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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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NEXT MAGAZINE

Please send your articles for the next magazine by the deadline of **Friday 20 March** to parishmagazine@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk.

A LETTER FROM ANNE-MARIE

Dear Friends

We had a fantastic *All Aboard* at St Paul's last month, which took away the dreariness of winter when our three-year-old Keir "joined the gang" and was Baptised during the service. He had decided this is what he wanted to do after hearing all about Jesus being Baptised. The service was great fun, as we got to learn about how God created the world and the universe and how He loves each and every one of us because He created us. We even had a massive chocolate cake, decorated with all the planets and stars, afterwards to celebrate. Delicious.

And so, when March comes around, it means that winter is finally leaving us (and oh aren't we glad about that – with the amount of rain we have had, I'm sure that I need to invest in a boat!), and spring is on its way. I love to see newly sprouted daffodils and crocuses, which the Churchyard is full of this year, as well as the spring lambs in the fields. It reminds me that creation is renewing and bringing with it the promise of new life and, hopefully, a warm summer.

This month, we start the liturgical season of Lent, when churches around the world begin to prepare for Easter. Lent is regarded as a penitential season that builds up to the events of Holy Week, culminating in the crucifixion on Good Friday. Once all the pancakes have been eaten on a particular Tuesday evening, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes, when worshippers receive a mark of the cross on their foreheads, with words spoken over them:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Lent holds us together as humans, as mortals, as people who have made mistakes, as people who struggle, as people who hurt ourselves and others.

Lent feels like a time of turning, a time of confessing, a time of seeking forgiveness, and a time of remembering. It's also a time to grow closer to God. A time to deepen our relationship with Him.

To help with that, Reverend Tracy and the Ministry team are running "Bishop Philip's Lent Course" for five weeks on Mondays from 6.45pm at St Paul's Church, starting on 23 February. The theme for the course is "Knowing Jesus" and follows the Acts of the Apostles. It will be a great way to get to know Jesus better and deeper, so please do come and join us.

May God be with you always and in all ways.

Many blessings

Anne-Marie x

BISHOP PHILIP'S LENT COURSE FOR THE BENEFICE

The Lent course will be running for five weeks on Mondays at 6.45pm at St Paul's Church: 23 February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March and 23 March.

Some of you may be using the Lent Devotional, *God's story – Your story*, which will be available both in printed format, available in both churches, and on the Diocesan *Fruitful* App.

This course complements these by taking key moments in the book of Acts to help us know Jesus, while also celebrating our Diocesan centenary focus, 'All for Jesus'.

Bishop Philip's new *Knowing Jesus* course has five sessions. The series will help us to know *about* Jesus as we seek to understand more about who he is, what he has come to do, and how he sets us free. It will also help us to *know* Jesus as we explore what it means to be in a deeper relationship with him and to offer our whole lives to him.

The sessions are:

- The Ascended Jesus
- The Sending Jesus
- The Suffering Jesus
- The Servant Jesus
- The Triumphant Jesus

They all build on each other but can be done as stand-alone sessions if you can only make it to one or two. If you are following this course as part of our Lent group meeting together, there will be a chance for conversation and discussion. And most importantly, in each session, we will do some praying. For each session there will be:

- Opening time of prayer
- Listening to the Scriptures
- Video talk
- Discussion
- Prayer liturgy
- Closing Diocesan Centenary Prayer

If you can't make it in person, then why not follow it on the *Fruitful* app, which is available to download from Apple's App Store and Google Play, and provides support to people of all backgrounds and ages in our Diocese to grow in confidence in their faith through this new digital space.

