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## CHURCH SERVICES

- Sundays** 11:00 First Sunday: *Worship4U* non-Eucharistic all-age service  
All other Sundays: Parish Communion  
(5<sup>th</sup> 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 22 May** to [parishmagazine@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:parishmagazine@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk).

# A LETTER FROM GRACE

My dear friends,

I remember a cartoon I saw some time ago of a vicar stopping outside the house where a man was tending his garden.

The vicar said approvingly, “A fine job you and the Lord are making of that garden.”

“Aye,” replied the man. “You should have seen the mess He was making of it on His own.”

Most of us like to see a well set out garden, beautiful colours in orderly array. When my husband and I call in on a National Trust property as a stopping place on a long journey, what we are interested in is usually the garden (plus the food, of course!) rather than the house.

However, there is a trend now towards re-wilding, feeling that that is better for wildlife and the environment.

As I walked round the village a few days ago, there were plenty of splendid gardens, but I couldn't help admiring the dandelions, even though many gardeners hate them. But they were glorious. If you look closely at a dandelion, you will see that it isn't just plain yellow. Towards the centre, most of them are almost orange.

It has been suggested that we should leave dandelions, because they are in flower early, before most other flowers are out, so they provide nectar for bees and other pollinators.

You might think that Jesus would have been too busy to notice nature, but He wasn't. “Consider the lilies of the field,” He said. He told His Disciples to consider them, which implies that He had considered them, not just glanced at them casually. Then He also spoke of sparrows and ravens. So He wasn't disinterested in nature.

Spring is an especially good time to notice God's creation. It is amazing how the apparently dead world springs back to life so rapidly, even if the winter has been cold and wet.

This year, in particular, with the state of the world around us, we need something to cheer us up.

There are so many problems in the world, and I have so many people that I know I ought to pray for that, if I am not careful, my prayer time ends up like a shopping list. But we should remember to praise God, not just to ask Him for things.

So let us remember to praise God for the wonderful world He has created.

Yours in Christ,

Grace

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCM)

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, immediately after the 11:00 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.

## HAPPY EASTER BUNNY

Thank you so much to everyone who gave Easter eggs this year. We had donations from St Paul's Church in Warton; Holy Trinity in Freckleton; St Paul's Church Fairhaven, and Warton Jellybeans.

Thank you to Paul & Amanda for transport again.

Totals were:

Harbour House & Fleetwood YMCA	40 eggs
Foxtan Centre Preston	90 eggs

Roll on Christmas and Secret Santa – small parcels for homeless people and also a

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## **CLUB DAY BANNER**

We're now a little over a month 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

## **CLUB DAY MARSHALS**

Your Freckleton Club Day needs you on Saturday 20 June!

We are looking for marshals who can man our road closure barriers during our procession, 09:00 to 11:00 (times vary, depending where you are positioned on the route).

Our Chief Marshal, Damian, will provide you with a briefing, and a high-visibility vest, to wear whilst you are marshalling.

We cannot run this event unless we have some more volunteers to marshal road closures, helping to keep our participants safe.

Our community Club Day is purely run by a group of volunteers. We are very grateful to all our volunteers for their contributions. Please join the team to help us keep this annual village event thriving!

If you can help, please get in touch with Damian on 07895 000685 or [damianking1969@gmail.com](mailto:damianking1969@gmail.com).

Many thanks for your support,

The Three Churches Club Day Committee

## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

This year, we entered Holy Week at the very end of March. A sizeable congregation attended our Palm Sunday service, and nobody just turned up after the service for coffee and cake, so that was a reassuring sign that everyone had remembered to put their clocks forward as we finally entered spring. The service included the dramatized Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, from the Gospel of Matthew, and this year, the cast of readers included Paul Wilkins, as well as Ella Sumner, who took the role of the Evangelist.

The services from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday took quite a different angle this year: for the sermons, Rev. Tracy read extracts from the book *The nail – being part of the Passion*, by the Most Rev. Stephen Cottrell (now Archbishop of York). Each reading presented a first-person account of one of the people in the Passion Gospel and skilfully filtered the viewpoint through to the listener in a way that left one with a feeling of both empathy for the person in the reading and mindfulness of one's own weakness.

On the Wednesday after Easter, the Mothers' Union hosted a slideshow on last year's visit to the Pearl of Africa Child Care Molly and Paul Foundation schools in Uganda. Many people from Holy Trinity and St Paul's had kindly donated items or money for the trip and prayed for everyone participating, so this presentation gave back a view of how all these gifts had been put to use. We thank the Mothers' Union for hosting the presentation – and for collecting a further donation on the day – and we thank everyone who has kindly supported this work in any way. Planning of the next trip, in February 2027, is now beginning.

