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A LETTER FROM REV. TRACY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the year draws to its close and the days grow shorter, we will soon find ourselves once again in Advent, a season of waiting, of watching, and of hope. The world around us rushes toward Christmas with its familiar flurry of lights, shopping, and planning, but the Church invites us first to pause. Advent isn't just a countdown to Christmas; it's a time to make room in our hearts for Christ's coming, not only as a baby in Bethlehem, but also as Lord in our lives today.

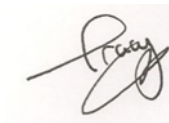
Each candle we light on the Advent wreath reminds us that light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. In a world that can often feel uncertain or weary, that truth is something we need to hold onto more than ever. God's promise isn't distant or abstract; it's Emmanuel, God with us. In our joys and in our struggles, in the quiet moments and the crowded ones, God is present.

And soon Christmas will be upon us, the great celebration of God's love made visible in Jesus Christ. Whether our Christmas is filled with family and laughter or quieter this year, may we each know that the heart of Christmas isn't found under the tree but in the manger. It's there that heaven touches earth, and we glimpse the depth of God's love for all creation.

As we step into this holy season together, I want to thank all who have contributed so much to the life of our churches over the past year, through worship, service, care, and prayer. You are the living expression of Christ's light in our community.

May the peace, joy, and hope of Christ fill your homes and hearts this Christmas and into the New Year.

With every blessing,

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

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.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

As we enter Advent and prepare for Christmas, you'll see that, as always, we have a variety of special services and events coming up. It would be wonderful to welcome everyone throughout the season, so please join us whenever you wish, and please invite friends, family members, neighbours, etc. to come with you. Even if they've not been before or not been for a long time, a time like this could give them an opportunity to find they'd like to come back again.

Remember the special words, "I'm going, it's going to be good, would you like to come with me?"

Keswick to Barrow Walk

Thank you to everyone who kindly supported our teams of 35 people who took part in this year's Keswick to Barrow and Coniston to Barrow Walks, on 9 May. Thanks to everyone's kind support, we raised £3,200 to help *Get Dan home*, and another £3,200 for Blesma, The Limbless Veterans.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Yours in Christ

The Wardens



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Thank you to everyone who helped us with our churchyard tidy-up on 18 October. Our churchyard now looks much neater and is ready for winter. Naturally, we finished with some refreshments. We also have two new recycling bins.



It was a delight to welcome Leonidas (Leo) Alexander into God's family at his baptism, on 19 October. He had a wonderful dinosaur-themed celebration afterwards. It was lovely to welcome some of the doggy members of his family to the service, too.



Our Mothers' Union joined together on 20 October with our friends from the Mother's Union at St Paul's for the wave of prayer. And, of course, there had to be delicious cakes involved.



Fish and chips and a trip to the Illuminations for Yurch, our youth group, on 21 October.



Freckleton C of E Primary School Worship on 23 October was thinking about why the Bible is special, as we celebrated Bible Sunday the following weekend.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'coffee and toasties' morning on 25 October, helping to raise money for Trinity Hospice & Palliative Care Services and Brian House Hospice.



We're delighted to have been awarded, along with St Paul's, our Bronze Eco Church Award by A Rocha. The wildflower area looks beautiful, and we've had some lovely wildlife in the churchyard. Thank you to Warton and Freckleton Nature Guardians for their input, and many others who regularly help.



We remembered our loved ones at our All Souls Service.



A massive thank you to Tammy, from St Paul's, who has made these amazing pumpkins for us as part of the village trail.



A huge thank you to all who donated shoeboxes for Link to Hope. We had just short of 20 boxes, and a huge box of items like toothbrushes to send, too. Thank you for making a difference to the lives of those who will receive them.



Freckleton C of E Primary School joined us for their Remembrance Eucharist on 6 November. We were very privileged to have Mrs Threlfall from Freckleton Band join us to play the Last Post and Reveille, which really enhanced our worship. The children kept the silence beautifully and were an absolute credit. We held our main Act of Remembrance on 9 November, and then joined in the civic service at Freckleton War Memorial. We will remember them.





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WI NEWS

Despite the dreadful conditions, a good turnout of members battled their way through the torrential rain on 11 November to meet in a warm, cosy Village Hall.

