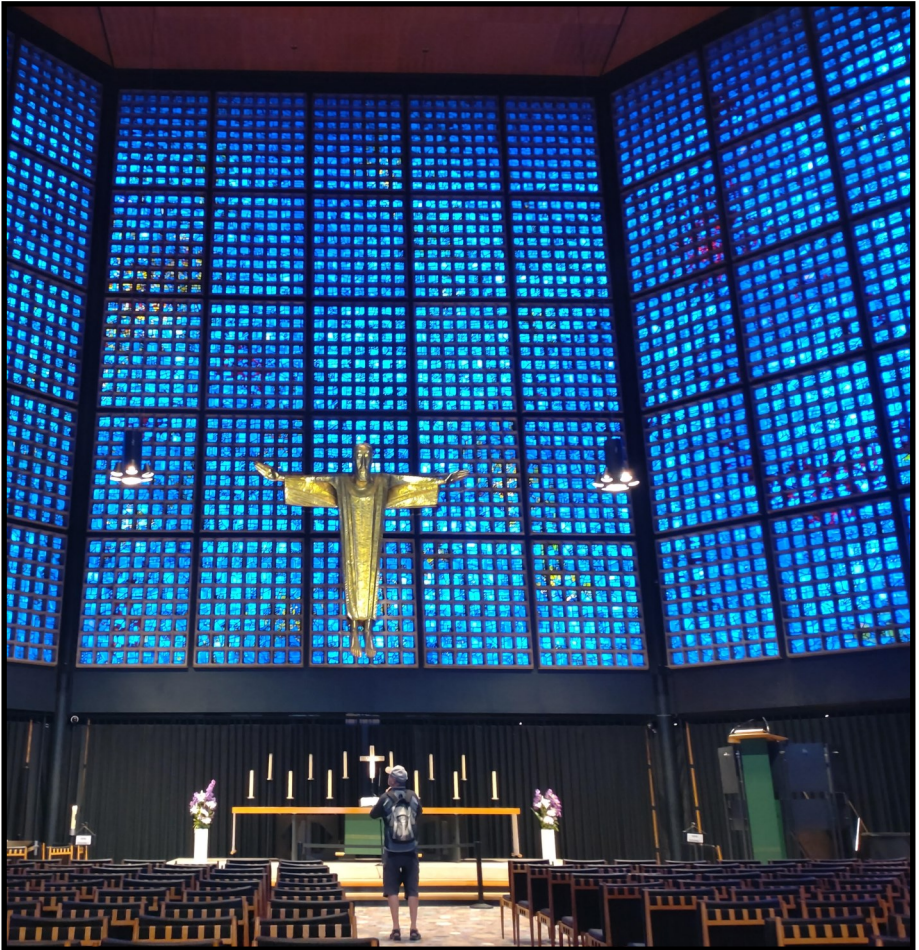


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## The Vicar writes...

As we move into June, the Church's calendar draws our attention towards St Peter, whose feast we keep near the end of the month. Peter is one of the most familiar figures in the Gospels, and perhaps that is because he is so recognisably human. He is eager, outspoken, loyal, sometimes fearful, sometimes brave, and not always wise. In other words, he is not a polished saint from the beginning, but a disciple shaped by grace. That is good news for us, because most Christian living is not about getting everything right first time. It is about allowing Christ to form us, again and again, into people who can love more faithfully.

Peter's life reminds us that Christian love is never based on perfection. We remember him stepping out of the boat in faith, only to begin sinking when fear took over. We remember his bold confession that Jesus is the Christ, and we remember too his terrible denial on the night of the arrest. Peter knew what it was to be courageous one moment and broken the next. Yet Jesus did not cast him aside. After the resurrection, the Lord gently restored him with that threefold question: "Do you love me?" Peter's failure was real, but it was not final. Love, in the hands of Christ, became stronger than shame.

