

**The Parish of Timperley**  
**Christ Church and Holy Cross**

 **THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Chester



**A call to  
prayer**  
Daily  
@ 11am

## **Timperley Parish News and Worship**

**Sunday 8th May**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**11.00 Holy Communion at Holy  
Cross**

**Followed by Bring Your Own  
Lunch in the Parish Hall to  
welcome Father Steve**

**You are encouraged still to santize and  
wear a face covering in church**

Welcome to the weekly email from the Parish of  
Timperley!

Find weekly notices from the parish and readings, reflections and prayers for this weekend



## **Father Stephen Dunton - Vicar of Timperley Parish...**

I was born in Derbyshire but moved to the new town of Redditch in Worcestershire when I was five. I do have Cheshire roots from my mother who came from Middlewich.

I came to faith as a teenager at school, became a server at church and eventually in my late teens a candidate for ordination, following a deep sense of calling.

Following a selection conference, I was told I was too young, which was probably right. I went into teaching and taught RE for 25 years on several Midlands Schools, a role I thoroughly enjoyed. I became a Head of department and latterly involved in pastoral care and chaplaincy.

I was ordained as a deacon in another denomination, acting for several years as a non stipendiary minister. I was gradually drawn back to the church of my youth. My call to the priesthood that I felt as a youth had never gone away. In 2018, I was selected for ordination to the priesthood. We moved as a family to Cuddesdon Theological College before the joyful day in 2019, when I was ordained to the priesthood.

I served my title at Pershore Abbey, with more than a thousand years of history. I had a varied curacy there and across three rural parishes. I'm not sure I'll have to navigate getting through sheep in order to get to a wedding in Timperley!

God is good and faithful and that has been my experience. Faith is a journey but Jesus never lets you down. His grace is beyond measure.

We are delighted to be here in Timperley and look forward to getting to know you, as we take the next steps in the life of our parish together.

I'm married to Hannah and we have 2 children, William and James who live at home.

William would like it to be known that he is on the autistic spectrum. I have 3 older children and two grandchildren. Two of my older children are serving police officers. We enjoy visiting National Trust properties and looking forward to making new memories. We enjoy watching dramas and British comedy. Hannah is working towards a teaching and performance diploma in piano. I like a good curry or Chinese meal and enjoy trying real ales.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP

### Acts 9: 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

### Intercessions for 4th Sunday of Easter

written by Aileen Moran

Good Shepherd, lead us through our daily lives, especially when we walk through the wilderness times, to those green pastures where we might feed on your abundant provision.

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

Good Shepherd, save us from ourselves and our persistence in doing the same “wrong” things over and over again, expecting different results. We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep. Help us to hear and respond when you say, “Follow Me.” Help us to be Good Shepherds in our lives and be a true reflection of you.

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

Good Shepherd, we pray for those in positions of authority and leadership, especially in Ukraine and Russia; that they do not misuse their powers but respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries. Help us to learn from one another’s cultures and respect one another’s differences.

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

Good Shepherd as we reflect on Peter’s healing of the seamstress Dorcas we give thanks for all those pursuing craft activities throughout our churches and the valuable and ongoing fundraising function that they fulfil. We remember too that Jesus himself was a carpenter and so we also pray for all those who work with their hands to maintain and improve our homes and churches.

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

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find comfort and healing. We bring to you those who are weak, or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual health. You are the great healer, and we pray for healing of mind and body for those on our Parish prayer list and those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

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

Good Shepherd, you watch over us; leading us through the barren places, to the place of your safety, that we might gladly lie down in peace. Be especially close to all those who through the loss of a loved one are now in a barren place; give them comfort and reassurance and help them to remember that your son Jesus Christ put an end to death by dying for us.

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

Good Shepherd, support us by your grace through all the hours of life’s day: until the shadows lengthen, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and the evening comes. Then Lord, in your mercy: grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

And finally, as Christian Aid Week approaches, a prayer for all those involved in the fund raising  
Let us pray for grateful hearts, for sympathetic hearts, for generous hearts and wills quick to help and persistent in effort. That our nation and government may

give generously for relief of refugees and be ready to help them find new homes and new homelands. That all nations may live free from fear and free from want. Lord Jesus, help us to consider the legacy we will leave behind and take action today for the sake of tomorrow.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST

YFC are engaging on some Thursday nights with our youth on the Broomwood Estate. Please pray for them as they come alongside the young people to share God's love. Father Steve will be joining them on some Thursdays

### PRAYER LIST for MAY.

Our Prayers, this month, have been asked for: Wendy Moon, Mavis Ryan, Colin T, Philip Harrison and Sam Harrison, Valtina Bishop, Peggy Crane, Hilda Barker, Lauren, Beryl Humphreys, Stephanie Buchan, Pauline Cotterell, Mary Dodd, David Phillips, Stanley, Nellie Moore, Richard, David Purser, James Dewhurst, John and Beryl Etherington.