Rev. Tracy

LENT COURSE †

A Five-Week Journey Through Jesus

🕯️ **Mondays at
6.45pm**

📍 **St Pauls Church
23rd February
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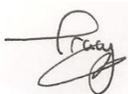
CONFIRMATION 2026

The confirmation service for the benefice of Holy Trinity and St Paul's will take place on **Sunday 7 June 2026 at 4pm at St Paul's, Warton with Bishop Joe.**

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which people affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of committed discipleship. At baptism, your parents and godparents made promises on your behalf; at confirmation, you make these promises for yourself. During the confirmation, service the bishop will pray for you and lay hands on your head, and you will receive the bread and wine during the Eucharist. It is open to anyone in Year 6 and above, and there's no upper age limit! You need to be baptised before you're confirmed, but if you haven't been, don't worry, speak to me, as it's not a problem.

I would encourage those who want to be confirmed to attend church regularly as part of their preparation.

More information is available at <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/confirmation.aspx>. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.



Rev Tracy

CLUB DAY BANNER

We're still a few months away from 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.

This 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, or if you know anyone who would, 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

SABBATICAL NOTICE

I would like to let you know that I will be taking a period of sabbatical leave from 24 August to 24 November this year.

A sabbatical is an important opportunity for rest, renewal, and reflection, allowing time to step back from the usual rhythms of parish ministry in order to return refreshed, both physically and spiritually. I am very grateful for the support of the diocese and the parish in making this possible.

During this time, Father John Hall will be providing full and consistent cover, ensuring that worship, pastoral care and the day-to-day life of our churches continue smoothly. We are very fortunate to have his experience and ministry with us during this period.

As always, our churchwardens, ministry team and the many others who give so generously of their time and gifts will play a vital role in keeping everything ticking over as usual. I am deeply thankful for their commitment and faithfulness, which are such a strength to our church communities.

Please be assured that the life and mission of our churches will continue uninterrupted while I am away, and I look forward to returning at the end of November, renewed and ready to resume ministry among you.

More detailed information will be shared nearer the time.

With thanks and every blessing,

Tracy

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

In late January, our parish collaborated with the parishes of Holy Family RC Church and Freckleton Methodist Church for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be another opportunity for us to pray together with our brothers and sisters in Christ on Friday 6 March, when there will be a celebration of the World Day of Prayer at Kirkham Methodist Church at 14:00.

During our February *Worship4U* service for Candlemas, Rev. Tracy presented an interactive talk, illustrating how we recognize Jesus, often unexpectedly. It therefore follows on fittingly that this year's Lent course builds on the theme of *Knowing Jesus*. The course runs at St Paul's every Monday evening for the first five Mondays in Lent. Even if you can't attend all five sessions, please feel very welcome to attend any sessions that you can, and to bring a friend or family member with you if you wish.

By the time the next parish magazine comes out, we'll be in the midst of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Our schedule for Holy Week and Easter services at Holy Trinity and St Paul's is shown on p. 20, and everyone is welcome to attend any of these services.

Looking slightly further ahead, we're approaching our joint service of Confirmation at St Paul's, on 7 June. Please think and pray about whether you could encourage someone to come forward for Confirmation, and if you wish to know more about it, please speak with Rev. Tracy.

We wish you all a time of spiritual regrowth and strengthening during this season of Lent.

Yours in Christ

The Wardens

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CHURCH NEWS

Adapted from our Facebook page, among other sources...

It was lovely to share Evening Prayer with our friends from Holy Family and Freckleton Methodist on Monday 19 January, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On the following evening, we joined in prayers with our friends at Holy Family. Our final service of the week, on the Wednesday, was with our friends at Freckleton Methodist Church, where we reflected upon the theme of peace.

We thought about Saul's conversion to Paul in our worship at Freckleton Church of England Primary School, and how St Paul teaches us that no one is stuck being the same forever. We can all learn, change, and choose kindness.

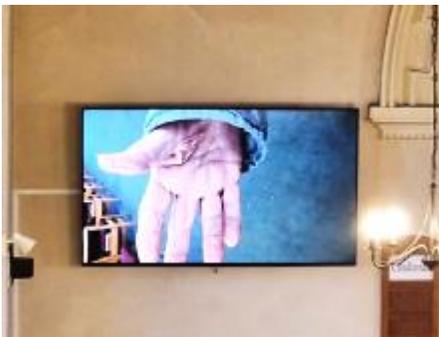
Thank you to all who volunteered at our coffee and toasties, on 24 January, and to all who came to support it.



