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Sundays 11:00 First Sunday: *Worship4U* non-Eucharistic all-age service
All other Sundays: Parish Communion
(5th Sunday as announced)

Mondays 16:00 Evening Prayer

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to worship God and work together with our fellow Christians in the power of the Holy Spirit to:

- develop the spiritual life of all Christian people;
- share the good news of the Kingdom of God;
- bear witness to His love and forgiveness.

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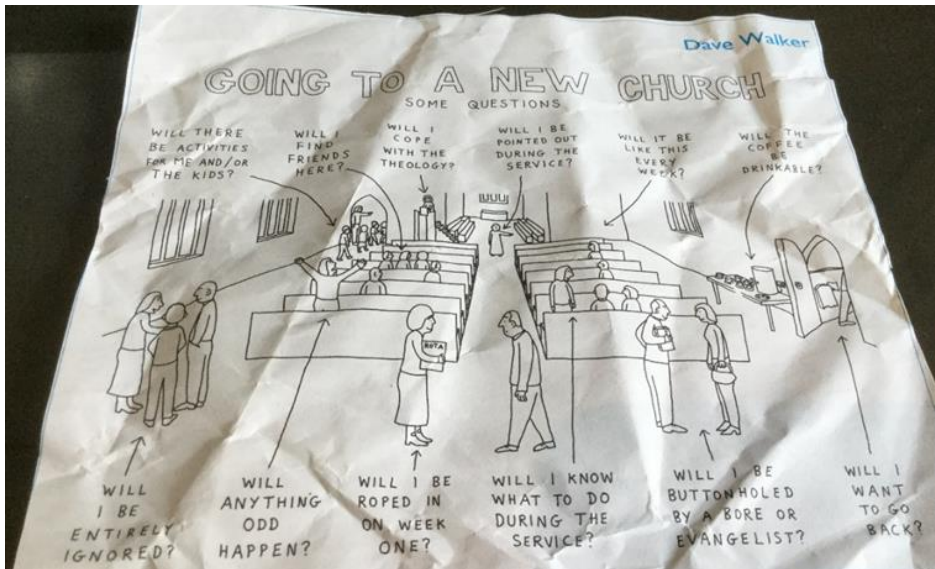
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A LETTER FROM REV. TRACY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I'm hoping that we will see an amazing outpouring of mission during our Faith and Fun events that are coming up. By the time you're reading this, we'll have had our chocolate bingo and pizza tea evening, our family fun day and our Songs of Praise across the benefice. These events have been run as part of our parish Renewal Programme and to contribute to the Diocesan Vision 2026, but the reality is that mission is an ongoing, everyday thing, which is the responsibility of us all. Because who doesn't want people to know about Jesus and how he can transform our lives in the way he does?

A few years ago, the following cartoon was in the *Church times*, and it made me smile, because although of course it was intended in a tongue-in-cheek way, it actually reflects the reality for many of those coming to a church for the first time.

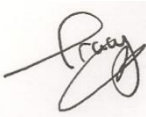


Richard and I were worshipping at several different churches before I started with you as vicar, and at one of them, I was roped in on week one, when I was asked to join their choir practically before the service had even ended. But being ignored is just as bad, too! Before we came to Freckleton and Warton, as we moved from Langho, where we were very settled and happy, we had some of those questions from the cartoon, such as 'will I find friends here?', 'will anything odd happen?' going around our minds too. So, what must it be like for those for whom it isn't already a familiar and comfortable environment?

In my last parish, when we moved into the village, we went to the doctors to register. Easy, I thought, I'm an intelligent grown up, I know what to do, and I know where the doctors is, it's the big building on the main road in the village that has a massive doctor's sign on it! But I was totally thrown to find a closed surgery, nobody answering the door, and no information to be found anywhere on the outside of the building as to what on earth was going on. We were soon rescued by a friendly local who pointed us in the direction of Whalley Surgery, as the Langho one had been closed for quite some time! Because, of course, the assumption was that everyone knows the score, so what's the problem? Except they don't... It's the same with church, we need to look at everything from a newcomer's perspective. You know what time the services are without a notice board, they don't. You might know your way around all those fiddly pages in the service book, especially the old BCP books that flip from page to page, but do they? You know what's going on with the children's play areas, where the toilet is, etc.