There is a lesson here for Christians today. We often imagine that loving as Christ loves must mean being endlessly strong, patient, and untroubled. But Peter shows us something more honest. Christian love grows not only in our successes, but also in our repentance. It grows when we admit that we have spoken too quickly, judged too harshly, stayed silent when we should have spoken, or turned away when someone needed us. Peter is a role model not because he never failed, but because he let Jesus meet him in his failure and remake him for service. That takes humility, and humility is one of the deepest roots of love.

Peter also teaches us that love is active. After Pentecost he did not hide away in embarrassment or fear. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he spoke boldly, cared for the growing church, and pointed others to Jesus. Love for Christ became love for Christ's people. That pattern remains for us. To love today is not simply to feel warmly; it is to encourage the anxious, visit the lonely, forgive the difficult, pray for the suffering, and stand beside those who are overlooked. Peter's example reminds us that ordinary people, surrendered to God, can become channels of extraordinary grace.

.In a world that often rewards confidence without compassion, opinion without listening, and strength without tenderness, St Peter offers a different witness. He teaches us to be honest about our weaknesses, open to forgiveness, and ready to begin again. He reminds us that discipleship is not a performance but a relationship with the living Christ. So perhaps the prayer for this month is a simple one: Lord, teach us to love as Peter learned to love—through trust, through repentance, through courage, and through grace. And may our homes, our church, and our community be places where that patient and hopeful love may be seen.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter, by combining two of our morning services. Holding a service at St Peter's at 10.30am.

**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>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Week Family Communion

4.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Family Communion

### **Weekly Activities:**

#### **Wednesdays**

9.15am Morning Prayer (St Andrews)

10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (St Andrews)

#### **Thursdays**

5.45pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

7pm Bellringing

# Diary for June

- 1<sup>st</sup>** 12.15pm Lunch Club (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Club (SP)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9am Treetots (SP)  
2-4pm Pilgrim Places Event (SA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10-11.30am Coffee morning (SA)  
7pm St Andrews Womens Group (PR)
- 4<sup>th</sup>** 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)  
5.30pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7.15pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 7<sup>th</sup>** **8am Holy Communion (SA)**  
**9.30am Family Communion (SP)**  
**10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)**
- 8<sup>th</sup>** 12.15pm Lunch Club (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Club (SP)
- 9<sup>th</sup>** 9am Treetots (SP)  
10am Craft Group (SA)  
1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
- 10<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10-11.30am Coffee morning (SA)
- 11<sup>th</sup>** 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)  
11am Ecumenical Group  
5.30pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7.15pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 13<sup>th</sup>** 12pm Village Fete
- 14<sup>th</sup>** **8am Holy Communion (SA)**  
**9.15am Messy Church**  
**9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)**  
**10.45am Family Communion (SA)**

- 15<sup>th</sup>** 12.15pm Lunch Club (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Club (SP)
- 16<sup>th</sup>** 9am Treetots (SP)  
10am Craft Group (SA)  
1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
- 17<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10-11.30am Coffee morning (SA)
- 18<sup>th</sup>** 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)  
5.30pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7.15pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Fathers Day**  
**8am Holy Communion (SA)**  
**9.30am Family Communion (SP)**  
**10.45am Morning Prayer (SA)**
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** 12.15pm Lunch Club (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Club (SP)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9am Treetots (SP)  
1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
- 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)  
10-11.30am Coffee morning (SA)
- 25<sup>th</sup>** 11am - 2.30pm Holiday at Home (TMC)  
5.30pm Choir Practice (SA)  
7.15pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 28<sup>th</sup>** **8am Holy Communion (SA)**  
**10.30am Family Communion (SP)**
- 29<sup>th</sup>** 12.15pm Lunch Club (PR)  
3.30pm Lego Club (SP)
- 30<sup>th</sup>** 9am Treetots (SP)  
1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)

## Scripture based Prayers for July 2026



Heavenly Father,

Thank You for bringing me into a new month. Your mercy is new every morning, and Your faithfulness never fails. As Your Word says:

*"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." —  
Psalm 118:24*

Lord, guide my steps throughout July 2026. Help me trust You with all my heart and not lean on my own understanding.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5-6*

Give me strength when I feel weak, peace when I feel anxious, and wisdom in every decision I make.