We held a joyous baptism for beautiful baby Esme Ann-Marie. Her beautiful christening gown was worn by her mum and aunty before her.



We used a couple of activities to help us to reflect on Candlemas at our February *Worship4U*. We had a lucky dip, with different prizes in – some good, some bad, some unexpected! The children had to wait a while to open their parcels. Then we played a game of 'Guess whose hands these are?'. We looked at the story of Anna and Simeon waiting in the Temple for many years to meet the Messiah, and how he wasn't what they expected, but they still recognised him. Jesus doesn't always look like we expect either: sometimes he comes to us as someone who needs help, or someone who is lonely. We finished by wondering, where might we see this Jesus this week?



Holy Trinity Church, Freckleton

We're delighted to share that Bishop Jill has licensed Rev. Nick Wells, Vicar of Lytham, as the new Area Dean of Kirkham. The licensing took place during a midday Eucharist in the Chapel at Whalley Abbey. Also pictured with Rev. Nick is Dr Peter Roberts, Lay Chair of Kirkham Deanery. Please join us in praying for Nick as he begins this new ministry. (Diocese of Blackburn)



Thank you to our young people for leading us in prayer at one of our Sunday Parish Communion services.



Thank you, Richard, for making all the pancakes at the party on Shrove Tuesday at the vicarage. Everyone was well fed!



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Wendy was the founder of an animal charity, Homeward Bound, covering Blackpool and the Fylde.

It all started for her twelve years ago, when a dog went missing in St Anne's and there was a huge search for him. Wendy joined the search and, fortunately, the dog turned up safely on his own doorstep after a week. This experience gave her a lifelong interest in animal psychology. She eventually gained a Masters degree in Animal Welfare and founded Homeward Bound. Little did she realise how this charity would take over her life!

Wendy is assisted by many volunteers, all from the local area, searching for missing animals. One of their expert services, among many others, is to provide a tracking service for lost pets. She says you have to try to think like a dog – not easy, but their main needs are food, water and shelter. When the animal is found, the charity pays for any veterinary treatment needed, and sometimes re-homing. If the outcome is not good, at least the owner has closure. Their work is never ending, but it has great rewards, seeing a happy animal after their efforts. All this is costly, and they rely on donations from kind animal lovers.

A heartwarming story, which was enjoyed by everyone, and a vote of thanks was given by Janet Jones.

This was followed by tea and cakes and a little fun quiz about character dogs.

Wendy was asked to judge our competition: a poem entitled *My dog*. This was won by Margaret Thompson, second was Lynn Bourne, and third, another entry (different dog!) by Margaret Thompson. These were read out, and very enjoyable they all were!





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MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

January was our AGM, and we began the meeting with the sad news that Irene Brown, one of our members, passed away on 8 January. Her funeral was on Wednesday 28 January at the crematorium, and this was attended by a number of our members.

Following prayers, we began the business. Grace gave the report of last year's events. Marion gave the Treasurer's report, and we held the re-election of officers. Subs for the year were collected, and I reported that 2026 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union, by Mary Sumner, and it is also 100 years since the forming of Blackburn Diocese.

A letter from Andrew Snowden, Fylde MP, was read out, thanking us for collecting signatures in support of keeping Milbanke Care Home open.

Programme for 2026 were then distributed. Our meeting ended with a delicious buffet and cups of tea.

Our February meeting was our annual New Year meal at Rigby's Farmhouse Restaurant. We were joined by two members from St Paul's Mothers' Union, and, as usual, we all enjoyed a delicious meal.

Our March meeting is on Wednesday 11 March, and our speaker will be Clive Hurst, who is a Humanist.