'May God Bless Them with His Love and Peace' Amen.

If you know anyone who would like to have their name added, please fill in a request form, from the back of each Church and hand it to the Church Wardens. Thank You.

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## WEEKLY NOTICES

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 8th May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Holy Communion service  
at Holy Cross followed by Bring Your Own Lunch in the  
Parish Hall

# Theresa Brown

The funeral of Theresa Brown will be taking place in Christ Church on Thursday 12 May at 12.15 pm followed by a service at Altrincham Crematorium

## Return to in-person worship

Updated COVID restrictions for worship

Following discussion at PCC and after receiving guidance and advice from the Church of England, some restrictions for in-person worship have been lifted - distancing in church has now be reduced to 1metre, masks will still be needed inside, and some singing during services will be introduced. We're very aware of the continued rise in cases, and we want to continue to protect each other as much as possible. As ever, if you still do not feel safe or ready to return to in person worship, please be assured of our prayers, and continue to keep updated with readings and prayers on these weekly emails. The situation will continue to be monitored during the summer and autumn. Thank you for your support and patience.

Please make a note of where and when services are taking place, and if in any doubt, contact the Churchwardens or check on the parish website or Facebook pages.

## Services for May

Date	Season	Services
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00 <b>Christ Church</b> Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00 <b>Holy Cross</b> Holy Communion Followed by ' <b>Bring your own lunch</b> ' in the Parish Hall.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>10.00 Christ Church</b> Holy Communion <b>11.00 Vestry Meeting and APCM</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00 <b>Holy Cross</b> Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>	19.30 <b>Holy Cross</b> Holy Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00 <b>Christ Church</b> Holy Communion

## THY KINGDOM COME

The Church of England invites us to take part in an ecumenical wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. This is to pray for a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in order to release new gifts to serve the needs of the world. There will be prayer journals, novena leaflets and "cheeky pandas" stories for your children and grandchildren. These are available in both churches for you to collect and share with others.

The novena prayers are to be said daily between Ascension and Pentecost.

## Holy Communion

*If you are planning to attend a Holy Communion Service at either Holy Cross or Christ Church, please be aware of the following:*

Communion will be in one kind only - just bread, no wine;  
Masks will need to be worn for the whole service, except for taking the bread  
The wafers will be dropped into the hands of each communicant;  
Each communicant should extend their hands to receive the bread, with face covering in place. They should then lower or unloop the face covering, consume the bread, and then replace the face covering.  
No words of distribution are to be said;  
The priest is to wear a face mask throughout the distribution of the bread;  
If hands touch, both communicant and priest are to sanitise their hands immediately;

### **For Christ Church:**

The wafers will be distributed from the chancel step;  
Congregation to approach via the one way system in church, with those sitting in the balcony first, then from back of pews in aisles near main door, round to front of organ side aisle  
Congregation to queue 1m apart down the aisle;  
If you are worried about mobility, please take a seat in one of the side chapels, and the priest can bring communion to you

### **For Holy Cross:**

The wafers will be distributed from the chancel step.  
If you are worried about mobility, the priest can bring communion to you.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Each year every parish has to hold a general meeting. This year our meeting will be on **Sunday 15 May 2022 at Christ Church after the morning service.**

Various business matters are dealt with, including the election of people to the church council – PCC – and the updating of the Electoral Roll.

As for PCC members, we need up to 5 new people this year. The term of office will vary. If you have been on PCC before, provided you have had a year's break, you can seek election again. You will need to fill in a very short form signed by a proposer and a seconder. More information can be obtained from any PCC member or Carol Brooks-Johnson – who also has the forms.

To become a PCC member, you have to be over 16, a communicant and be on the electoral roll. You do not have to live in the parish.