All of our services, be it Sunday mornings, baptisms, weddings and funerals, are the 'shop window' of the church; first impressions matter lots! That means that every encounter someone has at Holy Trinity or St Paul's has to be one where the quality of welcome and worship is of the highest order, leaving them feeling loved by God and by us, and wanting to come back to experience more. After my licensing service, lots of my friends and clergy colleagues went out of their way to comment on how genuinely and warmly welcomed they felt that night. I find that so encouraging, as it's obvious that those who have felt called to the office of sidesperson take their responsibilities seriously. But it doesn't stop there, it extends beyond the greeting at the front door, and everyone else in church clearly realises the importance of welcome. So, thank you for understanding the importance of this and doing it so well and taking the importance of the furthering of the Kingdom of God seriously and appreciating that it's a task we share together, united in our love for Christ. And I pray that those who heard Bishop Jill speak over the faith and fun weekend or heard the testimonies given at the Songs of Praise event may have had some seeds planted or watered by God so that they may be a step closer to knowing him.

Yours, in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev. Tracy

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER UPDATE

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Judy Battersby for her faithful service as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. Judy has carried out this important role with great care and dedication, and we are deeply grateful for the time and commitment she has given to keeping our church a safe place for all.

As Judy steps down, we ask that any safeguarding concerns or issues be referred to Rev. Tracy, or to our Churchwardens, Craig Eckersley and Heather Nuttall, until a new Safeguarding Officer is appointed.

If you feel called to take on this role, please speak with Rev. Tracy. Training and support will be provided, but please note that the post does require safeguarding training and an enhanced DBS check.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we seek the right person to continue this vital work.

Rev. Tracy

CLUB DAY BANNER

We've only just enjoyed our wonderful Club Day, but it's never too early to look ahead! Each year, David Fare and his dedicated team do a fantastic job carrying our church banner during the Walk of Witness.

Next year, they'd love to have some more helpers join in and lend a bit of extra muscle to help carry it high and proud. If you think you could be part of the team, please let me know, and I'll gladly connect you with David.

Carrying the banner isn't just about strength, it's about showing our community that our church stands joyfully and proudly for Christ. Let's keep that witness strong and visible for all to see!

Rev. Tracy

CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS

We have a box at the back of church for NEW clothes, specifically for the homeless in Preston this winter. Hats, scarves, socks and gloves would be very welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

JELLYBEANS TODDLER GROUP

Jellybeans are in need of more helpers on a weekly or monthly basis. If you're available to help set up and be at the group between 9am-12pm Wednesdays in term time and prepared to do some Safeguarding Training, which we can help with, please speak to Mike or Lin Willetts.

NEW SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Rev. Tracy is looking to start a new service, aimed primarily at young families, at Holy Trinity Church, and would appreciate your ideas. She would be grateful if you could complete the survey by scanning the QR code below or by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/vSgwU5B092>

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

At the time of issuing this magazine edition, we're well into our joint parish mission weekend with St Paul's, Warton. The chocolate bingo and pizza tea afternoon at St Paul's have already taken place, but we'll leave that for now and report on the whole parish mission weekend together in next month's magazine (although you will get a glimpse of Bishop Jill's visit in the school news). However, we do wish to make everyone aware of one of our follow-up events: the *Hope explored* enquirers' course, which will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 19:00 on Monday 6, 13 and 20 October. This will be a relaxed, three-week course for anyone asking questions about faith, where we'll explore who Jesus is, why he matters, and what it means for us today. Whether you're new to church, just exploring, or have big questions – this is a safe space to listen, ask and discover.

The last Sunday in October is Bible Sunday – a special day when we celebrate the gift of God's word. Below is a prayer from Whalley Abbey, which is quite fitting for this time.

Yours in Christ

The Wardens

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH CHURCH

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.

Taken from the booklet, 'A prayer walk around the ruins at Whalley Abbey'.

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Leading Your Church Into Growth Prayer

God of Mission, who alone brings
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Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our
planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our
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CHURCH NEWS

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Thank you to all who came to the barbecue, especially those who helped, brought some of the food and washed up.



Welcome to God's family, Humphrey Clifford David, baptised on Sunday 17 August – wearing his beautiful family heirloom gown.



Some of the members of Yurch, our youth group, had a great outing to St Anne's. We were blessed by the weather and had fun making sand sculptures. Rev. Tracy was very honoured to have a turtle named after her. This was followed by ice cream, ball games, rounders and the 2p machines on the prom.