Friday 6 March is the World Day of Prayer. This year's service is at Kirkham Methodist Church, Nelson Street, Kirkham, at 14:00.

Mothering Sunday is on 15 March, and as usual, we will all be taking part.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

God Bless, Anne Kay

MU MEETINGS UNTIL THE END OF 2026

06 March	World Day of Prayer
11 March	Clive Hurst – <i>Humanist</i>
08 April	Craig Eckersley – <i>Uganda</i>
13 May	Fr Richard Dashwood – <i>Drums</i>
09 September	Linda and Richard Nulty – <i>Food Bank</i>
14 October	The Samaritans
11 November	Jane Cairns – <i>Outreach</i>
09 December	Dave Mawson – Keyboard and buffet

SCHEDULE – MARCH 2026

Sun. 01 Mar.	11:00	Worship4U
Fri. 06 Mar.	14:00	World Day of Prayer at Kirkham Methodist Church
Sun. 08 Mar.	11:00	Parish Communion
Wed. 11 Mar.	14:00	Mothers' Union
Sat. 14 Mar.	10:00	St Paul's Little Café
Sun. 15 Mar.	11:00	Mothering Sunday Communion
Sun. 22 Mar.	11:00	Parish Communion
Wed. 25 Mar.	19:00	Stations of the Cross at St Paul's
Thu. 26 Mar.	09:15	CE School Easter Eucharist
Sat. 28 Mar.	10:00	Coffee and toasties
Sun. 29 Mar.	11:00	Palm Sunday Communion
Mon. 30 Mar.	19:00	Holy Week Eucharist
Tue 31 Mar.		
Wed. 01 Apr.		

Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00

Lent course at St Paul's, Mondays at 18:45 from 23 Feb. to 23 Mar.

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:

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer service will take place on Friday 6 March at 14:00. The service will be held at Kirkham Methodist Church, Nelson Street, Kirkham, PR4 2JP. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Nigeria.

EASTER AT

HOLY TRINITY, FRECKLETON & ST PAUL'S, WARTON

 **25th March – 7:00pm** Stations of the Cross
St Paul's

 **30th March – 7:00pm** Eucharist
Holy Trinity

 **31st March – 7:00pm** Eucharist
Holy Trinity

 **1st April – 7:00pm** Eucharist
Holy Trinity

 **2nd April – 7:00pm** Maundy Thursday & Vigil
St Paul's

 **3rd April 11:00am** Stations of the Cross
Holy Trinity
2:00pm Good Friday
St Paul's

 **4th April – 6:45pm** Easter Vigil
St Paul's

 **5th April – EASTER SUNDAY** 

 **9:30am** Eucharist
St Paul's

 **11:00am** Eucharist
Holy Trinity

All are warmly welcome.

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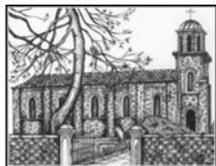
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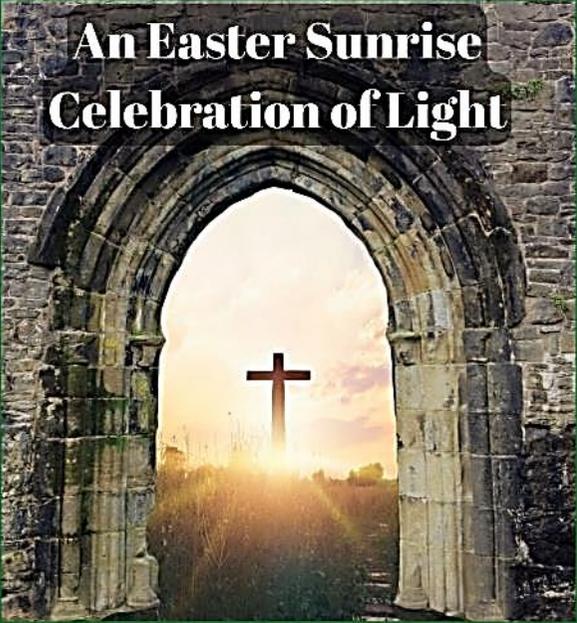
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Issue 2



**An Easter Sunrise
Celebration of Light**

**Date: Sunday
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-6:15 AM-**

**Where: The
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Church Ruins**

**Cost: Free to
attend**

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Join us at 6:15 AM for an Easter fire and sunrise service in the historic Abbey ruins. Afterward, we'll gather indoors to continue the celebration over a light breakfast.