We were all eager to hear from Nigel Flemen with an update on the progress of his son, Dan. We were so pleased to hear that Dan is now home after three years in hospital and that the whole family is reunited at last. Nigel told us about the wonderful transformation of their house by the BBC *D/I/Y* SOS team and an enormous band of volunteers, in only nine days! Nigel said the volunteers from far and wide, many skilled trades people, gave up their time cheerfully, and the quality of work was amazing. It has made so much possible for them.

Dan is thrilled to be home, although it has taken time for them all to readjust. Now they can concentrate on rehabilitation. A huge learning curve, but with good support from the Lancashire County Council, Nigel is very positive about the future. Dan is looking forward to getting out into the community and resuming his education at the Pear Tree School in Kirkham.

The programme is to be aired in the spring, and we can't wait to watch the whole story!

Kathy Gemmell thanked Nigel for this update and said we are all wishing them well and look forward to seeing Dan around the village in a new electric wheelchair (with brakes!).

As November is the Annual Meeting of Freckleton WI, we continued with the business of the meeting, with reports from the committee. It has been an enjoyable and successful year, with good attendance, and lots of activities and outings. We have several new members. Kathy Gemmell was re-elected as President.

A busy meeting, and we were thankful that the rain had stopped for our journey home!

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MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

At our November meeting, we had an interesting talk and demonstration by Karen Hope. The idea originated in Japan, and it involved using headscarves to wrap gifts, which then made useful bags, even a rucksack, and also provided an extra present.

We also had a visit from Christine Hodgkinson and her friend, who brought an extensive literature stall so that we could buy our Christmas cards and other gifts.

We were pleased to receive Christmas gifts for Fylde Coast Women's Refuge. Our members were very generous, and Karen donated her fee to buy stocking fillers for the children.

We also started a petition in aid of Milbanke Care Home, which Lancashire County Council are threatening to close. Both the Day Centre and the care home have served many Freckleton people, and we hope that it will continue to do so.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10 December, when we will be entertained by Dave Mawson of Freckleton Singers. This will be followed by a Christmas buffet.

All are welcome to join us.

God Bless

Anne Kay

YURCH NEWS

We finished our meetings in October with a Blackpool Illuminations trip. It had been a very rainy day, but thankfully it stopped just in time for our walk through the tableaux, chippy tea in hand. A good time was had by all, and we were pleased that Rev. Tracy was able to join us.

During November, we have returned to making Christmas crafts. We hope you will find something you like when you next visit church. Donations for the crafts will be given to our chosen charities. This year, two charities have been chosen by the group: Lancashire Mind (a local charity that supports many young people with mental health problems) and Ronald Mc Donald House (a charity supporting parents with seriously ill children in hospital). I am sure you will agree, both very worthy causes.

When we have completed our craft work, we are going to finish the term with a film night and a Christmas party.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026.

Yurch group & leaders.



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Friday	11.30-1.45 & 4.30-8.00
Saturday	11.30-1.45 & 4.30-8.00
Sunday	Closed

Everyone welcomed with a smile!

Dave and the staff

SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2025

Tue. 02 Dec.	19:00	Village Christmas tree lighting
Sat. 06 Dec.	10:00	St Paul's Little Café
Sun. 07 Dec.	11:00	Worship4U
	16:00	Christingle at Holy Trinity (also at St Paul's at 18:15)
Wed. 10 Dec.	14:00	Mothers' Union
Thu. 11 Dec.	09:15	CE School Eucharist
	19:00	Freckleton Singers at Freckleton Methodist Church
Fri. 12 Dec.	19:00	Carols at the inn at the Coach & Horses
Sat. 13 Dec.	19:30	Warton Singers at St Paul's
Sun. 14 Dec.	11:00	Parish Communion
	17:00	Lessons and carols at HT (also at St Paul's at 18:30)
Sun. 21 Dec.	11:00	Parish Communion
Wed. 24 Dec.	16:00	Crib service at Holy Trinity (also at St Paul's at 17:30)
	22:00	Bethlehem Midnight Mass at HT (Midnight Mass at St Paul's, 23:30)
Thu. 25 Dec.	10:00	Christmas Communion at HT (no service at St Paul's)
Sun. 28 Dec.	11:00	Parish Communion

Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00, except 29 December

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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CHRISTMAS 2025
HOLY TRINITY FRECKLETON & ST PAUL'S WARTON

- 30th November 11.00am Benefice Sunday Holy Communion at
Holy Trinity for the First Sunday of Advent.
(No service at St Paul's)
- 7th December 9.30am Holy Communion – St Paul's
11.00am Family Service - Holy Trinity
4.00pm Christingle - Holy Trinity
6.15pm Christingle – St Paul's
- 12th December 7.00pm Christmas Carols at The Coach and Horses
- 13th December 7.30pm Warton Singers Christmas Concert – St Paul's
- 14th December 9.30am Family Service – St Paul's
11.00am Holy Communion – Holy Trinity
5pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols – Holy Trinity
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols – St Paul's
followed by Annual Grand Draw
- 21st December - 9.30am Holy Communion – St Paul's
11.00am Holy Communion – Holy Trinity
- 24th December - 4pm Crib Service – Holy Trinity
5.30pm Crib Service – St Paul's
With a visit from Father Christmas!
10pm Bethlehem Midnight Mass – Holy Trinity
11.30pm Midnight Mass – St Paul's
- 25th December - 10am Christmas Eucharist - Holy Trinity
(No service at St Paul's)
- 28th December - 9.30am Holy Communion – St Paul's
11.00am Holy Communion – Holy Trinity

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DAN'S NEXT STEPS

24 October

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy, but the after two false starts, Dan is finally coming home next Wednesday. This is nearly three years to the day that he went into Blackpool Victoria Hospital and then to Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. City in the Community Foundation and the hospital Youth Club team put on a leaving party for Dan. Dan has also been invited to a home match so he can see his beloved Manchester City win again!

Dan could not come home without getting hair ready. Thank you, Kalaya Steadman and Seamus at McCrory Hair, for looking after Dan's hair over the last two years.

It's hard saying farewell to good people but it's not goodbye. We will drop in and say hello, from time to time.

26 October

News travels fast of Dan's return home from Royal Manchester Children's Hospital after three years. Stefan Ortega, who is the goalkeeper for Dan's beloved Manchester City, sent him a personal message, wishing good luck on leaving hospital.

29 October

After three years of being in hospital, Dan is finally back home. The highs have been high, and the lows have been low. There have been many times when we have felt it was a totally impossible task, but with everyone's help to get Dan home, he is back home where he belongs.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our family and our Dan.

It's now time to start rebuilding our lives and get the rehabilitation and a quality of life for Dan. You will be able to follow Dan's next steps, going to school, living life and enjoying it. and of course, the long road to recovery.

If you still want to help and support Dan, we'll be deeply thankful. There is no question that he would benefit from additional rehabilitation, therapies and equipment not readily available on the NHS.

<https://gofund.me/6864e37b2>

Dan's family will issue more updates when they've all settled at home together. Their 'DIY SOS' episode will be broadcast sometime this coming spring. Thank you all for your kind prayers and support.



FRECKLETON HISTORY GROUP

Notes of Meeting of Freckleton History Group, in association with Freckleton Library, on 29 October 2025

Steve welcomed everyone and said that the updated graveyard inscriptions at the church were nearly finished, and he then introduced our Speaker, Steve Williams, who gave a talk on *Lancashire lasses*.

Steve talked a bit about his early life, that he was born in Kirkham and he was now living in Brindle, and then went on to introduce some famous and not so famous Lancashire lasses, telling us a little bit about each one:

- **Lily Parr** – scored 900 goals for the Dick Kerr Ladies team (1917 – 1926).
- **Emmeline Pankhurst** – a famous suffragette, and **Kathleen Marshall**, her personal bodyguard. Kathleen trained in ju-jitsu and was jailed numerous times for attacking 10 Downing Street.
- **Bessie Braddock** – politician and Labour MP.
- **Pat Seed** – journalist and cancer fundraiser, who raised £2m.
- **Kathleen Tatlow** – headmistress, who was the headmistress at Steve's school.
- **Jessica Lofthouse** – author and historian, who wrote over 20 books on Lancashire.
- **Doreen Lofthouse** – of Fishermen's Friend fame, who left £41m to charity.
- **The Nolans** – a Blackpool-based pop group.
- **Ranvir Singh** – TV presenter, born in Preston and who went to Kirkham Grammar School.
- **Lisa Goodwin-Allen** – chef, who now works at Northcote Manor.
- **Victoria Wood** – entertainer, comedian, actress, writer, composer and singer.
- **Thora Hird** – actress, born in Morecombe.
- **Hylida Baker** – actress and entertainer, born in Farnworth.
- **The Preston Buffer Volunteers** – at Preston Station in WW1 and WW2.
- **Florrie Hughes** – shop manageress in ladies' underwear.
- **Ermyntrude De Trafford** – WW2 nurse who worked at Moor Park Military Hospital in Preston.
- **Phoebe Mercer** – WW2 nurse, a keen golfer, drowned at Bangkok (she was the only lady buried in Bangkok).
- **Nellie Smith** – wartime worker from Euxton.
- **Philomena Simmonds** – *Lady De Hoghton*. She was a typist who (at the age of 19) became a titled lady by marrying Sir Cuthbert De Hoghton.
- **Kathleen Ferrier** – classical singer, born in Higher Walton and who worked as a GPO telephonist in Blackburn.

- **Jane Preston** – postwoman, she worked for 47 years as a postwoman in Cockerham.
- **Pit Girls** – working in the Lancashire coalfields, sorting coal by hand. Their last shift was in 1957.
- **Mill Girls** – working in the Lancashire Cotton Mills, 1860s to 1970s.
- **Sugar Girls** – working for Tate & Lyle in Liverpool.
- **Sister Francis** – a nun from Chorley for 86 years. Her father died in WW1 and was a Chorley Pal. She unveiled the Chorley Pals Memorial in 2010; and finally...
- **Gracie Fields** – singer and actress born in Rochdale.

Sally thanked Steve for his very informative talk. Who knew how many famous “lasses” came from Lancashire!

We arranged our next meeting for Wednesday 26 November at the library, with the new time of 14:00 for a 14:15 start, with David Hoyle to give a talk on *Myths of Lytham*.

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29 October	Beryl Barnes (burial of ashes, Holy Trinity)
29 October	Margaret Needley (burial of ashes, Holy Trinity)
03 November	Elizabeth Watts (St Paul's)
05 November	Linda Turner (Holy Trinity)

100 CLUB WINNERS

19 October	Jan Robinson
26 October	Jacqueline Donaldson
02 November	Gwen Huges
09 November	Malcolm Stewart
16 November	Cath Hughes for Holy Trinity Church

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14 December		Jennifer Gates	Linda Gardner
	17:00	Jennifer Gates	Linda Gardner
21 December		Gwen Hughes	Irene Fare
24 December	16:00	Heather Nuttall	Craig Eckersley
	22:00	Craig Eckersley	
25 December	10:00	Craig Eckersley	
28 December		Grace Edmondson	Ruby Currell

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

07 December	Carter Family (Dec.)	Dates in brackets are requested dates.
14 December	Mrs S. Dutton (Dec.)	
21 December	Mr & Mrs D. Hall (Dec.)	Extra flowers can be placed in church at any time.
28 December	Mr & Mrs D. Hall (Dec.)	
Kindly arranged by:	Mrs Dot Hall	For enquiries, please contact Irene Fare, 01772 681054.

I would like to thank everyone who has provided flowers or arranged them for the altar during my time in charge. I have decided to retire, along with Grace and Dot. Ann Stone has kindly agreed to take over. I would like to wish her well, and Dot and I will help until all the positions are filled.

Thanks to all, and a happy Christmas and healthy New Year to all.

Best wishes, Irene Fare

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FRECKLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School news from November 2025

Be bright, be seen

Just before the half-term break, we were delighted to appoint our very first Junior Road Safety Ambassadors. With the clocks going back and the onset of darker evenings, the message to 'Be bright, be seen' was an important one to get across to our pupils. Children wore bright clothing to school to mark the occasion, and we were visited by two of the PCSOs based in Kirkham. The Junior Road Safety Ambassadors are looking forward to organising further events throughout the year.



Sporting opportunities

A big well done to our Year 4 netball players, who had a great afternoon at Carr Hill High School. They learnt lots of new skills and used them in a number of matches to finish off a great netball festival. Well done to all of our players for a fantastic attitude and great behaviour.