On Saturday 23 August at 10:30, we remembered all who so sadly died in the Freckleton air disaster, honouring their memories in a service by the children's grave for the 81st anniversary. The service included an opportunity for people to place named ribbons in memory of particular loved ones. Thank you to the parish council for mowing the churchyard, and the church team for preparing it.



Rev. Tracy popped into Freckleton C of E Primary School to meet the newest members of the school in Reception class and to catch up with some of the other classes. She left the Reception children a little welcome gift from their church family.

There was a lovely Mothers' Union deanery festival for Kirkham Deanery. How wonderful for Grace to receive a certificate for 60 years of faithful membership to the Mothers' Union!



It was a joy to join our school family, Freckleton C of E Primary School, for Education Sunday on 14 September. Thank you to the young people who led our drama for us. The theme was 'lost and found', and we prayed around the parables of the lost coin, sheep and prodigal son.



Later that day, we gave a welcome to Leo and his baby brother Oliver, baptised into God's family that afternoon.



Holy Trinity Church, Freckleton

The new Worship Group did a fabulous job at the first eucharist service of the year at Holy Trinity Church Freckleton. Thank you, Rev. Tracy, for a lovely service, where we learnt all about love from 1 Corinthians 13. The children read and sang beautifully. The acapella version (when the technology wasn't cooperating!) of 'Shine Jesus Shine' was particularly wonderful. Well done everyone, and here's to another wonderful year ahead as school and church continue to work together. (Freckleton C of E Primary School)



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WI NEWS

The September meeting of Freckleton WI was held at the Village Hall on 9 September.

Kathy welcomed everyone and presented a card and plant to Maureen Ashton, to celebrate her 80th birthday.

After the minutes were read, Kathy welcomed Graham Gough, who was here to tell us about *Rivington Gardens, past, present and future*.

He began by showing us all slides of what the gardens looked like when Lord Lever purchased Rivington Hall (formerly known as Roynton) on Winter Hill, near Chorley/Bolton. He paid £60,000 for the hall and hundreds of acres of farmland, and later sold the farmland for £140,000. He didn't want to live in the hall, so he built another house, called Roynton Cottage. This building was mostly wooden (a prefab), except for the brick chimneys.

Lord Lever then hired Thomas Mawson, a principal landscape gardener of the day. Thomas built the Italian Gardens, first with a lake, then Lever's Bridge. All around the gardens there were summerhouses, with steps on either side, going onto the roof of the building, so the many guests of Lord Lever could admire all the scenery.

In 1913, the "cottage" was burnt down by Edith Rigby, a well-known Preston suffragette, who said the cottage was a good target for the suffragette cause. So, Lord Lever built another house (this time made from stone), and this he called "The Bungalow".

Nothing Much happened to the gardens during the First World War, but afterward, miles of paths were built, and a water feature called the Lakeland Raving. Joseph Pulham was the main builder of the ravine tone. He also built the stone gardens on the front of St Anne's. Joseph always used local stone, and invented "pulmanite", which was made up of broken rock and concrete. The header pool for the waterfall was built as a Japanese lake. Lord Lever also built a ruined castle down the side of Rivington Reservoir. He called it Liverpool Castle.

After Lord Lever died, the family (who did not share his love of Rivington) stopped all the spending, and it was sold on. Later on, it was compulsorily purchased by the council, and the Bungalow was pulled down in 1945.

Nature took over for the next 60 years, with lots of rhododendrons. These were removed, because of disease, exposing the structure underneath, and attempts were made to resurrect the gardens.

The Rivington Heritage Trust was founded in 1997 to look after and maintain the gardens, and they received a Lottery Fund grant of £3.4 million. A three-year project followed, employing skilled craftsmen and volunteers, who cleared

the paths. The Pigeon Tower was restored, and visitor information improved. The Lottery Fund ended in 2021, and now they must raise their own funds.

Graham was thanked for his wonderful, informative talk, with members expressing a wish to visit the gardens next year.

The competition, 'A flower for your garden', was won by Heather Edwards, and was followed by a quiz on 'flowers, plants and gardens', devised by Kathy Gemmell

The raffle was drawn, and Kathy wishes everyone good night and a safe journey home.