It's a pleasure every year to announce our new Rose Queen, Rose King and retinue, and our announcement of this year's retinue follows in the next item below. Meanwhile, our retiring Rose Queen, Izzy, is hosting an afternoon tea at Freckleton C of E Primary School, on Sunday 10 May at 15:00. Admission is by advance ticket, at £5 each for adults and £2 for children (under 16), so if you wish to buy tickets, please contact the Wardens or Jenny Hunter. The afternoon tea will include a raffle and tombola, so we'll be very thankful for any prizes you may kindly wish to donate, please.

In her ministry letter, Grace mentioned Jesus's reference to the lilies of the field, and we were also thankful for the beautiful lilies and other flower arrangements that brightened our church on Easter Sunday. But the concept of beholding God's creation carries on, as this year's Club Day procession theme will be 'Creation of the world'. Please think and pray about how you can join in and contribute to this year's Club Day weekend. And with that, we go over to the retinue announcement...

Yours in Christ, the Wardens

## ROSE QUEEN RETINUE 2026

We are pleased to reveal the following confirmed lineup for the new Rose Queen, Rose King and retinue.

Rose Queen	Lucy Stone
Rose King	Samuel Foxley
Little Child	Mia Ramirez
Crown Bearer	Oscar Burrows
<i>Little child shall lead them</i> board	Elsie Houldsworth & Mylo Chalwe
Bower Carriers	Alfie Barfoot Katie Phelan
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# CHURCH NEWS

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

Congratulations to Henry Arthur, baptised on Sunday 22 March.



We enjoyed a wonderful Easter vigil at St Paul's. Alleluia Christ has risen! Thank you to Richard for sorting out our Easter fire, to John for helping us light the Paschal candles in a storm-force wind, and to Joyce for the beautiful flowers. Thank you to all who joined us for our celebrations afterwards.



Christ is risen, happy Easter! Thank you to all involved in Easter Sunday morning's service, and for the beautiful Easter flower displays.



On Wednesday 8 April, our Mothers' Union watched a sideshow on last year's visit to Uganda and the work done to help the schools of the Pearl of Africa Child Care Molly and Paul Foundation. They kindly held a collection at the end and raised a total donation of £105.32.



Our confirmation candidates had their first preparation session on 16 April. We're using the new course from our three Bishops.



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## WI NEWS

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It seemed that the party started even before the food was served, as there was lots of chatter and laughter while members waited for subscriptions to be taken.

After the food was eaten, the games began. There were six tables in competition with one another, and eight games to play, including a beanbag-throwing exercise, a challenge to tear the longest continuous strip of newspaper from one sheet, a memory game, a word and sentence game and a pasta-threading game, to name a few. The team with St Anne's visitors were the overall winners, but each table excelled at something.

The competition to design a birthday bunting flag was won by Margaret Thompson, with Barbara Bamber second and Michaela Bass third.

The evening ended with our President, Kathy Gemmell, cutting the birthday cake, made by Michaela Bass, and everyone taking a piece home with them, to finish off a lively and fun event.

We planned the next meeting for 12 May, and as well as our usual competition and raffle, we would be hearing from Roy Turner of the RNLI.



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Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 May at 14:00, when we will welcome Fr Richard Dashwood and his drums.

Please remember to bring your recipes to be included in our 'Cookbook'. Please also bring your money for the 'Afternoon tea', to be held at the Glendower Hotel in St Anne's on Wednesday 17 June.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

God Bless

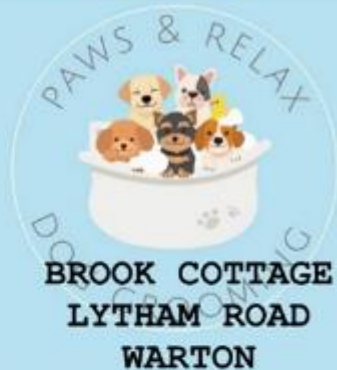
Anne Kay

## MU MEETINGS UNTIL THE END OF 2026

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>
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# YURCH NEWS

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We are all looking forward to the annual afternoon tea, which this year is being held in Freckleton C of E School Hall, at 15:00 on 10 May. Our Rose Queen Izzy is working very hard planning the event, which will include a raffle and tombola. We hope you will come and support our young people and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea. Tickets, which are £5 for adults and £2 for children under 16, are available in church.

