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CHURCH SERVICES

- 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 18 April** to parishmagazine@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk.

A LETTER FROM REV. TRACY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Easter stands at the very heart of the Christian faith. It tells the story of an ending that wasn't the end, and of hope that appeared where it was least expected. The resurrection of Jesus isn't simply a historical event remembered once a year, but a living truth that continues to shape how Christians understand God, the world, and one another.

The first Easter morning didn't begin with celebration or certainty. It began in confusion, grief, and fear. Yet it was precisely there that God was at work, bringing life out of death and opening a future that no one could have imagined. This is part of what makes Easter so powerful: it speaks honestly into the realities of life as we experience them, and offers hope that is deep, resilient, and enduring.

In our parish, Easter is a reminder that the Church exists not only for moments of joy, but for the whole of life. Whether you are full of faith, full of questions, or somewhere in between, the Easter story assures us that God meets us where we are. No one is beyond the reach of grace, and no situation is beyond God's redeeming love.

If you are able, I warmly invite you to join us for our Holy Week and Easter services and encourage you to invite a friend to come along with you. They offer a chance to pause, to listen, and to reflect on what resurrection might mean in our own lives and in our shared life as a community. You would be very welcome.

As we celebrate Easter this year, may the risen Christ bring you peace, strength, and hope for the days ahead.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Holy Easter.

Yours, in Christ

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in the Church of England consists of two separate meetings, both of which are legally required to be held each year (normally before 31 May). Although distinct, they are usually held one after the other on the same occasion.

1. The Meeting of Parishioners (Annual Vestry Meeting)

Purpose: To elect the churchwardens for the parish.

Who may attend: Anyone on the church electoral roll, together with residents of the parish who are on the civil electoral register.

2. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Purpose: To review the life and work of the church over the past year, receive the Annual Report and financial statements, and elect members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod.

Who may attend: Those whose names are on the church electoral roll.

Meeting dates

- **St Paul's** – Sunday 26 April at 09:00 (before the morning service). This earlier time is necessary as Rev. Tracy has been unable to arrange cover for Holy Trinity.
- **Holy Trinity** – Sunday 10 May at 12:00 (immediately after the service). These meetings are an important part of our shared church life, offering an opportunity to reflect on the past year, give thanks for all that has been achieved, and look ahead together in faith and hope.

CLUB DAY BANNER

We're now only about two months away from our wonderful Club Day. David Fare and his dedicated team do a fantastic job carrying our church banner during the Walk of Witness.

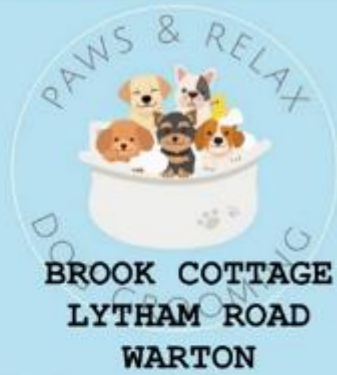
This year, they'd love to have some more helpers join in and lend a bit of extra muscle to help carry it high and proud. If you think you could be part of the team, or if you know anyone who would, please let me know, and I'll gladly connect you with David.

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

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

Early in March, it was International Women's Day, which coincided with the Sunday on which our Gospel reading and sermon were on the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42). We continued the following Sunday into Mothering Sunday, which our congregation celebrated together with our Mothers' Union and several of our young members. We were then also pleased to announce that **Samuel Foxley** and **Lucy Stone**, both valued members of our school community, have been appointed as this year's **Rose King and Queen**. Following the wonderful success of Club Day 2025, our school and church will again collaborate to participate in Freckleton Club Day this June. The chosen theme for this year is *Creation of the world*.

Our coffee and toastie mornings have been continuing very well each month, and we look forward to welcoming you at our next one, which will be on 25 April. Please also see the notice on p. 22, regarding our patronal festival lunch at Rigby's on Trinity Sunday, 31 May. Meanwhile, please keep a note of our list of Holy Week and Easter services, shown on p. 18.

