the drivers will stack the nets wherever you want as long as it is easily accessible from the road with a sack truck.

Even if you don't burn firewood yourself but know someone who does, as long as they mention the Churches at purchase, the donation will be made.

Contact William's Wood on 01829 830325 or look at [www.williamswood.co.uk](http://www.williamswood.co.uk) to make an order.

Please join the members of the congregation who already purchase from William's Wood.





## Pilgrimages

This month, the letter is H, and yet we're in New Zealand. How so?

Well, in 2018, Brenda and I were lucky enough to spend 3 weeks touring NZ in a motorhome. We also visited Singapore; plus we motorhomed for a further 3 weeks in Australia. So, lots of fertile opportunities to visit various religious locations as well as other places .... some of which could well feature in future articles.

Still no H?.....how about 234 HERFORD Street, Christchurch, NZ; the location of The Cardboard Cathedral.....yes, a large building actually made from cardboard.

Seven years earlier, in 2011, Christchurch experienced a devastating magnitude 6.3 earthquake. More than 80% of the buildings were destroyed or damaged, and, sadly, 185 people lost their lives. A poignant sculpture of 185 white painted wooden chairs stand quietly close to the Cathedral in their memory.

We experienced several minor earthquakes when we were there, and they are very worrying to the uninitiated. We also witnessed pavements being lifted by red hot magma and underwent a tsunami safety drill (basically, run like billyo !). It's a country that certainly keeps you on your toes....



The 2011 earthquake had brought down the spire of the Anglican Cathedral in a few seconds and NZ's relaxed culture meant very little repair work had been done by 2018. However, a



team of international experts had started work within weeks of the calamity, and within 2 years, an earthquake proof foundation was in place on a new "transitional" cathedral site. Next the cardboard walls were assembled. Long cylinders of laminated veneer lumber (a type of plywood) were covered by thick cardboard. This had to be made waterproof and fireproof - no easy task with such an innovative material, but they found a way. The colourful Trinity Window was another innovation. The coloured images were printed on the glass surfaces and then fired and fused into them. The walls were raised in only 6 months and the Dedication Service followed in Summer 2013.



Inside the building it's remarkably light and warm, with the sunshine streaming brightly throughout the building. We attended the 10.30 am Sung Eucharistic service and then joined the official tour of the buildings. Lunch was spent in the Original Sin restaurant nearby, named after Adam and Eve's transgressions in the Garden Of Eden. I've never been in a restaurant since with such extravagant and over the top wall and ceiling decoration. This is an Italian diner with dancing between the courses.....so we lingered for quite some time. The day was rounded off with punting on the River Avon, which runs through Christchurch. We dragged



our weary bones back to the motorhome and decided to stay on the city campsite for one more night. There was still so much to see in the immediate vicinity, and we still had the two islands of NZ to explore. And boy, did we explore !!

Donald Bailey

## A Service of Promises

On 16 August, in the Bruen Chapel of St Andrews, Adam conducted a beautiful Church of England service, probably not known to many and recognised in the main for same sex blessings. This then formed the basis for a ceremony, Celtic in origin, in which fiancé couples pledge their commitment to each other and is still practised today in Scotland.

My daughter Katy and her partner Chris got engaged in May but are not planning to marry for a couple of years and they wanted to demonstrate their future intention, particularly for a couple of elderly grandparents. The service contained prayers, a hymn, individual promises and two acts of symbolism.

In the Church of England, the lighting of a unity candle during a wedding ceremony is a common and symbolic ritual where two individual candles are used to light a larger central candle, representing the joining of two people and families into a new, unified life together. On this occasion the familial candles were lit by Joyce and George as the maternal and paternal grandparent and family elders, from which Katy and Chris together lit a third candle to begin their new family together.

Whilst their favourite song 'Lifetime' was played everyone participated in binding the couple's hands together and this symbolic action was to reinforce their commitment to each other.



The dictionary definition of handfasting is 'to engage (someone) to be married' and the word derives from the Old Norse term 'handfesta' which meant 'strike a bargain by joining hands'. Handfasting is said to originate in pre-Christian times, but this isn't very well-documented. It was popular in the Middle Ages when it represented the engagement of a couple, or a sort of common-law marriage by consent and handfasting is now a popular part of wedding ceremonies

Adam also thoughtfully incorporated a naming ceremony for their two young sons, Freddie and Archie which completed the service as prayers and promises were made for the children by family members. The boys were thrilled to receive baptismal teddies as a reminder of this special day.

Mary Morgan





## Flower group

Not one demonstrator, but two came to entertain us at our recent meeting.

The title for the evening was "The Gift of Flowers" and Clare and Maggie gave us an attractive show. They are both keen gardeners and used many of their own flowers in the 5 designs.

Design 1 was arranged in a champagne bucket by Clare. It contained a bottle of wine and frothy flowers and foliage to represent bubbles.



