

TARVIN &
DUDDON



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The Vicar writes...

The Mission of the Church of England Today - By Artificial Intelligence.

Guiding Faith in a Modern World

The Church of England, with its rich history and profound influence on spiritual and civic life, stands at a pivotal moment in its mission. As society evolves, so must its pursuit of guiding principles, grounded in love, hope, and service to humanity.

A Call to Relevance

The Church must seek to address the complexities of a rapidly changing world. This involves responding to social, economic, environmental, and moral challenges in ways that resonate with contemporary communities. The mission of the Church of England today should focus on making faith accessible and meaningful to diverse populations, fostering inclusion for all, regardless of age, gender, culture, or circumstance.

Promoting Social Justice

At the heart of its mission lies the imperative to champion social justice. The Church should advocate for policies and initiatives that address poverty, inequality, and homelessness, offering support and refuge to those in need. By partnering with organisations and grassroots movements, it can amplify its voice and demonstrate its commitment to creating a fair and compassionate society.

Environmental Stewardship

In light of the climate crisis, the Church of England has already begun embracing its role in caring for creation. Strengthening this mission involves promoting sustainability, encouraging eco-friendly practices within congregations, and inspiring communities to view environmental stewardship as a moral and spiritual responsibility.

Spiritual Engagement

The Church must also ensure its teachings remain relevant and illuminating in the lives of its followers. Outreach efforts should focus on digital platforms, youth engagement, and creative

worship practices that connect individuals with the deeper truths of faith. Education and discipleship programs could be expanded to help individuals explore spirituality in ways that enrich their lives.

Championing Peace and Unity

The Church of England could act as a beacon of reconciliation in an increasingly polarised world. By fostering dialogue among people of different beliefs, ideologies, and cultures, the Church can help bridge divides and cultivate understanding, emphasising a shared humanity rooted in mutual respect and peace.

Strengthening Community Bonds

The Church's mission should be anchored in its capacity to build and sustain communities. By creating spaces for fellowship, offering pastoral care, and nurturing relationships, the Church can continue to be a cornerstone for connection and collective growth in an age where isolation and loneliness are on the rise.

A Vision for the Future

As stewards of faith, the Church of England's mission must adapt to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, guided always by the teachings of Christ. Its work should aim to uplift, inspire, and bring hope to millions, embodying grace and compassion in all its endeavours. Whether through acts of service, spiritual guidance, or advocacy for justice, its role remains vital in shaping a world where love and faith transcend boundaries.

From the vicar... I am slowly becoming a little bit addicted to the use of Artificial Intelligence (A.I) to gather information from the Internet. The above took 3 seconds to be found and is in reality what others believe that the Church of England should be doing. Uniquely with our involvement within civic communities and presence through the Parish System, we are placed to have a voice that can be heard. I believe we have moved too far from our goals within our faith and the establishment of 'the church' has caused us to focus more on stone and roofs, rather than on people and faith. I have for 23 years contemplated how our church would be without buildings, without PCC meetings pouring over money to fix this and that. Don't get me wrong, I don't see we will ever relinquish our buildings, not in either mine or your lifetime. However, reading the freedom of the apostles since the Feast of Pentecost, and the revealing of Jesus through the Holy Spirit,

I wonder if our focus on internal rather than external has dampened our ability to preach the gospel and evangelise. I need a team to help plan our Mission for 2026. I have Parochial Church Council Volunteers and need a couple of people from our congregation that are willing to look externally rather than internally. Pray and see if it might be you. We will meet in September and look at how the church is best suited to respond to the needs of the whole parish and how we can enable those within our boundaries (and beyond) to seek a closer relationship with Jesus. I wonder if a fisherman or woman might be helpful at this point. Reread what A.I. has seen as what we need to do. All I typed in was 'What should the mission of the C of E be now'.

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 for July

- 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)
- 7th 11am Toddlers (PR)
12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
- 9th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 10th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
6pm Choir Practice (SA)
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 12th 12.30pm Burial of Ashes (SA)
- 13th **8am Holy Communion (SA)**
9.15am Messy Church (SA)
9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)
10.45am Family Communion (SA)
- 14th 11am Toddlers (PR)
12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
- 16th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 17th 6pm Choir Practice (SA)
7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 19th 10.30am -2pm Open Church (SA)

- 20th **8am Holy Communion (SA)**
9.30am Family Communion (SP)
10.45am Volunteer Celebration Service (SA)
12.30pm Baptism (SP)
1.30pm Baptism (SA)
- 23rd 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 24th 6pm Choir Practice (SA)
 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 27th **8am Holy Communion (SA)**
9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)
10.45am Family Communion (SA)
- 30th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 31st 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

August

- 3rd **8am Holy Communion (SA)**
9.30am Family Communion (SP)
10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)
- 5th 10am Craft Group (SA)
- 6th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am -11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 7th 7pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

Diary dates

The Duddon, Clotton and District War Memorial Hall will be holding it's Annual General Meeting at the Hall on Tuesday 5th August at 7pm.