The electoral roll is a list of people who are part of the church. No one has to be on the roll, but you do need to be on the roll to be a PCC member and / or vote in any elections. There is no limit to the number that can be on the roll.

Essentially, to be on the roll you need to be over 16, baptised and attend church when able.  
If you would like more information about the roll and / or a form then please see Carol Brooks-Johnson.  
We would like to have our full quota of people on PCC and plenty of people on the electoral roll.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

Covid 19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our neighbours into a struggle for survival. This Christian Aid Week will focus on Zimbabwe, a country where the impact of the climate crisis is keenly felt and where drought is leading to widespread hunger. Seven out of ten women rely on farming to earn a living. With no rain, they can't grow enough food and struggle to provide for their children.

Christian Aid is working with partner organisations in Zimbabwe to help build these people's resilience to withstand the effects of the climate crisis. They are also inviting us all to call on the UK Government to take action to protect communities across the world from the loss and damage caused by the climate crisis.

**Every gift. Every action. Every prayer.  
Every one of us can change lives.**

This year again, we are having a collection in our churches for Christian Aid. There will be donation envelopes in both churches before and during Christian Aid Week and a petition to sign calling on our Government to take action.

**It is important that, as Christians, our voices are heard.**

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30 pm in the Parish Hall, 'Dabbling with Flowers'. Our Parish flower ladies are showing us how to make small arrangements.

The Diocese has asked each Deanery to provide an arrangement of flowers for the Cathedral on the celebration of our Patron Queen Elizabeth's 70<sup>th</sup> Platinum Jubilee. Several of our members and members in the Deanery are getting together to organise this and if anyone would like to go to the cathedral please let me know and we can travel together to Chester.

For further information about Mothers' Union or any of the above contact Gill Campbell 941 3859 or Hilary Dooley 980 7879.

## **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

Community Cafe is now open again each Monday from 10am.  
We look forward to welcoming Everyone for a time of friendly fellowship and refreshments together but ask that social distancing is observed, to keep us all as safe as possible.

## **MONTHLY CALENDAR.**

The monthly calendar for May is now available at the back of both Churches.  
If you know anyone who isn't on e-mail and doesn't receive the weekly newsletter, could you please take one and deliver it to them. **THANK YOU.**

# Easy Fundraising

You can now help raise money for the mission and ministry of the parish every time you shop online, through Easy Fundraising! We've recently set up an account which means by visiting the [Easy Fundraising website](#) before you shop online, we will receive a small donation for every purchase made on participating websites.

So if you're looking to shop online with companies such as Amazon, ebay, John Lewis, M&S and Argos (to name but a few),

1. First visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).
2. go to the box "search for a new cause" and enter the **Parish of Timperley Christ Church** - this will take you through to the church's page
3. click on **support this cause** - this will then take you through to a new page and you need to set up your account
4. **get shopping!** And for every purchase from supporting retailers, we will receive a donation.

It is a really easy and quick way to raise money for the parish! Do spread the word!

## MEET ME IN THE KITCHEN

A virtual gathering from our homes

**When?** Every Wednesday 10.00am – 11.00am  
**Who?** Everyone linked to the parish is welcome  
**How?** via on line platform Zoom

Contact Margaret Thomason for more information on 0161 941 4205

*Zoom is a networking tool that works via the internet and telephone. If you have a computer and webcam or a smart phone or tablet, you will be able to connect with others from your own home using the camera and microphone.*

*If you don't have a computer you can dial into a meeting using your landline phone. Full instructions can be provided.*

*In this time of social distancing gathering on Zoom each week will be one way for us to keep in touch.*

Come along on Zoom **every Wednesday at 10am** for a time to chat and catch up

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87359434410?pwd=NTVBdVZ1cS8vYjFoZ2NwZWt0TGdVXz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5943 4410  
Passcode: 982087

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HOMEMADE MARMALADE is always available.  
If you would like to order a jar, please contact  
Gill Campbell on 07543 554274, who will be happy  
to deliver it to you, for a donation in aid of The Parish.  
THANK YOU

## We take safeguarding seriously

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of all of us. Our safeguarding policies and details of where to get help are displayed in each church and on the parish website. If you have any concerns that you or someone else are at risk from harm, please speak to the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Aileen Moran, on 07948 795 962 (safeguarding@timperleyparish.org.uk), or contact a member of the clergy. If there is immediate danger call 999.

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