Maggy put her skills to design 2 and produced a table design in lovely shades of peach, coffee and deep burgundy.



Into the garden for the third arrangement. Clare used gladioli and many pink and mauve garden flowers in a parallel design with an innovative background frame to resemble a fence and cause a wow.

A door wreath was chosen by Maggy for design 4. It was very attractive and contained fruit and flowers in all shades.

C



lare produced the final design of yellow and white flowers in a picnic basket which again looked most attractive.

Merryn, our chair, had once again been baking so we all enjoyed her cake whilst we chatted to friends.

The October meeting should be a very amusing evening. We welcome back Kate Russell with the title "A Touch of the Exquisite" 7-30pm on 8th October at the community centre. Visitors are welcome.

## Foodbank

Thank you for your Harvest donations . Regular donations can always be left at the back of St Andrews and will be collected from there and taken to the Foodbank at Elsmere Port



## St Andrew's Womens group

Our September meeting was an evening to be remembered and something new to us all.

After a very brief AGM we welcomed Sarah Jessop who organises SONG CIRCLE a group who meet to sing in the village hall at Guilden Centre.



The aim of the group is singing together for fun and well being. Sarah led us into a session of warm up exercises to relax our bodies and minds before we started to sing.

We learned by ear and unaccompanied, how to sing a simple 4 line song in parts. We managed singing these four lines as a

round in 4 parts all ending together and sounding very tuneful. We were very pleased with our performance and surprised how good it made us feel. A very enjoyable evening made complete by the serving of tea, coffee and Mairi's home made cakes and biscuits.

Thankyou Sarah for entertaining us so well

Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 1st in the Parish Room at 7pm.





## A Diamond Anniversary

For a couple celebrating 60 years of marriage, it is their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and diamonds may well figure in the gifts of the day!

The last Sunday of September this year saw me celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. But where were the diamonds? Oh, they were there, you are my diamonds! All the people in the parishes and churches the length and breadth of Cheshire and across the Isles of Scilly who have permitted me to minister to them, be their Priest, they, you, are my diamonds, none more precious.



Back in 1990 my ministry was knocked of course for a couple of years by a stroke. That was what brought Margaret and I to Tarvin, where along with the Islands, a wonderful degree of recovery took place, restoring my ministry for many more years, not least here with you in Tarvin and Duddon.

Now at 88 I am facing a new challenge that of vascular dementia to which I know there will be no recovery. But I live trusting that when my final day comes the Lord Jesus will be there to sort me out, as he has always done and until that day comes I will be supported and kept smiling by the love and prayers of my diamond friends.

Thank you and God Bless.

Donald.



## What's What and Who's Who....

### Baptismal Teddy Bears



Since being licensed as a Pastoral Worker to St Andrews Church Tarvin and been involved with the Children's work I have been thinking about the Little ones being brought to the Church for Adam to baptise.

In the past I have knitted teddies for different charities including the Countess of Chester Hospital.

One day I decided to knit a teddy in sparkly white wool and then to show it to Adam to see what he thought. He liked the idea but wondered if the teddy could have a dress or something.

On talking to the Reverend Barbara King we came up with the idea of putting a dress on it.

Once Adam saw the teddy again he agreed that it would be lovely to present each child who is brought for baptism to be given one. The first knitted teddy went out on Palm Sunday at a baptism and since then every child baptised in the parish has received a teddy.

Here is a picture of the teddy when finished by Barbara. I believe from Adam that they are warmly received by Baptism families

June Willis

I would like to make this page a regular monthly feature, so...

Bell ringers, Flower arrangers, Cleaners, Worship leaders, Cake bakers, Coffee servers, one and all, please send in your articles, thoughts or comments along with a photo.

I'm waiting.....Paul



# All things Duddon

## Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School

It was back to school in September after such a lovely summer and all the children have settled well into their new year groups. We welcome the children and families who are new to the school. Mrs Claire Knight has taken over the teaching of Years One and Two in Class One after the departure of Ms Pickering at the end of the summer term. Reception and Nursery children are having a new experience of coming across to the main building and doing some of their activities there.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September the school became officially federated with Barrow CE Primary School and the newly elected governing body have already met to discuss this opportunity to work together. (Please visit our school website if you would like to know more about the elected governors [www.dstp.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.dstp.cheshire.sch.uk) ).

Our PTA also met for their annual meeting and elected their new representatives. It was good to see so many people there, as everyone is always welcome. They have already planned activities for this term and beyond, and we are always grateful for the support they give us and the funds which are raised, all of which are of benefit to all the children.

At the end of October Mrs Knight will be off on a trip with Rev. Adam Friend to visit our partner school in Africa. She has already been taking to the children about the visit, helping them to learn about the situation in which other children have to learn without many of the benefits and resources which we possess here. It is a return visit for Mrs. Knight, so she is excited to discover what has been happening there since she last went and also to carry out some teaching activities while she is there.