**Easter Service, Eucharist
& Breakfast**  **Whalley
Abbey**

DAN'S NEXT STEPS



05 February

You're not seeing two Dans. Joanne Fitton and her husband Simon very kindly picked up Dan's cutout from the Science and Industry Museum's exhibition, inspired by the BBC's *Operation ouch*, with Doctor Ronx, Chris and Xand. Dan's thrilled to have his life-size cutout in his bedroom, next to his next favourite life-size cutout, of Ariana Grande, which he got for Christmas.



06 February

This week was again a week of firsts for Dan: it was his third week of his phased return to full-time schooling at Pear Tree School. Incredibly, Dan stood for the first time in three years, with the aid of a standing frame, and he could not stop smiling. The benefits of being vertical are game-changing for Dan. This will enhance his core strength, his overall health, and his confidence. It's fantastic, the small steps he's making on his very long road to getting his life back.



Thank you to everyone who has supported our family and our Dan. 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://www.gofundme.com/f/DanielFlemen>

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Saturday	11.30-1.45 & 4.30-8.00
Sunday	Closed

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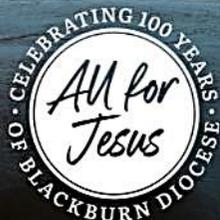
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FRECKLETON HISTORY GROUP

Steve welcomed everyone and asked if anyone would like to join Love Freckleton Library by filling in a Friends' Group membership form. He also said that Mike Coyle had now finished entering all the completed forms for the graveyard. We are also putting in for a grant to help towards the cost of speakers for our yearly meetings. He then introduced Janet Tomlinson, who is giving a talk on the Plymouth Brethren and its connection to Puritanism.

Janet gave out a leaflet, showing a photo of the meeting place of the Plymouth Brethren in Naze Lane, Freckleton, which was founded in 1903 and closed before 1970. Janet couldn't find out why it closed and which branch it belonged to. Part of Janet's family were connected with the Brethren.

We must go back to the Puritans, which became the Protestant Movement. The Catholic Church was then very rich and very corrupt, and when Oliver Cromwell came into power, all church crosses, images, etc. were removed, and goodness knows what treasures were lost. Puritans must be pure: there were no barriers between man and God. Puritans didn't believe in Royalty, and during Elizabeth I's reign, many illegal printing presses were confiscated. During Oliver Cromwell's ten-year reign, Christmas was banned, and so was golf. It was an extreme time, and people didn't like it, so when Charles II came to the throne, the Plymouth Brethren came into force.

In Dublin, John Nelson Derby, a brilliant orator, became a priest in the Protestant church in Ireland and formed his own group, called The Brethren. This gained popularity, and in the mid 1880s, there was a massive gathering in Plymouth, hence the Plymouth Brethren. The Exclusive Brethren segregated themselves from the world: they didn't socialise, didn't meet, didn't vote; they kept themselves to themselves. There was no information on this group. The only information came from those who left the group. Men were dominant, women were expected to cover their heads in church. They didn't read newspapers, there was no TV, no cinema, no meetings with anyone else other than family. The Open Brethren did mix with the outside world.

A Plymouth Brethren called James Taylor was accused of immoral conduct. He was very fond of whisky, and all the members were encouraged to drink whisky. Because of this, about 8,000 members left the church. This is when the church in Freckleton closed.

Janet's relative joined the Exclusive Brethren, but they then left and joined the Methodist Church.