Yours in Christ

The Wardens



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CHURCH NEWS

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

In our March *Worship4U* service, we thought about God asking Abram to leave everything familiar and go somewhere new. Some of the children thought about what he might have packed to take with him. The one thing we didn't pack, Abram needed more than anything, which was trust. He followed God without knowing the destination. We played a game of trust to think about this. What did you pack this Lent? Kindness? Courage? Forgiveness? Generosity?



Holy Trinity Church, Freckleton

On Mothering Sunday, our Mothers' Union banner was carried in the procession. Flowers were laid on the children's grave, and all those struggling today were prayed for. Thank you to the MU for providing the beautiful flowers for everyone. We had a story about a monkey who lost his mum, and everyone was gifted a cup of tea.



Congratulations to our new Rose King and Queen, announced on Mothering Sunday – Samuel and Lucy. We look forward to your reign.



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WI NEWS

There was a very good turnout for our meeting on 10 March to listen to our Speakers, Matt and Yvonne Pinder, who have been travelling all over America and documenting their travels.

This evening, we were taken from Louisiana to Florida. We saw the amazing floats at the Mardi Gras festival and all the decorative beads. There was a picture of the steamboat, operating since 1812, and the mangrove trees, which provide a haven for young fish, etc. We learnt about the Civil Rights Movement from 1959 to 1963, although the beaches were not opened up until 1968. From Alabama, we moved to the 'Sunshine State' of Florida. The talk focused on animals and birds and the amount of rain that this state gets each year, which means there are lots of rivers and lakes. We saw the brown pelican, the bald-headed eagle, and bats, particularly the Brazilian three-tailed bat, which is the fastest bat. We also learnt that manatees can grow up to 13 feet long.

The talk finished via Orlando, Disneyland and Epcot, then the Everglades and Miami, with its art deco, old cars and cruise ships. Quite a contrast.

After the vote of thanks, by Heather Edwards, there were refreshments and a quiz about America.

The competition for a sentence using the word Adventure in that order was won by Margaret Ward, with Heather Edwards second and Jackie Martin third. They were read out and were surprisingly very different from each other.

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MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

At our meeting in March, Clive Hurst came to talk to us about his life as a humanist. He told us about the meaning of humanism. They do not believe in God, but work in the community to help anyone who is in need. Clive described visiting schools to talk about humanism, and is involved in Blackpool carers group, which supports both adults and young carers. Humanists operate Worldwide, particularly in the Congo and as far as Saudi, where they work to improve the lives of women.

Our next meeting will be on 8 April, when Craig will tell us about his trip to Uganda to help a school and work in the community.

As 2026 is the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union, to celebrate this, we hope to publish a book of *Favourite recipes*. Anyone who would like to add a recipe, please write it out and bring it to the meeting, or to church, and hand it to one of our members.

On Wednesday 22 April, it will be the Deanery Festival at St Paul's, Warton at 14:00.

All are welcome to join us.

God Bless

Anne Kay

MU MEETINGS UNTIL THE END OF 2026

08 April	Craig Eckersley – <i>Uganda</i>
13 May	Fr Richard Dashwood – <i>Drums</i>
June	Afternoon tea, Glendower Hotel
July and August	Holidays
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

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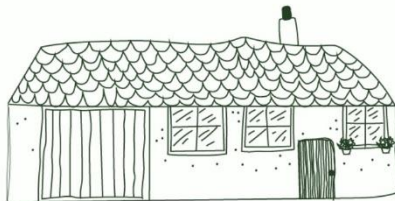
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We have had a busy month, starting with a bowling night, enjoyed by all. Our regular Tuesday evening meetings have mostly been spent making Easter craft items. We thank everyone who has supported us by giving donations for our charities for craft items. We will give you an update on the amount raised so far this year for Lancashire Mind and Ronald McDonald House next month.