Anti-Bullying Week

To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, children were invited to come to school wearing odd socks. Some of the children (and adults) found this very easy indeed! Why odd socks? We wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week to celebrate individuality and uniqueness, sending a visual message that it's good to be different and that everyone should be accepted. The mismatched socks are a fun and simple way to start important conversations about kindness, respect, and standing up to bullying.

Open days and in-year transfers

This month, we once again opened our doors to allow prospective parents for our September 2026 intake into school. We were delighted to welcome lots of new faces, as well as some familiar ones, to view our wonderful church school and what we have to offer. The deadline for applications for a place in September 2026 is 15 January 2026. We have also been delighted to welcome a number of pupils into our school from other schools and are delighted with how well they have settled already.

Rock Kidz on tour

In November, we welcomed back the team from Rock Kidz. The children and adults (pictured here!) dressed as rock stars for the day, and we learnt all about self-esteem through music and dance. We've already booked for the team to return to school next year.



We will remember them

I was delighted to be joined by our Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies at the service of remembrance at Holy Trinity Church and then afterwards at the war memorial for the village act of remembrance. In school, our Reception children painted some beautiful poppies for a special display to remember those who gave their lives so that we may live ours.

Looking ahead

At the time of writing, December is almost upon us, and with it the season of Advent. We are looking forward to a lovely month of festive activities, including carol singing, nativities, pantomime visits, Christmas lunch and a party day.

May God bless you and keep you safe at this busy time of year.

Neil Kenyon, Headteacher



FRECKLETON
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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



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Elaine: 07860 486732
Audrey: 07762 221180

Freckleton Methodist Hall

STRIKE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hi everybody,

This term has been a busy one again for us at Strike Lane. Our Year 6 children have enjoyed their residential stay at Winmarleigh, whilst Year 5s had an overnight stay in London, visiting the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye, as well as cruising along the Thames and watching the *Lion King* musical.

We have had visits from Iain and friends, sharing their WWII jeep and war artefacts with Year 6, alongside a talk by Ruby Currell about her experience surviving the Freckleton air disaster. Pauline Mitchell, our Local Academy Councillor, also came into school to teach baking with rations. The children have loved learning from members of our community – it has really brought history to life for them, and we thank all involved.

Here at Strike Lane, we are beginning our preparations for Christmas: our Reception and KS1 children are rehearsing their performance of the *Big Little Nativity*, and our choir have been practising ready for the Christingle service at Freckleton Methodist Church on Friday 28 November at 18:00. There is always lots of lovely singing to be heard all around the school. Excitingly, the whole school will be attending the Christmas Pantomime of *Peter Pan* at the Lowther Pavilion on Tuesday 9 December, and we will be holding our Christmas Fair after school on Wednesday 17 December. I am sure, amongst all our parties and festivities, we may even get a visit from Santa if we are on our best behaviour.

We hope you all have the merriest of Christmases and send you all our very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2026.

Kindest regards,

Katherine Shuttleworth

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Life *Association*

Dear friends,

As many of you will be aware, this autumn we have been appealing for support to rebuild the Life Christian School in India, which provides a quality Christian education to 200 children from rural communities.

The construction of the new school building is moving along smoothly. The foundations are finished, and all 27 foundation pillars are in place.



The next steps after this work will be to complete the land filling and start on the concrete slab that will form the first floor of the building.



We are pleased to share that the children's education is continuing without interruption in the temporary school. They recently celebrated the 79th Indian Independence Day. The students enjoyed an entertainment programme where they each took part in singing and dancing activities.

We thank you so much for helping to make all this happen through your donations so far. We shared in our last newsletter that we estimate the rebuilding of the school will cost approximately £66,000, with ongoing running costs of approximately £24,000 per year to cover the cost of teaching and afterschool provision.

Please will you consider making a donation to ensure Jesus-centred Christian education is secured for future generations in this community?



We have created some gift voucher options at our Gift Store to raise funds for the new school building. If you would like to give a gift with meaning this Christmas, whilst also supporting the rebuilding of Life Christian School, please visit our online Gift Store by visiting our website below.

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God bless you,

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Andrew (Choirmaster)

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