Yurch is pleased that the proceeds from the coffee morning on 25 April are being added to our charity donations to 'Lancashire Mind' and 'Ronald McDonald house'. This is a thankyou from the church for the support Yurch has given throughout the year.

May is quite a stressful time for us, as we approach the examination season, and especially for Ella and Izzy, as they prepare for their GCSE examinations. We know they have worked very hard, and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Best wishes to everyone, Lynn & Gwen



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## SCHEDULE – MAY 2026

Sun. 03 May	11:00	<b>Worship4U</b>
Sat. 09 May	10:00	<b>St Paul's Little Café</b>
Sun. 10 May.	11:00	<b>Parish Communion</b>
		<b>APCM</b>
	15:00	<b>Rose Queen Social Freckleton C of E School tickets: adults £5, under 16s £2</b>
Wed. 13 May	14:00	<b>Mothers' Union</b>
Thu. 14 May	09:15	<b>School Ascension Eucharist</b>
	19:00	<b>Ascension Thursday at St Paul's</b>
Sat. 16 May	11:00	<b>Blackburn Diocese Big Day Out in Blackpool – see poster</b>
Sun. 17 May	11:00	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Sat. 23 May	10:00	<b>Coffee and toasties</b>
Sun. 24 May	11:00	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Sun. 31 May	11:00	<b>Parish Communion</b>
	13:00	<b>Patronal festival lunch at Rigby's – please sign up by 17 May</b>

*Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00, except 4 May and 25 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:

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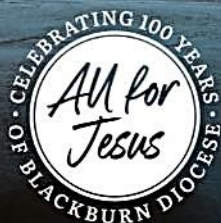
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**Saturday 23 May, 10:00 to 12:00**



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## Patronal festival

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magazine for contacts) and sign up by  
Sunday 17 May.



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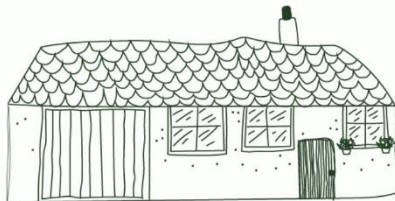
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### 21 March

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### 3 April

Now the days are getting better, Dan is getting out into the village and the community he loves so much. Thank you to everyone who comes up to him and says 'hello', it really makes his day, and ours. Freckleton has been our home for generations and is a very special place.

Dan is doing well at Pear Tree School and is now managing to put a full week in, and this is undoubtedly improving his mental health.

There are more exciting things to come, and his Facebook friends will be the first to know.



## 7 April

The years seem to fly by, and Dan has been home for nearly six months. So many people helped to get him home and out of Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

## 17 April

Now he is home where he belongs, Dan can get out and about, and last weekend, he was invited to Leah Richmond's birthday party. He was in his element, with everybody enjoying themselves.

Dan has what is called an acquired brain injury, which tires him easily, but on a really positive note, Dan managed to stay awake for the longest time ever – some five hours without a power nap – and interact with everyone, which was fabulous.



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 welcomed everyone and explained the “housekeeping”. She then asked Peter Shakeshaft to introduce our Speaker, Gareth Winrow, who gave a talk on *A watermill in Windmill Land*. Gareth has recently published a book called *Past lives, forgotten stories, cobbled patchworks of history*. The title of his talk and the Sharples family of Freckleton (and their association with the watermill) are the subject of one of the chapters.

Gareth explained that he started to research his family history and found out that his many times grandparents lived in Freckleton. He himself comes from Bolton. The Sharples family, who ran the watermill, were his ancestors. The Sharples family who leased the watermill in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century are not part of his family. His ancestors are the “other” Sharples family.

There are 40 windmills in the Fylde, but not many watermills, Larbrick, Skipool, Dow Brook and Freckleton. The Freckleton watermill was first mentioned in 1199, and in 1496 it was sold to the First Earl of Derby. In 1609, Arthur Sharples leased the land from the Sixth Earl of Derby.

The work at the watermill was very hard, what with floods, dust and rats, and it was also dependent on the tides. George Sharples, who leased the mill from 1621 to 1691, was one of the 30 Men of Kirkham.

At the end of the century, the family lost interest in the mill. In 1727, the Sharples family ended this connection, and it was leased to James Wallace. In 1757, James and his wife Isabella tried to relocate from Brindle to Freckleton, but this was denied, and they had to return to Brindle. He eventually succeeded and ended up in Freckleton.