We had a special meeting at Rev. Christine Gould's house, where we made Mothering Sunday cards. Although we are getting quite old now, we thought our mums would still appreciate a handmade card. We really enjoyed being able to spend some time with Rev. Christine.

Another highlight of the month was finding out that one of our members, Samuel Foxley, is going to be the next Rose King. We are sure Samuel will do a great job. Our weekly meetings this term finished with a prayer writing night. We hope you think we have done a good job when you come to church on Easter Sunday and listen to our prayers.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter.



SCHEDULE – APRIL 2026

Mon. 30 Mar. Tue 31 Mar. Wed. 01 Apr.	19:00	Holy Week Eucharist at Holy Trinity
Thu. 02 Apr.	19:00	Maundy Thursday at St Paul's
Fri. 03 Apr.	11:00	Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity
	14:00	Good Friday service at St Paul's
Sat. 04 Apr.	18:45	Easter Eve vigil at St Paul's
Sun. 05 Apr.	11:00	Easter Sunday Eucharist (also 09:30 at St Paul's)
Wed. 08 Apr.	14:00	Mothers' Union
Sat. 11 Apr.	10:00	St Paul's Little Café
Sun. 12 Apr.	11:00	Parish Communion
Sun. 19 Apr.	11:00	Parish Communion
Sat. 25 Apr.	10:00	Coffee and toasties
Sun. 26 Apr.	11:00	Palm Sunday Communion

Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00, except 30 March, 6 April and 4 May

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?"

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.



**An Easter Sunrise
Celebration of Light**

**Date: Sunday
April 5th 2026
-6:15 AM-**

**Where: The
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When: 2nd Monday of each month, 7.15 – 8.15pm

Where: Freckleton Methodist Church, PR41HS

9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June

Please contact Deacon Kim Gabbatiss for more details –
kim.gabbatiss@methodist.org.uk





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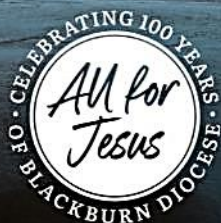
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Saturday	11.30-1.45 & 4.30-8.00
Sunday	Closed

Everyone welcomed with a smile!
Dave and the staff

DAN'S NEXT STEPS

27 February

Well, its haircut time again. So, one evening, Freckleton Village Barbers very kindly came and met Dan and cut his hair. Dan's looking great!

Dan was back at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital for a follow-up appointment for his foot, which was reconstructed. The great news is that all is well and going according to plan. Even better news was that he managed to meet up with old friends in the hospital and at Ronald McDonald House, Manchester, which was fab!



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.

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FRECKLETON HISTORY GROUP

Sally introduced our speaker, Adrian Long, who gave a talk on *The history of Kirkham Grammar School*.

Adrian explained that he had been a teacher at KGS from 1981 to his retirement in 2017. Kirkham Grammar School is also known as the Grammar School, or Kirkham School, but it is mainly known as KGS. It's a wonderful, Grade 2 listed building, over 100 years old.

The original school was an offshoot of St Michael's Church. It was a Chantry School as early as 1444 – one of the ten oldest schools anywhere (1 July 1444). Chantry Schools ended with the dissolution of the monasteries. Thomas Clifton mentioned the school in his will in 1551, and he left them some money. Because the school had fallen into disrepair, Isabell Birley, who was an alehouse keeper of The Eagle & Child (where the Co-Op is now), collected money from the local bigwigs and persuaded them to “do something about” the school. From this, further bequests came from the Clifton family and other well-known families. (There is a tapestry in the KGS headmaster's study, made by Kirkham WI in 1928).

Henry ... (sorry I didn't get the surname), a local Kirkham boy, went to London to seek his fortune and was involved with the Worshipful Company of Drapers, who were very wealthy through the wool trade, and when he died, he left some money to the school, which was controlled by them. The Drapers' Company were very interested in Kirkham and wanted to make sure a papist would be the headmaster of the school. The Drapers Company still support the school through bursaries, etc.