Kathy Gemmell

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Our first meeting this term was a trip to St Anne's beach. The weather was kind to us, and we managed to get a dry day, something that has evaded us a number of times in years gone by. Thank you to Rev. Tracy, Gwen and Phill for giving up time to take us.

We started the afternoon with our usual sand sculpture/castle competition, and Tracy was very pleased the girls chose to make a turtle, which they named Tracy.

We all enjoyed playing some ball games, culminating in our version of a rounders game.

A highlight of the afternoon was Tracy's gift of an ice cream, as a thank you to us, for all the support we have given the church. We finished the visit taking our chance with the 2p tipping point machines on the pier.

We began our evening meetings on 16 September with a games night, our version of Pictionary and Charades, being two of the games we particularly enjoy playing.

We were given a bit of homework, to prepare a short talk about the charity we would like to support for this year. Next week, we will try to persuade the group to vote for our choice. We will announce which charity gets the most votes next month.

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We all enjoyed the talk, especially seeing Kenny, and we held a collection to help with future training.

September 12th was our Deanery Festival at Christ Church, Wesham. Grace and Josie attended, and Grace was presented with her long service award for 60 years with the Mothers' Union. Congratulations to her!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 October at 14:00. This will be a talk by Peter Shakeshaft, entitled "Travels and travails of a birdwatcher". All are welcome to join us.

God bless

Anne Kay

MU MEETINGS UNTIL THE END OF 2025

08 October	Pater Shakeshaft – <i>Travels and travails of a birdwatcher</i>
12 November	Karen Hope – <i>Demonstration</i>
December (date TBA)	Dave Mawson – <i>Music</i>

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Saturday	11.30-1.45 & 4.30-8.00
Sunday	Closed

Everyone welcomed with a smile!

Dave and the staff

SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2025

Fri. 03 Oct.	18:30	Pearl of Africa Choir at Freckleton C of E School
Sat. 04 Oct.	10:00	St Paul's Little Hospice Café for Trinity Hospice & Brian House
Sun. 05 Oct.	11:00	Harvest <i>Worship4U</i>
Wed. 08 Oct.	14:00	Mothers' Union
Thu. 09 Oct.	09:15	CE School Harvest service
Sun. 12 Oct.	11:00	Parish Communion
	13:00	Harvest festival lunch at Rigby's Farmhouse Restaurant
Sat. 18 Oct.	10:00	Churchyard working party
Sun. 19 Oct.	11:00	Parish Communion
Sun. 26 Oct.	11:00	Parish Communion
Wed. 29 Oct.	19:00	Memorial service at Holy Trinity
Thu. 30 Oct.	19:00	Memorial service at St Paul's
Sat. 01 Nov.	10:00	St Paul's Little Café

'Hope explored' course, Mon. 6, 13 & 20 Oct., 19:00, at Holy Trinity

Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00

Next coffee and toasties 22 November.

Would you like to bring a relative or friend with you to one of our services or other events, who doesn't usually attend but might try it if you ask? Just say:

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Isaiah 26:12

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**Thursday 30 October, 19:00
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31 August	Harlow Grundy Rodowicz-Smith (St Paul's)
07 September	Remi Ann Kay Hodge (St Paul's)
14 September	Leo Arthur Danielsson (Holy Trinity)
14 September	Oliver Robert Danielsson (Holy Trinity)

Funerals

20 August	Rachel Ball (Southport Crematorium)
26 August	Paul Niblock (Holy Trinity)
27 August	Louis Gibson (burial of ashes, Holy Trinity)
28 August	Brian Harvey Stevens (burial of ashes, St Paul's)
28 August	Patricia Stevens (burial of ashes, St Paul's)
09 September	Sidney Percy (burial of ashes, Holy Trinity)
09 September	Eileen Craddock (burial of ashes, St Paul's)

100 CLUB WINNERS

17 August	Harry & Doreen Whiteside
24 August	Ann Stone
31 August	Freddie Stockton
07 September	Jennifer Gates
14 September	Greg Butler

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Grace Edmondson

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26 October	Mrs M. MacNaughton	
Kindly arranged by:		Rev. Christine Gould

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Speaker: Bill Dixon

Title: 'Gift wrapping a special way'

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The accommodation is provided over two floors, with a variety of daily living spaces for people and their guests to enjoy. Bedrooms are nicely furnished with TV points, a call system and sensor mats. People are encouraged to bring their own furniture to personalise their bedroom. There are communal garden and secure patio areas. People are encouraged to sit outdoors and enjoy the fresh air.