Janet said her mum was brought up to be a Puritan. She was highly moral and very restrictive, and she always wore a hat in church.

The talk brought back many memories of certain people in the village who belonged to Plymouth Brethren, and Janet was thanked very warmly for her very interesting talk.

We planned our next meeting for Wednesday 25 February at the library. Our speaker was Adrian Long, telling us all about "The History of Kirkham Grammar School".

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Catherine Whiteford (burial of ashes, Holy Trinity)

04 February Stephen Burns (Holy Trinity)

09 February Alan Roberts (burial of ashes, Holy Trinity)

10 February Hazel Gill (St Paul's)

13 February James Gardiner Martin (Jim) (Holy Trinity)

17 February Marilyn Jones (Holy Trinity)

19 February Olive Frewin (St Paul's)

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22 March

29 March

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31 March (19:00)

01 April (19:00)

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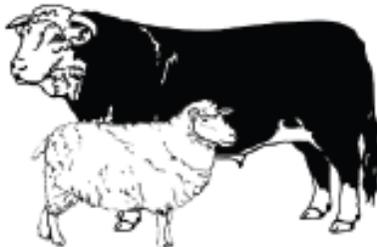
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FRECKLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School news from February 2026

Year 5 visit London

Since the last parish magazine, Year 5 have been to London. The children travelled by early train to the capital, and as well as having a tour of the Palace of Westminster, they also enjoyed a cruise on the River Thames, a 'flight' on the London Eye, a chance to view Buckingham Palace, and tea in McDonalds. It was a long but thoroughly enjoyable day, and the children came back with lots of memories, which will hopefully last a lifetime. Everywhere we went, we were commended for the children's impeccable behaviour.



PTFA 'Love Yourself Day'

Instead of the usual PTFA discos held around Valentine's Day, this year, the PTFA organised a 'Love Yourself Day'. Children were allowed to wear whatever they felt most comfortable in, in return for a donation. There was also a tuckshop and stalls for the children to buy friendship bracelets from in the afternoon. The children had a lovely day and raised a fabulous £429.92!

Year 5 Pizza Express visit

Year 5 had a wonderful morning at Pizza Express in Lytham, learning all about the ingredients which go into creating the perfect pizza. All the children and the adults got to make their own Margherita pizza, which they brought back to school. We made all the passengers on the number 68 bus very hungry indeed with the smell of fresh pizza wafting down the aisles!

Safer Internet Day

February is the month when children are reminded about how to stay safe online, and they did an amazing job of teaching each other through a video, which was put together and shared in school and also on Facebook. The theme this year was all about the safe use of AI.

Multicultural Week

This month, the children have all taken part in a Multicultural Week, organised by Mrs Eaves – our subject leader for RE. Visits to places of worship included the Buddhist Centre in Preston, St Anne's Synagogue and the mosque in Preston. The children also enjoyed a visit from Prags, who taught the children some Indian dances, introduced them to henna tattoos and treated us all with her delicious homemade samosas.

Spring is on its way!

As we move towards the lighter, brighter days of spring, school life continues to be full of energy, curiosity and hope. The children have embraced new challenges with enthusiasm, whether in the classroom, on visits, or through the many wider opportunities that enrich their learning. It is always a privilege to see them grow not only in knowledge, but also in confidence, kindness and character.

Springtime is a season of renewal. The buds begin to appear, the days lengthen, and there is a sense of fresh possibility in the air. In school, we are reminded daily that growth often begins quietly — in small acts of perseverance, in friendships restored, in questions asked and answered. These moments reflect the wider life of our parish community, where care, encouragement and shared faith help us all to flourish.

As a Church of England school, we value the strong links we share with our church and the wider parish. The support, prayers and encouragement of the community make a real difference to our children and families. Thank you for the role you play in nurturing the next generation and in modelling the compassion and service that lie at the heart of our Christian faith.

May this spring bring renewed hope to us all.