When was it called Kirkham Grammar School? There is a memorial inside St Michael's Church to the Rev. John Threlfall, who was headmaster of the school for 56 years and who died in 1801. This memorial was brought from an earlier school. The old Grammar school building was built over the road from the church, what is now the current Kirkham School.

The local men of Kirkham didn't like the interference of the Drapers Company and were in a tug-of-war between Treales School, KGS and the Girls' Grammar School, which was originally in Orders Lane / Moore Street. A new girls' school was built in Kirkham, but no one was interested in financing a girls' school.

Big families, the Langtons and the Birleys, thought the old building was not big enough and that, as the school was flourishing, a bigger and better school was needed. The Drapers Company said if the governors bought the land, they would build the building, which was designed by the Drapers' own architect. The Rev. Thomas Walton was the last headmaster of the old school and the first headmaster of the new school.

There was a enlistment Rally in 1914 in Kirkham Market Square, attended by Lord Derby, the vicar and the headmaster of the Grammar School, and many of the boys from the school went to war, and a lot of them were true heroes.

Rev. Creswell Strange took over as headmaster in 1919 and was responsible for reorganising the school as it is today. He changed football to rugby and brought in the house system. He was the one who set up a campaign to have a war memorial, in 1926. He also introduced the Coat of Arms, opened the 1938 building and saw the school through the Second World War.

In 1965, the Norwood Block extension was built, and also in the '60s, comprehensive schools replaced grammar schools. KGS decided to go independent in 1979 and allowed girls in the school as well.

In 1991 a new hall, called Summerlee, was built, an astroturf pitch for hockey, and then a Junior School and pre-school were built. There were new playing fields when the bypass was built, and BAe money built a Technology Centre and Languages Building. In 2002, there was a new dining hall and French Café, 2008 the Waite Building, 2010 the Drama Studio, and in 2013, the old gym became the Music Recital Hall.

Old Kirhamians include Ralph Copeland (Astron. Royal), Prof. Eric Laithwaite (invented magnetic levitation), Graham Clark (opera singer), Tony Lewis (invented the Duckworth-Lewis method for one-day cricket), Clove Tyseley (football commentator), Ann Jessop (chief executive for the Royal Mint), Prof. Matthew Pateman (pop culture), Ranvir Singh (TV presenter), Richard Wheelsworth and Alec Sanderson (England Rugby players), Marcus Plowright (film/documentary maker) and Joanne Box, a barrister in London.

The head who took over this year is Kirsten O'Donaghue, the first female head.

Adrian was thanked for his wonderful talk and answered further questions from the group.

Steve then showed us two paintings that he had acquired from Facebook. One painting was of Freckleton Village Green in 1902, and the other was a scene of Preston Old Road in 1912 (near where the library is situated now). A lady called Noelle Rider has donated them to the village. We now must decide where to show them: the Village Hall or the Freckleton Sports and Social Club, who have a room full of old Freckleton photos and pictures.

We planned our next meeting for Wednesday 25 March at the library. Our speaker was Gareth Winrow, and his talk was *A watermill in Windmill Land: The Sharples Family of Freckleton*". Gareth has published a book called *Past lives, forgotten stories, cobbled patchworks of history*". The Sharples family of Freckleton and their association with the Water Mill are the subject of one of the chapters.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

22 February Maddison Rose Holt (St Paul's)
Vincent Colin Muscat (St Paul's)

Funerals

20 February Joan Harper (Holy Trinity)
25 February Mark Hetherington (Burial of ashes, St Paul's)
26 February Michael Murray (Holy Trinity)
02 March Barbara Bonney (Holy Trinity)
04 March Peter Gill (St Paul's)

100 CLUB WINNERS

22 February Jennifer Gates
01 March Jennifer Pepper
08 March Kath Broadhurst for Holy Trinity Church
15 March David Fare

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Kindly arranged by:	Jennifer Gates	For enquiries, please contact Ann Stone , 07879 285030.