All Villagers are very welcome.

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 (except 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.

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.

'church'

What is the meaning and origin of the word *church*?

The Greek word translated "church" in the New Testament is *ekklesia*. A literal translation of *ekklesia* would be "a called-out assembly." How we got our English word *church* is a different story, but that, too, is rooted in Greek.

Etymologically speaking, the word *church* means "house of the Lord." The modern word *church* is a direct descendant of the Old English word *cirice* or *circe*. The first recorded use of the Old English word is from the thirteenth century, and it could refer to either a body of Christian believers or to the place where they gathered.

The early Quakers, as a matter of principle, refused to call the buildings where they met "churches," since the biblical word *church* referred to people, not a building. The Quakers instead called a building designed for Christian worship a "steeplehouse." That term is now archaic, as many church buildings no longer have a steeple.

Going further back than Old English, the word *church* ultimately traces its origin to a Greek term, *kūrikón*, which was related to *kurios*, "lord." The phrase *kūrikón oikía* meant "the Lord's house." In the Middle Ages, the Greek term for "house of worship" was shortened to *kūrkón*. And that's the word that was loaned to West Germanic as *kirika* and eventually to Old English as *cirice*.

Old Norse borrowed the Old English word *cirice* to form *kirkja*, and that's where the Scottish word *kirk* came from. During the Middle English period, the word *kirk* was borrowed from the Scots, so now Modern English has both *church* and *kirk* as synonyms.

Many English words, especially those related to Christianity, came from Greek and passed through early German dialects. The word *church* is one of those words. Other English ecclesiastical words that share a Greek origin include *Christ*, *angel*, *evangelism*, *baptize*, *episcopal*, *apostle*, *Presbyterian*, and *charismatic*.

Open Church Day

Step Inside, Discover, and Celebrate

You're Invited!

Join us for Open Church Day, a unique opportunity to explore the beauty, history, and community of our church. Everyone is welcome!

Event Details:

Date: 19th July

Time: 10.30am – 2pm

Location: St Andrews Church, Tarvin.

What to Expect:

An indulgent look at the History of the Building

A chance to have a go at Bell Ringing and look at the Church Clock

A opportunity to meet Choir Members and the Director of Music

Refreshments and an opportunity to chat to others

Come as you are and bring your friends and family along.

Discover the spirit of our church and the stories it holds.

For more information, contact: tarvinparish@gmail.com or 01829740354



Flowers

Ashton Heyes and Tarvin Flower Club.
Garden Visit June 2025

We had perfect weather for our evening visit to "The Old Parsonage" gardens. Our hosts were friendly and welcoming and they explained the history of the church and house. John Douglas, the famous Cheshire architect, designed the house.

The garden slopes quite considerably and was more or less a grassy field when the owners moved to the house nearly 20 years ago. Single handedly they have transformed it into a beautiful and exciting space with a surprise around every corner. Much grass remains and forms wide paths for exploring. There is a small stream and a pond as well as paved areas with large pots as features. The borders were packed full of colourful plants with some shrubs too.

I am sorry to say that few photographs were taken as we were too busy admiring the garden and enjoying the sunshine. The evening finished with a drink and lovely cakes.

Our demonstration in July is on the 9th when Jane Tully will entertain us with the subject "Inspired by Ceramics" Visitors are welcome. We will meet as usual in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre with a 7-30pm start.





All things Duddon

Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School

We are approaching the end of another school year and, as always, this last half term is a busy one! With Year Six pupils having completed their SATs, their thoughts are turning to the next step on their educational path, which will be their transition to their different high schools. Some of them will be moving on to Tarporley and they meet their new tutor groups on their residential visit to the Conway Centre, which is a great opportunity to make new friends, help them feel part of their next year group and allay any worries they might have about their future school.

There is a great focus on Year Six at this time of the year and they celebrated as a year group by a trip to Alton Towers and will be performing an end of year play as part of their last few weeks with us. We have loved sharing time with them and wish them great success in the next part of their educational journey. Other activities at this time include our Camp Night, Sports Day, Year Six Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral and our own Leavers' Service in St. Peter's Church.

After relevant consultations, our Governing Body and that of Barrow CE Primary School have made the final decision to make the partnership of the two schools official and from September 2025, they will embark on formal federation. The schools will appoint a new joint Governing Body and will look forward to the exciting new opportunities this will bring.

To all our children and families, we thank them for their support, co-operation and friendship throughout the year. Have a great summer holiday break and we look forward to the beginning of the next school year and seeing you again!



TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD JULY 2025

HOT DAYS

The spell of hot weather has been well accepted in many respects, but, along with the heavy rain on occasion, the grass has really grown and given the team a challenge to keep it tidy.

The photo on the right shows the bottom end of the "new" field, and how it had grown in just two weeks. To give an example of the work involved, just this small area takes around 2.5 hours with a mower to take it to an acceptable level of cut. This includes getting between the gravestones once the main runs have been mown.



To help out in this respect, the team have purchased a second hand, small, ride-on mower to cut the main field area where it is flat. The photo on the left shows John as the test pilot on it, but Bill T often drives the mower as well. This reduces the cutting time in the area from approx. 2 hours to around 40 minutes. A significant saving in man-hours, and gives a very pleasant stripe

to the field when complete.

The photo on the right is a snapshot of most of the team at the end of a very hot Wednesday afternoon in the graveyard, mid-June. Left to right, Mark, Richard, Peter, Bill, John and Wyn, all beautifully arranged in height order! Rick, Ron and Martin were missing from this photoshoot. That afternoon, four



mowers, three strimmers and two team members working on the front path were all active. A great afternoon from the Z Team.

St Andrews Womens Group

Our June meeting was well attended by an audience eager to hear of Paul Mercer's adventures in Norway. We were not disappointed as he humorously guided us through his time there. From Trolls, to Viking ships and teaching in a Norwegian school while being invited to be part of the team building a museum and heritage centre dedicated to the Viking way of life.

With his knowledge of work he did in York and other Viking heritage sites his input was considerable.

The most impressive project was the building of a replica, full size, Viking longboat rowed by 100 men. Paul even managed to be part of the team sailing and rowing this longboat on one of its inaugural voyages.

Thankyou Paul for an enjoyable evening.

The meeting, as usual, concluded with Mairi's excellent home made biscuits, tea and coffee.

Our next meeting in July will be an outing for those who have booked. This will be a visit to the Middlewich Salt Museum.

There is no meeting in August but we wish everyone a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September





Barbara's bit

10 years!

In wedding anniversaries that is tin, I never made it to tin!

10 years ago I celebrated the Eucharist for the first time, having been priested on the Saturday. I remember being terribly nervous and concentrating like mad on all the things I had to do in a higher church tradition. So much so that when the service concluded I had to ask, "Did the Holy Spirit come?"

Did you know that angels come too?

"The angels surround the priest," writes St. John Chrysostom. "The whole sanctuary and the space before the altar is filled with the heavenly Powers come to honour Him who is present upon the altar."

I must admit that, having learnt that, I always make room for them.

St. John also remarks that "the *Gloria in Excelsis* is the chant of the lower angels. Even the catechumens, (those who are learning) are permitted to join in it." Which I suppose also means us, we are still learning about God's glory and I do love the joyous setting we have to sing. The *Sanctus*, says St. John is "the chant of the Seraphim; it leads into the very sanctuary of the Trinity."

"Holy, holy, holy," again in a setting which we are able to sing, full of reverence and worship. Precious words that resonate with glory and we can feel the presence of God.

I celebrate the 10 years with Smudge, my dog, she got her dog collar at the same time, well, the same year! I know I had mine when I was made Deacon but somehow being priested made it more official and real. One of the first things Smudge had a good chew on was one of my collars! Oh, and as a puppy she had the Church Times to wee on, so I think she has been well initiated into the Church of England.

I have been so blessed to have my ministry here in Tarvin and Duddon - no, I am not retiring yet, though I may not manage another 10 years! I have done things which I thought I would never do - it always amazes me how God gives us strength to do things and never fails to help. It is always an honour and a privilege to

do them.

Thank you all for your love and support and please come and share July 14th with me, I shall celebrate the Eucharist, look out for the angels - and there is fizzy and cake afterwards! Great church this!

Love and prayers,

Barbara

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St Andrew's Coffee Mornings Charity Report

2024 to June 2025

The coffee mornings were started just after COVID in 2021 when we were all still needing to wear masks. Our aim was to provide a safe and warm place for villagers to meet up for a chat or enjoy a game of dominoes. Initially, we had around half a dozen people who joined us on Wednesday mornings but very soon numbers grew to around 30. Shortly after that, we needed to buy more tables and tablecloths, mugs, cafetières etc. as numbers swelled to around 40 people each week and we have maintained these numbers to date. A couple of years ago, as a church, we committed to animal friendly practices regarding the use of kitchen products which are cruelty-free, recycling, the non-use of pesticides etc and allowing dogs to accompany their owners to church. We then qualified to join ASWA [the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals]. As a result we often enjoy the company of well-behaved pooches at coffee mornings. Your generosity has meant that we have been able to donate substantial sums to various charities since 2021, details of our most recent donations can be seen opposite. Occasionally these have been supplemented by Sunday donations e.g. Christian Aid.