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." —  
Philippians 4:13*

Protect my family and loved ones. Surround our home with Your presence and keep us in safety and unity.

*"The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." — Psalm 121:8*

Father, help me walk in love, patience, kindness, and forgiveness. Let my life reflect Your light each day.

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16*

I place this month into Your hands, believing that You are working all things for good.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." — Romans 8:28*

In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

## Notices

### **BIBLE STUDY**

An opportunity for everyone to find out a little more about how we use the words from the bible to inform the way we live our lives in faith. This is open to anyone who would like to come. We will meet every Tuesday at 1.30pm in the Parish Room.

### **BIG QUESTIONS**

Linked into the above, Rev Barbara, Rev Rick and Rev Adam are going to answering some of the *big questions* in online sessions. If you have any *big questions* you would like us to think about, and try and answer, then please email [tarvinparish@gmail.com](mailto:tarvinparish@gmail.com) and in the heading put 'online questions'. No question is too big or too small.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Every Wednesday in St Andrew's Church from 10am to 11.30am

### **LEGO CHURCH**

This 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.

### **SINGLES LUNCH—for those who usually eat on their own**

We have lunch, and a domino game and conversation. This will be 12.15pm - 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**

This meets twice a month on Tuesdays ( except in August ), from 10am till 12 midday in St,Andrew's. You can join in with the activity provided or sit and knit and crochet 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.

## Brenda & Don's Pilgrimages

"I love Paris in the Springtime" is a popular song, written by Cole Porter in 1953. It has featured in many films and stage shows and has been recorded countless times. Its lyrics and tune make it one of the greats even today.

In fact I suspect that anybody who hums the first line, and everybody seems to know how it goes, will find the song going round and round in their head.

Brenda and I were lucky enough to spend a week in Paris, one springtime. Yes we had April in Paris, another famous song.....no doubt also now going round and round in your head. During our stay we did all the usual tourist things, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Louvre, Sacre Coeur (more about that in a few months time), the Moulin Rouge, the Crazy Horse Nightclub ( a bit risqué) and went cruising on the Seine. The weather was fine ( in fact it sizzled.... back to Mr. Porter's song again) and we both had a wonderful time.

My alphabetical stories about our various visits have now reached the letter N and I can think of no better place than the Cathedrale Notre-Dame de Paris, situated on the Ile de la Citie, a small island on the River Seine. Founded in March 1163 with construction work continuing until it was consecrated in May 1182, ( but building went on until 1260) it was once the resting place of such Relics as the Crown of Thorns and Pieces of the True Cross. Made from limestone and marble, with 10 bronze bells, it has 2 square towers, both 69 metres - 226 ft - high. Probably the best example of French Gothic style, with a ribbed vaulted ceiling and enormous flying buttresses outside the church, it's notable for the extensive sculptural decorations it contains. The enormous rose windows and 3 pipe organs also set it apart from other Parisian churches.

It's been the scene of many famous weddings, coronations, funerals, and first masses; with Napoleon cheekily taking the French Laurel Wreath Crown from Pope Pius VII and crowning himself (and then Josephine).

Joan of Arc unsuccessfully attacked the Parisian outskirts in 1429

but the English Army easily held her off. Nevertheless Notre Dame was the scene of her being declared a Martyr in 1456 and a Saint in 1920 - both before my time. The Cathedral has at times had a somewhat bloodied history. Seen as a symbol of French Royalty it was attacked by the Parisian mob several times between 1689 and 1793, during the French Revolution, and even by the Communards ( local poor Parisians and not the 1980s British pop duo) and it subsequently needed major restoration between 1844 and 1864.