Loving God,

*We thank you for the gift of springtime —
for new life, fresh beginnings and the beauty of your creation.*

*Bless our school, our church and our parish community.
Help us to grow in kindness, patience and understanding.
May we support one another with generous hearts
and work together for the good of all.*

*As the earth is renewed in this season,
renew our hope, strengthen our faith
and guide us in your ways.*

Amen.

God Bless, Neil Kenyon, Headteacher

'Let knowledge be grounded in faith'



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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

NEWS FROM LIFE ASSOCIATION

Life *Association*

Dear friends,

We are pleased to share an update on the tailoring school in Tamil Nadu. The seventh cohort of women completed their training and graduated in October, each receiving a certificate of achievement and a sewing machine with accessories.



Unfortunately, one student became very ill and missed the graduation ceremony. Doctors found a small brain tumour, and she needed emergency surgery. Tamilselvi is now recovering well. She was able to come back and pick up her sewing machine and continue to grow in the skills she has learned. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

The eighth cohort of women has started their training at the school. Each day begins with prayer, songs, and Bible readings, followed by tailoring lessons. The women are learning skills that will help them earn a steady income for their families. This all plays an important part to break the cycle of poverty; the women also have the opportunity to learn about the love of Jesus by attending this course.



The women convey their heartfelt thanks for your faithful support in helping to provide this opportunity. As we have shared before, they are very moved when they hear brothers and sisters on the other side of the world are supporting them, all in the name of Jesus Christ. If you haven't yet supported this wonderful work and would like to make a one-off or regular donation, please go to www.lifeassociation.org.uk.

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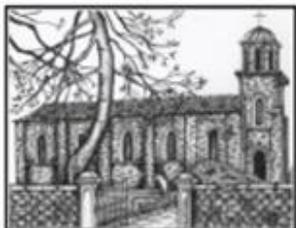
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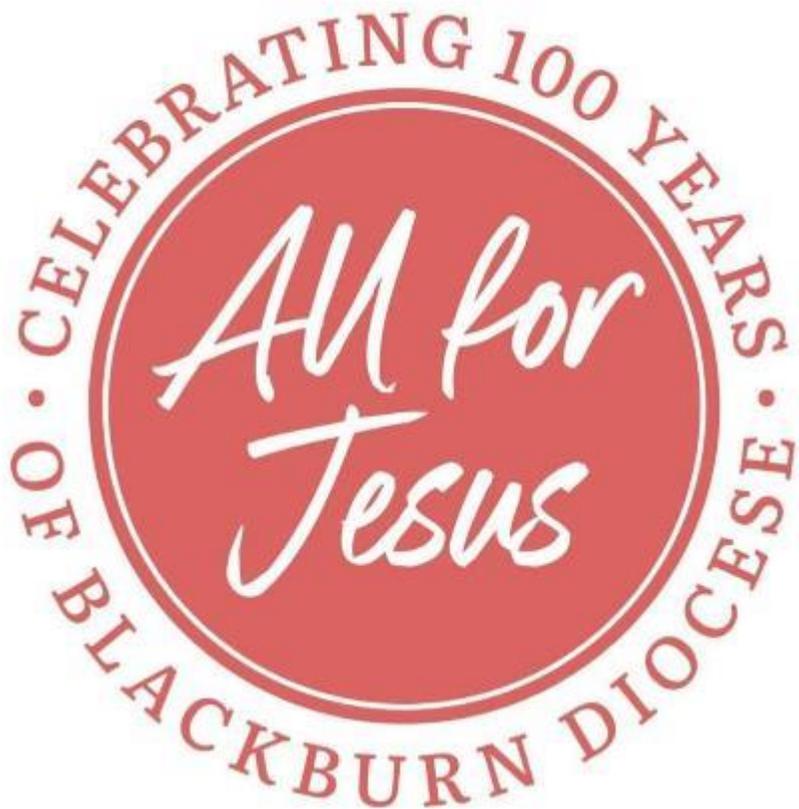
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