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FRECKLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School news from March 2026

Let's Go Sing @ Blackburn Arena

Mr Kenyon, Mrs Foxley and Mrs Sanders had the pleasure of accompanying 43 of our junior children this month to the Blackburn Arena to perform with several hundred children from other local primary schools as part of the *Let's Go Sing* project. The children sang their hearts out in front of a packed arena, and we are already looking forward to *Let's Go Sing 2027!*



Year 1 outdoor education visit to West View Leisure Centre

Year 1 certainly demonstrated our Christian values of trust, friendship and perseverance, to name but a few, when they visited West View Leisure Centre's climbing wall. The teachers and adults accompanying the children couldn't quite believe how brave they all were! The adults seemed to have a great time too!



Year 5 outdoor education visit to the Lake District

Year 5 also had a wonderful time on their Outdoor Education Day, run by Outdoor Education NW Ltd. They went deep into the Lake District and visited Slater Bridge and Cathedral Cavern, experiencing hiking, rock scrambling and caving. They made sure they brought back lots of Lake District mud as a souvenir! What a great day! Well done to all of our children.



World Book Day

We also celebrated World Book Day this month, with a visit from ex-pupil and now children's author – Matt Davies. As a change, instead of dressing up, children were invited to decorate a potato as their favourite character from a book. The children and their parents never cease to amaze us with their creativity, and there were some fabulous creations on display.

Looking ahead

Spring finally feels like it's here, and for the first time this year, we have been able to have worship outdoors again. With lighter days and warmer weather ahead, there's certainly lots to look forward to and be thankful for.

God Bless,

Neil Kenyon, Headteacher

'Let knowledge be grounded in faith'

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the signs of new life all around us—longer days, brighter skies, and the first hints of spring. In our school, we see this same sense of growth in our children, as they learn, play, and develop in confidence each day.

We give thanks for the gift of education, for the curiosity you place within each child, and for the dedication of staff, families, and our wider community. Help us to nurture not only knowledge, but kindness, resilience, and compassion in all that we do.

As we move through this season of renewal, remind us of the importance of hope and fresh beginnings. Guide us to support one another, to show patience in times of challenge, and to celebrate the achievements—big and small—that bring us joy.

May our school and parish continue to be places of warmth, welcome, and love, reflecting your presence in all we do.

Amen.



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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,

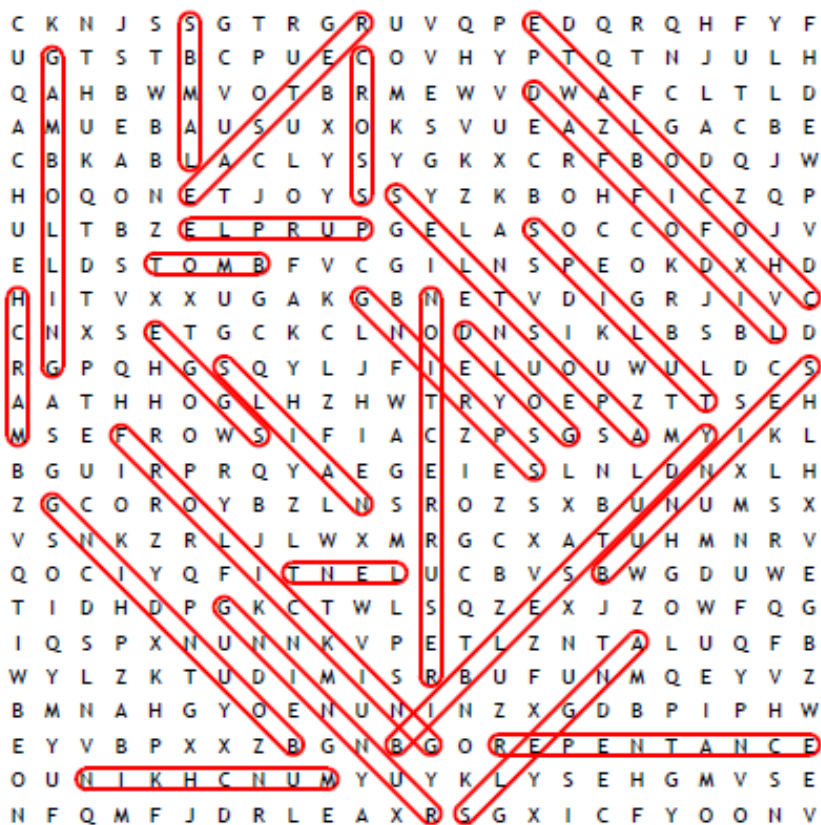
Our hands be generous, quick to share.