In the Fylde area, lots of rich landowners were Catholics. Of the 15 townships in Kirkham, 939 people were Catholics. Of the five townships in Freckleton, only five people were Catholics, and these included the Sharples family.

Henry Sharples and Helen Wallace are Gareth’s five-times grandparents. In 1758, James Sharples leased the watermill. How was he able to amass land and property? He owned land called The Paddock, The Garlicks, and two marsh gates. This was then handed over to John Sharples, who was a bachelor, who handed the land over to his nephew John Sharples, who owned Lower Lane, Marsh Croft, Little Croft and The Strike. When John died, he owned 12 marsh gates. He had six children, two of whom, James and Thomas, worked the watermill. Thomas Wallace, 1764 to 1830, was well known in Freckleton.

The mill was sold to various people over the years, fell into disuse, and was finally demolished in 1968.

What happened to Gareth’s family? He went through his family history.

One married John Butler, who died in the workhouse. John Butler Jnr moved to Preston. John Butler was part of the Butlers of Rawcliffe Hall. The Butler family owned lots of land, which was lost in the Jacobite Uprising. His family is also linked to the Baron's of Warrington, and his aunt was a black-faced musical hall performer. He was also part of the Long family, who were notorious poachers and thieves in Prescott and the surrounding area.

Gareth was thanked for his wonderful talk and answered further questions from the group. Copies of his book are for sale.

We planned our next meeting for Wednesday 29 April, with speaker Peter Shakeshaft to give a talk on *Freckleton Marsh – a history*.

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

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### Funerals

25 March John Pearson (Holy Trinity)

26 March Lee Ashworth (St Paul's)

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

22 March Sandra Collins

29 March Doreen Whiteside

05 April Wendy Whittaker (Easter Draw)

12 April Ann Stone

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10 May

17 May

24 May

31 May

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24 May	Mrs G. Edmondson	
31 May	Mrs S. Townsend	For enquiries, please contact <b>Ann Stone</b> , 07879 285030.

Thank you to everyone who donated money in memory of loved ones for Easter. The collection raised £190. The altar lilies cost £50, and the remaining flowers £77.

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# FRECKLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School news from end of March and April 2026

## Eyes down for a full house

It was a packed house in the school hall just before the Easter break, as Mr Marquis once again kindly acted as our bingo caller at our PTFA chocolate bingo event. Lots of fun was had by all who attended, lots of chocolate was won, and lots of money was raised for the PTFA, who support with things that we need to enhance the children's learning.

## Fire, fire!

Year 1 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London – what better way to demonstrate what happened all those years ago, than by setting fire (in a risk-assessed way) the model houses, which the children had made. Fortunately, our Year 6 teacher, Mr Barnes-Gray, had access to much more advanced firefighting equipment than they had in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, and was ready to take control, should things have got out of hand. It was a lovely learning experience for the whole school to take part in, and one which they will all remember for many years to come.



## A woolly visitor (or two) to mark the start of spring

We know it's spring when Robert brings the lambs into school – how lucky we are to be able to offer such amazing experiences, thanks to our school community.



**A visit from the Coram Scarf Team (Steven and Harold the Giraffe!)**

We have also enjoyed visits from the Coram SCARF team, including Steven and Harold the Giraffe, who were very impressed with the children. They commented on how much they enjoy coming into our school and how much they look forward to delivering sessions that support our PSHE programme. Even our older children (and the adults too!) look forward to Harold paying us a visit.

**Lord God,**

*We thank you for the joy of our school community—  
for laughter shared, for learning that inspires,  
and for the many experiences that help our children grow.*

*Thank you for the generosity of those who give their time and support, and  
for the moments of wonder that remind us of new life and fresh beginnings  
this spring.*

*Bless our children, our families, and all who work alongside them.  
Help us to nurture kindness, curiosity, and respect in all that we do.*

*May we continue to walk together in faith,  
supporting one another and reflecting your love in our community.*

**Amen.**

**God Bless,**

**Neil Kenyon, Headteacher**

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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,

