



## Holy Trinity, Freckleton

### Website:

[www.freckletonparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.freckletonparishchurch.org.uk)

**Face Book:** Holy Trinity Church Freckleton

**'Worshipping God and working together with our fellow Christians in the power of the Holy Spirit'.**

**21st December 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Please stay for free refreshments and a chat after the service.**

### Remember in your prayers:

**Those who are sick:** Christopher Trickett, Ellé Wilson, Daniel Flemen, Lucy & Terry, Roger March, Joan Gledhill, Stan Thompson, Jill Hagan, Cheryl and William O'Sullivan, Rev Mo Baldwin, Jim Martin, Marian, Michael Braithwaite, Rob Potter, Rev Christine, Michelle Hawthornwhite

**Those who have died:** Deryck Lund, Canon Sue Penfold, Doreen Middleton

**Anniversaries:** Irene Unsworth, Alfred Hall, John Richard, Winifred Baxendale, Gale Camp, Donald McCarten, Val Ingham, Doreen Proctor

### Diocesan Prayers

**Vision 2026:** Pray for the Growing Leaders team, and Bishop Jill who oversees this work. Ask for God to guide them in their work and to direct their steps as they work to support Christian leadership in Blackburn Diocese.

**Diocese:** Great Harwood St Bartholomew and St John, Rev Graham Birch; also in this Benefice, Great Harwood St Bartholomew's CofE Primary School, Great Harwood St John's CofE Primary School

**Link Diocese: Free State** - Pray that churches in the Free State that would like a link can be successfully matched with parishes here. We pray for Father Joshua Skee and the link committee in the Free State and for Rev Sam Cheesman leading the link committee here in Blackburn.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Burundi



### FYLDE FOODBANK

**Shortages:** Cooking Oil, Flour, Salt, Tea Bags, Deodorants, Sanitary Products, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Soap, Toothpaste,

Washing Pods

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Please pray for the following:**

22nd 10am Funeral of Frederick Squires

– Lytham Crematorium

4pm Evening Prayer – Holy Trinity

24th **NO** Morning Service at St Paul's

4pm Crib Service Holy Trinity

5.30pm Crib Service St Paul's

10pm Midnight Mass Holy Trinity

11.30pm St Paul's

25th 10am Christmas Day Holy Trinity **NO** Service at St Paul's



## SAFEGUARDING

Please refer any safeguarding concerns to Rev. Tracy, or to our Church Wardens, 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.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Crib service

4pm Holy Trinity 5.30pm St Paul's

Midnight Mass 10pm Holy Trinity 11.30pm St Paul's

Christmas Day 10am Holy Trinity **NO** service at St Paul's this day.

## CHANGES TO MIDWEEK SERVICES

Please note there will be no Wednesday morning prayer or communion service at St Paul's on Christmas Eve and no Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December

## CHRISTMAS ECO TIPS

If buying toiletries choose ones in metal tins or glass jars instead of plastic bottles or tubes.

Regift any unwanted presents you receive.

**Please take this sheet home with you today**

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE OF SHEET  
INFORMATION TO HELP YOU  
FEEL COMFORTABLE WORSHIPPING  
WITH US TODAY**



We'd love to stay in touch with you to invite you to events, and let you know what's going on in the parish. Please let us have your contact details. We won't use them for anything else or pass them on elsewhere..

## CONTACT DETAILS

**Vicar:** Rev Tracy Swindells 01772 679515

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If you need anything at all during the service, please speak to the welcomers at the front door or anyone seated nearby you who will be delighted to look after you. We want you to feel welcomed and cared for, but we understand some people would prefer their own space.

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Everything that happens at Holy Trinity is only possible due to your generosity. You can give using the Parish Giving Scheme, by standing order, electronic card machine, cash or online using the QR code. Please Gift Aid if possible as this enables us to be able to claim back the tax you have paid as well: **£2.50** for every **£10** you are able to donate, at no extra cost to



you! Thank you for enabling us to demonstrate God's love in our village and further afield.



## ADDITIONAL HELP



Defibrillator (AED) is by the War Memorial Gardens and by Marcia's hairdressers. A hearing loop system is fitted. Large print service sheets and hymn books, gluten free wafers and disabled toilet are all available.



## REFRESHMENTS

Please stay for free refreshments after the service. There's a collecting tin if you want to donate anything, but please don't feel that you have to.

## FAITH REFERENCE FOR SCHOOL

If you're hoping to apply for a place at Freckleton Church of England Primary School or any other faith school please speak to the vicar about faith references.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



There is a children's play area available for you and your children. Please don't worry or get stressed if your little ones make a noise or if they wander around, they are very welcome to worship God in their own noisy joyous way.



## TOILET

We have one toilet which can be found in the porch by the main entrance to the church. There's disabled access and a baby changing mat available too. If help is needed, please ask the person who welcomed you at the door.

## HOW DOES THE SERVICE WORK?



If you aren't sure how to follow the service, please just ask and we'll help you. The service book explains when to stand and sit, if you can't stand for long periods of time, please remain seated and comfortable. If you're not a singer or you don't know a particular hymn just listen and enjoy the music.



## BREAD AND WINE

When it's time for communion (the bread and/or wine) if you would normally receive communion elsewhere, you're welcome to take communion with us today. If you'd prefer a blessing come up to the rail and bow your head. If you'd rather stay in your seat, we understand. If you would prefer to receive the bread only and not the wine in the shared chalice (cup) we totally understand. Please do not intinct (dip) bread in the wine. Please be assured that receiving communion in one kind only (just the bread) is equally as valid as receiving both the bread and wine. If you require a gluten free wafer please mention it to the welcomers on the door before the service starts.

## GROWTH PRAYER

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.