Then there was the fire of 2019, which destroyed the Spire and Roof. By December 2024 the repairs and renovations were complete and the doors opened once again to the first of the 11 million people who visit it every year.

Au revoir, Donald Bailey.



## Quiz Time

**You can.....**Phone A Friend (Adam?), Ask the Congregation, or look for the Answers on Page 13

1. Who produced the first refillable fountain pen?
2. Who are the five permanent members of the UN Sec Council?
3. True or False - the country with the most spoken languages is India?
4. The 100 years war actually lasted 116 yrs True or False?
5. The only mammal capable of true flight is a bat, True or False?
6. Mahatma Gandhi was awarded the Nobel Peace prize True or False?
7. In which year was HMS Victory launched?
8. Which US State produces the most pistachios?
9. In which year did the Islamic revolution take place in Iran?
10. What ingredient is added to Brown sugar that makes it brown?
11. Which element has the symbol Sn?
12. When did the Profumo scandal occur?
13. Who were the three main protagonists involved?
14. Who was on the English throne when HM Victory was launched?
15. Who was the Prime minister at that time?
16. How many lbs are in 1 cwt?
17. In liquid Imperial terms how much is a Bushell and how much is a Peck?
18. Which river runs through the centre of Oxford?
19. Which county is Luton Airport in?
20. Which author wrote the book "Of Mice & Men"?

## Flower club

Our demonstrator this month was our own club president. She has been an area demonstrator for many years but has now ceased to demonstrate so this was a special favour.

Sharon is well known for her well stocked garden , full of beautiful foliage which she used to great advantage when she showed us " Teatime with flowers"

Her designs were varied in colour and shape and all were placed in a cup or cup and saucer. The first one in shades of purple was an all- round design and this was followed, in a smaller container by a white horizontal arrangement. The third cup and saucer in grey colour was standing on a small metal chair which allowed for a large triangular design of varied foliage and completed with lovely yellow roses. The final design was in pink and red tones. The weigela in her foliage had red buds and flowers to add to the flowers in this flowing design. Again she had much foliage to show off the pink shaded lilies and the beautiful salmon pink peonies.

To display flowers without using floral foam Sharon had decorated glass jars with hessian and placed mixed garden flowers into them. This showed us a very easy and simple way to make an effect especially if grouping many together. The raffle winners were pleased with the thoughtful way that Sharon had made it easy to remove the designs from their cups and saucers.

To complete the teatime theme we had homemade scones with local clotted cream.

The June meeting is our garden visit and on July 8<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Preston Jones will entertain us with the title "Dedicated Follower of Fashion"



## St Andrew's Women's group

We were pleased to welcome local author

FI MILES

as our speaker for the May meeting.

There was almost a record attendance to enjoy a very entertaining and humorous talk by Fi who took us through the trials and tribulations of writing and finally publishing a novel.

A very talented speaker, as well as a writer, she took us through the process of being inspired to eventually seeing the book in print. We found this was not as easy as might be thought and involved lots of discussions with publishers, other writers, proof readers and then marketing.

The story entitled " The second life of Ged Baker" is set in Cornwall and the inspiration came from Fi's connection with Coverack where she spends as much time as possible.

The eye catching cover was designed by local graphic artist DAREN TAPLEE-WILLIAMS and is a piece of art in itself.

Fi is now working on her second book.

Copies of her novel can be obtained directly from Fi, Amazon or is available on Kindle.

I am looking forward to what promises to be a good read.

Thankyou Fi for a lovely evening and congratulations on becoming an author.

Our next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD when our speaker will be from the CLOTTON DAIRY COMPANY.



## TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD JUNE 2026



Whilst the trees were given their "haircut" in November, it was debated whether to leave a branch to form an archway of leaves at the entrance area. As can be seen in the above photograph, this is now growing quite nicely to form a framework at the front. As the trees are starting to grow some new greenery again, the whole area is now softened from the starkness of the bare tree trunks to form a natural, inviting entrance once again.