## Duddon War Memorial Hall

A quiz will be held in the War Memorial Hall in Duddon on Friday 10th October at 8pm, entry will be £3 and there will be a raffle and bar. all proceeds will go towards the running of the Hall.



## St Peters Little Book Stop

Just inside the side gate to St Peters is Duddons new library—probably the smallest library in the country, but a very welcome one.

You can borrow a book, exchange a book, or just leave a book for somebody else to read

There also one or two magazines inside the 'Library' too!

Why not call by and have a browse

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## Barbara's bit

I have been abbreviated. I would much prefer to be an acronym which is an abbreviation but it makes a sort of word, like NASA, ABTA, BAFTA, you can pronounce it in one go not in individual letters like CEO, PCC or BBC. PIN is a good one, engraved on our brain until we get to the ATM, when somehow it changes. We have lots of times in our lives when we are abbreviated, right at the beginning of life we have D.O.B. at the end, N.O.K. and in between, well, all sorts, like RSVP, !

I have had B.Ed, H.O.D, and N.S.M. I have been closely involved with M.P. and P.C.C. But now I am moving on. Hopefully, if I've filled all the forms in properly, and the Bishop likes them, I shall claim a new abbreviation, P.T.O.

Sounds good doesn't it? P.T.O. No, this one does not mean Please Turn Over though in some ways it is like turning to the next page in the book of my life. I have reached a significant age when the Church of England says, retire or have PTO. As I feel reasonably sane and sober and can still be quite coherent when leading a service or preaching and can be quite useful, I want to have PTO. You probably won't notice any difference in me. I may skip down the nave...out of church, I may disappear to other churches, I won't be called Curate any more (sob!) because I won't be licensed specifically to Tarvin but to the Diocese. But Adam still has a charge over me! He has a harder job to keep me under control now, though I think I am reasonably good and won't say 'no' too many times!

Well, for those of you who are puzzled, P.T.O means I have, in churchy terms, Permission To Officiate, which means despite the advancing age, I am allowed to still carry on doing what I do! So you won't notice any difference!

It took me 7 years to get accepted for training, to be Ordained and with quite a few struggles and hurdles to overcome on the



way. I am so proud that I made it and thankful for the strength God gave me and pray that his strength will continue to support me as I serve him in my own wobbly way.

Thank you to you all for your support and care too. I am truly blessed.

Love and prayers,

Barbara

## Uganda link

We are back off to Uganda in October. If anyone wants to give me some money to take out to use whilst there then please have a chat to me. I am asking for cash in an envelope with your name on, then I can write what the money has been used for and report back to you. So far, I will be taking £300 donated from the Church Coffee Mornings for Bufunda School and £2000 from the Rum and Gin Festival to be shared with the 10 schools within the shole BIND project. Anyone who sponsors a child, I am asking for some photos of you and your family and a letter I can take and share.

Adam



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### HEDGES AND ASHES



As we get towards the end of the hedge cutting season, it's worth reflecting on the amount that has to be done in this respect. The photo on the left shows Linda and Mark finishing off the hedge to the north of the graveyard, by Ardern Close area. This is the highest of the hedges, and does require a safe approach to the use of ladders. Still to be cut is the holly hedge by the war memorial, which is trimmed mid-October prior to the Remembrance Service. This year the service is on 9th November. Hedge and

shrub trimming also gives the team a chance to indulge in some topiary. The photo on the right shows the work of Martin and Neil to produce a perfect rectangular shape on a holly bush in the middle of the graveyard.



However, in the light of long term planning, it is recognised that there are only another 22 plots for ashes available in the existing area, so work is due to start later



in the year on producing an ashes burial section on the north side of the wall. This is the opposite side to that already used for ashes burial, and as shown on the photo on the left. For each ashes burial point, there will be a section for a memorial and flowers, etc., a burial area, then a narrow footpath between the wall and the existing gravestones, which is habitually muddy throughout winter. This first phase should initially give another 36 ashes burial plots for the future.

# **PRAYER FOR OCTOBER 2025**

At St. Andrew's Church, we have been awarded

**ANIMAL FRIENDLY CHURCH STATUS**



We believe that we have a duty to care for all God's creatures and that God has given us dominion over them, not domination. In Church, we strive to play our part in this as we go about our daily activities.

**Why not pop in for coffee,**

**any Wednesday 10am-11:30am and find out what we are doing?**

**Or join us at our 10:45 Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals  
Service on Sunday 5th October.**

## **PRAYER**

**Lord, bless the earth and all its creatures, the work of your hands.  
Comfort those that suffer and know fear or pain. Lord, we thank you  
for the animals who live alongside us as companions and friends.  
Help us to be kind and gentle, to treasure and care for them and to  
live in peace with our fellow creatures.**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**