2024

Bufunda Primary School £300

British heart Foundation £220.15

Clatterbridge £319.10

Christian Aid £483.40

MacMillan £586.20



2025 to date

Bufunda Primary School £300

British Heart Foundation £239.00

Christian Aid £559.55 + emergency appeal for Myanmar £142.80

£250 approx. has been donated to the Foodbank and the above charities
[Rev. Barbara's cards]

Thank you!

We appreciate the support of everyone who joins us for coffee, the welcomers, bakers, washer-uppers, shoppers, table-setters, taxi service drivers, laundry ladies and the gentlemen who put the tables away at the end. Thanks also to Adam and Barbara for their unfailing support. It really is a team effort!

The Coffee Morning Team



Pilgrimages

When Paul Mercer took over responsibility for the Parish Magazine - and I think he's doing a great job - he asked for contributions of a semi secular nature. I was reminded of the various holidays that Brenda and I had taken that had involved visiting a religious institution of some kind. Often accidentally, sometimes to get out of the rain, and usually one that had a good eating establishment close by. So, after a chat with Paul, I settled down to write a series of tales about our adventures. There's been a theme, if you've read them all, and hopefully enjoyed them. That theme was, and still is, Letters of the Alphabet. Which gave me a problem, as we'd been nowhere beginning with the letter E. So I've cheated.

Eboracum is the Roman name for York, and we've been there a couple of times. On this visit, we were camped at Bishopsgate on the banks of the river Ouse and close to the racecourse. Bishopstoke has a high street reminiscent of my youth - and that was a very long time ago! We wandered down towards the city, intent on our destination, past the host of independent shops, then over the bridge at the actual bishop's gate and past the Angel On The Green....a very secular start, except that the Angel was a pub. York Minster towered in the distance, but we snatched a quick breakfast first at Betty's Cafe Tea Rooms. We reached the Minster with seconds to spare before the Communion Service, which was something of an eye opener to me - with my Low Church upbringing. After the service, we retired to the cafe and planned our tour of the magnificent building. Another £5 spent, another guidebook purchased; and we were off; determined to explore as much as possible before it got dark (it was January and below freezing, by the way). Founded in 627, almost 1400 years ago, it was mainly built between 1220 and 1472, and amongst a host of superlatives are (for me) the various medieval windows. The Five Sisters, the Last Judgement, the Rose Window, and best of all, the Heart of Yorkshire Window (a tough one for me as a proud Lancastrian, but true beauty conquers all).

This beautiful building has survived several lightning strikes, countless fires, being repeatedly sacked by Vikings and Norman's alike: and yet was surprisingly spared by Henry V111, as it seems he needed a strategic base in the North. It's an awesome place to visit, and, unlike Durham (see last month's article), we did go back later in the year. And yes, we were enthralled even more the second time around. Please go, if you can, you won't be disappointed.....and you might even catch me in the Angel On The Green enjoying a pint of Guinness

Donald Bailey



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Tarvin Parish, St Andrew's and St Peter's takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding

St Mary's the Virgin in Ross on Wye

Having now been inspired by Don Bailey and his pilgrimages, I would like to mention another church worthy of a visit.

Two years ago in February for my birthday we visited Ross on Wye and we stayed at The Royal Hotel (dog friendly and so Louis went too).

Next to The Royal which is located high up in the town is St Mary's Parish Church. Each morning we would enjoy a walk around the churchyard. It is rather beautiful and very peaceful. Because you are situated very high up there are breathtaking views looking down to The River Wye.

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is one of the larger churches in Hertfordshire. It is open every day. The spire is the tallest in Hertfordshire and can be seen for miles around. Most of the church was built about 1284. The stained glass in the east window dates back to 1430. There is a small stained glass window above the chancel arch which depicts Joseph holding the baby Jesus. A memorial in the chancel contains a poem written by Sir Walter Raleigh on the eve of his execution.

If you have the good fortune to visit Ross on Wye it's well worth a visit.

Caroline Brierley



Prayer for July 2025

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

Mark 6 v 31

Lord, it was you who reminded your disciples that they needed times of refreshment from the stresses and strains of the day.

Help us to treasure each summer day as a gift from you and embrace every opportunity to share fellowship and hope with others.

Thank you for the beauty we see all around us and for the joy of being outside enjoying your creation whether on holiday or in the sunshine at home.

We pray for those away on holiday, for our families, carers, teachers and pupils for rest, relaxation and safe travels; for those holidaying at home, for the joy of friends and family who visit and for days out.

Draw us closer to you this summer and show us how we can pray for each other and for the world wherever we are.
Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

Amen.



Peace and quiet in the Outer Hebrides