The home is close to local amenities such as chemist, churches – Methodist and Anglican, library, post office, pub, restaurant, shops, and two GP surgeries. There is a bus stop nearby which goes to Preston, Lytham and Blackpool. Food is freshly prepared at the home and people are offered a choice menu throughout the day. People are encouraged to spend quality time with relatives which includes having a freshly prepared meal together. Staff are trained to a high standard and provide person-centred care to people living at the home with dignity and respect.

People are encouraged to make choices and decisions with regard to daily living to promote empowerment and enhance their sense of wellbeing and fulfilment.

The home employs an activity care assistant who takes a person-centred approach to creating the weekly activity program. Regular consultations are held with people to discuss what they like to do in order for people to have positive outcomes and live their life the way they choose at the Old Vicarage.

The home operates an open-door policy, visitors are welcome to join in with planned events. People are welcome to come and view the home without an appointment.

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FRECKLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School news from September 2025

A fabulous start to the year

The new term has started well, and our new intake in Reception class have all very quickly settled in and become an integral part of our Freckleton family. It has been lovely to welcome back some familiar faces and also some new ones, with several pupils joining our school in other year groups. They are all very welcome indeed, and we look forward to working with them and their families.

Educational visits – living life in all its fullness

At the time of writing, our Year 6 pupils are very excited about their residential at Robinwood at the end of September. By the time you read this magazine, they will have already returned, and we are sure that they will have made memories to last a lifetime. We certainly know how to 'live life in all its fullness' at Freckleton!

Education Sunday

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Tracy and the congregation of Holy Trinity Church Freckleton to join us in school this month for a lovely Education Sunday service on the theme of 'Lost and Found'. Reverend Tracy blessed some of the children's and teachers' school bags, and all the children who came along received a silver anchor keyring to mark the occasion. Such a wonderful way to start our school year, with our church and school families coming together in a lovely act of worship.

Staffing news

We are pleased to announce that Miss Loughran has joined the team as a Teaching Assistant with our Upper KS2 children, and in our Freckles Nursery, we welcome back Auntie Jess, who worked in the setting many years ago, before it was even called Freckles!

Roald Dahl Day

On Monday 15 September, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day in school for the very first time. The children and adults dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl characters and enjoyed a wonderful day of Roald Dahl themed activities, including a special themed lunch. As well as having lots of fun, we also raised some money for the Roald Dahl Children's Charity, who fund the fabulous Roald Dahl nurses, who provide care to sick children and their families. Utterly splendid!

A visit from Bishop Jill

This month, we were delighted to receive a visit from Bishop Jill. Lots of the children had never met a real-life Bishop before, and we felt truly blessed that she was able to join us for our Celebration Worship. The children sang one of Bishop Jill's favourite hymns – 'Shine Jesus Shine', and we taught her our school prayer. We hope she'll be able to visit us again very soon!



Open days

We can't quite believe that it's that time of year again, where we open our doors to allow prospective parents for our September 2026 intake into school. We look forward to welcoming parents into school to see what makes our wonderful church school tick.

A prayer for the new academic year

Gracious God,

As we begin this new academic year, we ask for Your blessing over every pupil, teacher, and staff member.

Grant them wisdom, perseverance, and a spirit of cooperation.

May this year be marked by success, growth, and Your guiding hand in all endeavours.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
(Jeremiah 29:11)

Guide us through this academic journey.

In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

God bless, **Neil Kenyon, Headteacher**



FRECKLETON
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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Our School Prayer

Loving Lord,

Let our eyes see the wonders you do,

Our ears be open to listen to you.

Let our minds be ready to learn and grow,

Our love for others always show.

Let our lips be kind and used to care,

Our hands be generous, quick to share.

Let your love shine and keep us safe,

Let our knowledge be always grounded in faith.