Let your love shine and keep us safe,

Let our knowledge be always grounded in faith.

Amen

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Dear friends,

Since our last update on the new school building's progress, things have developed quite rapidly. The interior classrooms have been constructed, and the electricity installation is underway. Electric fans will be installed in each classroom to keep the temperature cool during the hotter months. The plumbing and plastering work will begin in the coming weeks.



Once the building is completed, a compound wall will be built, with a security gate, along with a new playground area and an assembly area. We hope that all of this will be completed in time for the start of the new school year, in June. The children have been able to continue their education at a temporary school, under the guidance of the wonderful, dedicated teachers.



We thank you for your generous support, which is helping to make all this possible. Your continued partnership is vital to ensuring a high-quality Christian education for generations to come. Many children from marginalised communities face discrimination in local government schools, resulting in them falling behind or leaving school. This puts them at risk of child labour, trafficking, or child marriage. India has the highest number of child brides in the world, with one in three girls marrying before the legal age of 18. Your contribution can directly change a child's future and break the cycle of poverty. If you haven't yet supported this wonderful work and would like to make a one-off or regular donation, please visit our website or contact us at the address below.

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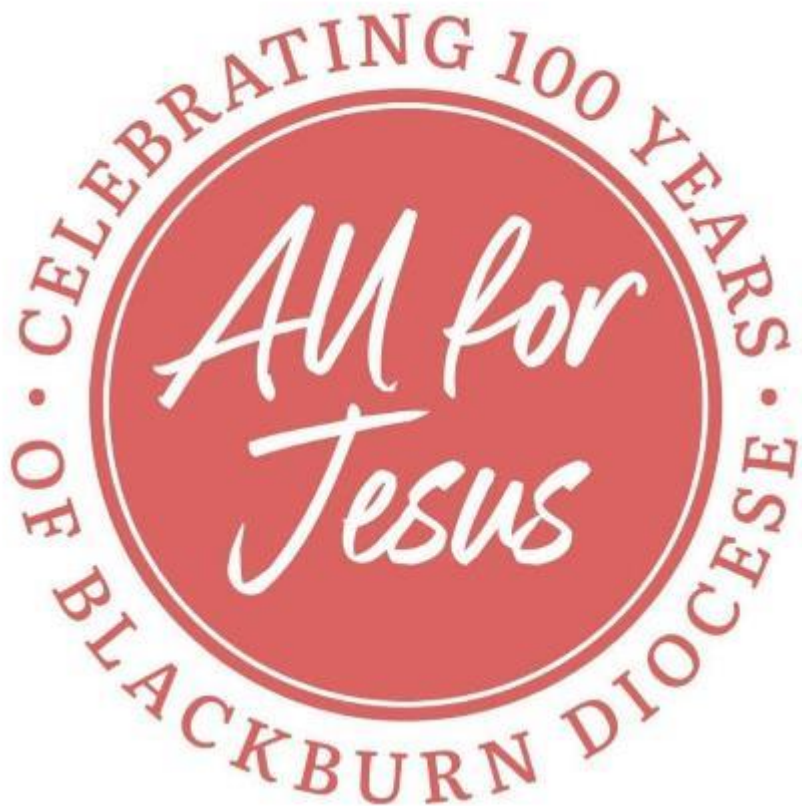
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