# All Things Duddon

## Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School

It has been another busy half-term and we are fast approaching another end of school year. Our Year Six children worked hard in preparation for their SATs and to 'be the best they can be'. Soon they will be turning their thoughts to moving on and looking forward to their respective high schools.

A new venture was tried by the PTA - the Colour Run. This event was such a lot of fun for those children who took part and for those who spectated. Children were sponsored to run around the school field and to be blasted with coloured powders at various stages - they loved it! Not only was it fun but helped to raise money for the PTA as well - a great event.

Following SATs Week, the school planned its Science Week, which included a trip to Manchester to the Museum of Illusion, talks at school by parents who are involved in STEM occupations and a variety of other science based activities. They will also be taking part in another Eco Day soon as part of our work funded by the Royal Society and linked with Chester University as our STEM partner. The school is lucky to have wonderful outdoor environments such as a pond, woodland and an orchard and the children are able to study and observe wildlife in many different forms.

Please visit our website at [www.dstp.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.dstp.cheshire.sch.uk) if you would like to read more about our school, where there is also a link to our Ofsted report, or **contact the school if you would like to visit and see what it has to offer your child. We have places available across all age groups.**





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## Barbara's bit

A sense of humour is a funny thing! What is hilarious to one person can rarely produce a flicker of a smile in another. Humour can be cruel too. And then we sometimes assume that important people, like our King or Queen, never giggle hysterically as they kick off their shoes, remembering the past day.

Some jokes come in groups, mother- in -law jokes or changing lightbulbs ... 'how many charismatics does it take to change a light bulb? Only one since his/her hands are in the air anyway.

Some things start serious and then become funny... insurance or accident claims are a good example ...' the guy was all over the road, I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.' Or 'I was on my way to the doctor with rear-end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident.'

But what about God? Far too awesome to have a sense of humour! ... but then he created us, and aardvaks. Have you seen the baby one at Chester Zoo? Such a funny little cutie.

Many stories in the Bible, which we can take far too seriously, have an element of humour, think of Balaam's ass and camels going through eyes of a needle, just 2 examples - find more and tell me, so we can laugh together!

I recently watched 'The Chosen' a film retelling Jesus' life. It was quirky and serious, visually interesting and funny. It was the depiction of Jesus that I loved. When he told Simon Peter to let down the net one more time, Simon Peter just stared at him, Jesus winked, the net was let down and when all the fish appeared, Jesus was laughing! At the wedding in Cana, he grinned delightedly when the water turned to wine. It was so human, which of course he was, and divine - and very believable.

It was wonderful to watch and added a dimension to the Bible stories that made them real. This was a reality worth knowing. The images will stay in my mind and make me smile, something to hang onto in darker days.

Laughter is very good for us, it is free medicine for the body, an instant stress reliever. Like the sun it relaxes and rejuvenates. I pray that you may have many times of laughter and sun.

Love and prayers,  
Barbara

## Quiz Answers

1. Lewis Waterman 1884
2. UK, China, Russia, USA, France
3. False - Papa New Guinea
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. 1765
8. California
9. 1979
10. Molasses
11. Tin
12. 1961
13. Dr Stephen Ward, Christine Keeler and Mandy Reic-Davies
14. George III
15. William Pitt the Elder
16. 112
17. 8 gallons & 2 gallons
18. Chervell
19. Bedfordshire
20. John Steinbeck

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## Ecumenical Volunteers Needed

On the **13th of June for the Village Fete** we are jointly running the coffee's and cakes from the Edna Rose room from 12–5pm. We need some cake donations and some volunteers to help on the day.

On the **25th of June from 10.30am–2.30pm** volunteers are needed for 'Holiday @ Home' at TMC. If you can help in the morning or afternoon or over lunch please come and support this day.

**Signing up Sheets are at the back of St Andrews Church**



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