Amen



FRECKLETON Church of England Primary School

Freckles Preschool Provision



(Ofsted November 2022)

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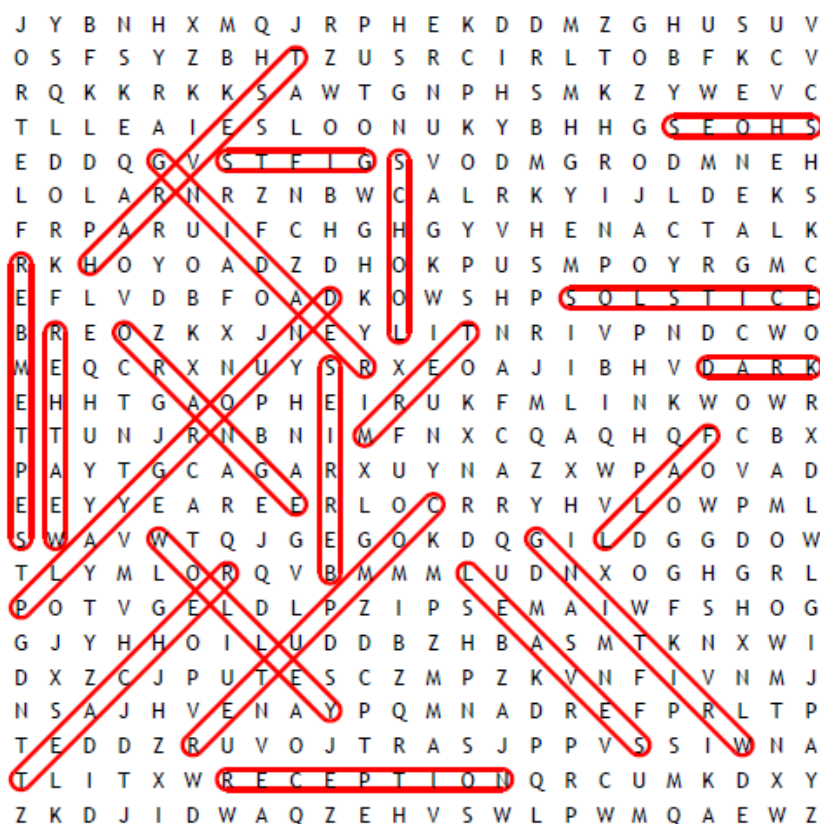
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reading

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weather

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school

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September

STRIKE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello everybody,

What a great start we have had to the new school year. Our new Reception class have settled brilliantly, and we have welcomed several new starters throughout the school.

As always, this half term is a busy one for us. The Year 6 children have already completed their Bikeability training and will be heading off to Winmarleigh in late September for their outdoor pursuits residential. We also have our Year 5 London residential trip all planned and ready to go just before the half term break.

This year, the school have introduced Spanish to our curriculum, and we held a Spanish Day to get everybody in the mood for this. There was lots of singing, dancing and eating, as well as learning of course.

Our new starters for 2026 sessions have been advertised on our Facebook page and in the local press. We will be hosting visits to school on Wednesday 15 October at 13:30-14:30 and 17:00-18:00, as well as on Thursday 16 October at 13:30-14:30. If you know any families looking for school places for September 2026, please encourage them to come and have a look round. We also have spaces across the school in all year groups and welcome visits from all families – please contact our bursar on bursar@strikelane.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 632724.

We send our best wishes to everyone in the local community,

Katherine Shuttleworth

Headteacher



Love Freckleton Library

Friends' group

Memory Lane Cafe

a monthly dementia-friendly

community group

10.30am-midday at Freckleton library

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Dates in 2025



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10 March	8 September
14 April	13 October
12 May	10 November
9 June	8 December



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Life *Association*

Dear friends,

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Sadly, all this is now in jeopardy. Earlier this year, an engineer's report declared that the building was at risk of collapse after years of harsh weather had damaged its structure. The amazing team at the school quickly found temporary premises so the children's education could continue, but with options limited, this is not suitable for a new permanent base. In the meantime, the old building had to be demolished.



Many children from marginalised communities face discrimination in local government schools and often feel unwelcome. As a result, some fall behind in their studies and may leave school early, which puts them at risk of child labour, child marriage, or trafficking. Life Association is therefore committed to supporting the work and ministry of this amazing school.

Work is now in progress on the foundations of a new purpose-built school, with plans in place for a new structure to be built. However, we can only do this with your help. We urgently need your support to help fund this resurrection miracle! That is why we are launching an appeal this autumn to raise funds for this vital work.

Please would you stand with the children of India and consider giving a one-off gift to secure a permanent home for Life Christian School, so that future generations can receive a quality Christian education with Jesus firmly at the centre? To make a donation, please contact us at the address below, or visit our website www.lifeassociation.org.uk.

God bless you, Lisa and the Life Association team

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