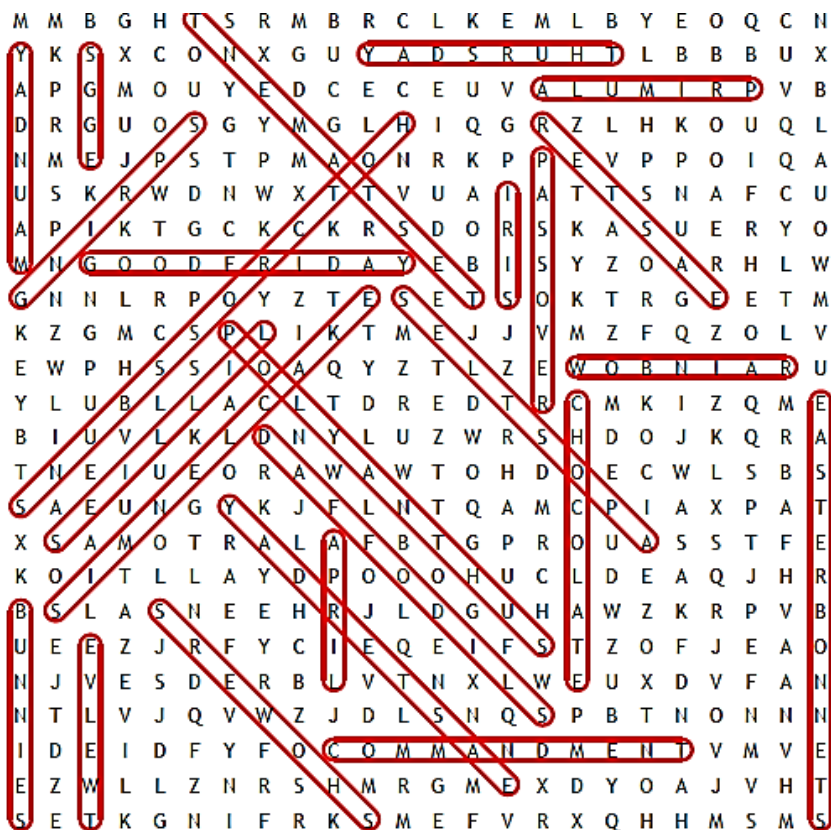
Our hands be generous, quick to share.

Let your love shine and keep us safe,

Let our knowledge be always grounded in faith.

**Amen**

# LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



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| thursday   | rainbow      | commandment | testament     | twelve    |
| apostles   | showers      | lillies     | easterbonnets | spring    |
| iris       | polyanthus   | primula     | chocolate     | daffodils |
| passover   | eggs         | bunnies     | easter        | april     |

## NEWS FROM LIFE ASSOCIATION

# Life *Association*

Dear friends,

From April, we have committed to supporting three new tuition centres in Bihar (northern India) and another one in Assam (northeast India). Each centre will accommodate approximately 20 children. The current centres are already helping children strengthen their basic literacy, numeracy and learning skills, while creating a safe and supportive learning environment under the guidance of a qualified teacher.

These four new tuition centres will enable approximately 80 more children from impoverished and marginalised communities with access to a quality Christian education, who otherwise have limited access to educational support.



In addition, we will be sponsoring five girls from marginalised communities to enrol on a one-year Community College programme, conducted by the Christian hospital we partner with. These girls will have attended the tuition centres and completed their basic education. Due to economic hardship and social barriers, their families are unable to support them in further education.

The aim of this project is to empower these girls through education and skill development, enabling them to become self-reliant, confident, and economically independent. Many of them are at risk of child marriage and trafficking. The Community College programme will provide practical skills, life skills, and personal development training. It will also strengthen communication skills, leadership qualities, and social responsibility. Through this initiative, the girls will receive recognized certification, improved employability, and a sustainable pathway toward a dignified and secure future.



It is such a privilege to be able to partner with those who are delivering these projects in India. They are working so faithfully in such difficult and hostile circumstances, and they are so grateful for the generous financial backing of our supporters here in the UK. Thank you for all you do.

However, as we approach the new financial year, we are in urgent need of your continued support to be able to deliver this life changing work. To help these children and young people thrive and flourish in a loving Jesus-centred environment, please could you prayerfully consider one of the two following courses of action:

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On Wednesday 8 April, I had the pleasure of joining Holy Trinity Mothers' Union for their afternoon meeting to hear Craig Eckersley talk about his experiences of being part of the team who travelled to Uganda in February 2025 to undertake voluntary work for the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation.

On a personal level, as a trustee of the Pearl of Africa Childcare charity and organizer of the trip, I thought it was wonderful to relive our journey through the photos, videos and stories that Craig shared. Even more wonderful was the warm welcome from the lovely ladies there, and the very generous donation of £105.32 to be put towards further work on our next trip, due to take place in February 2027.

Many thanks both to Craig and to the Mothers' Union ladies for a super afternoon.



Liz Tonge, Trustee for Pearl of Africa Childcare



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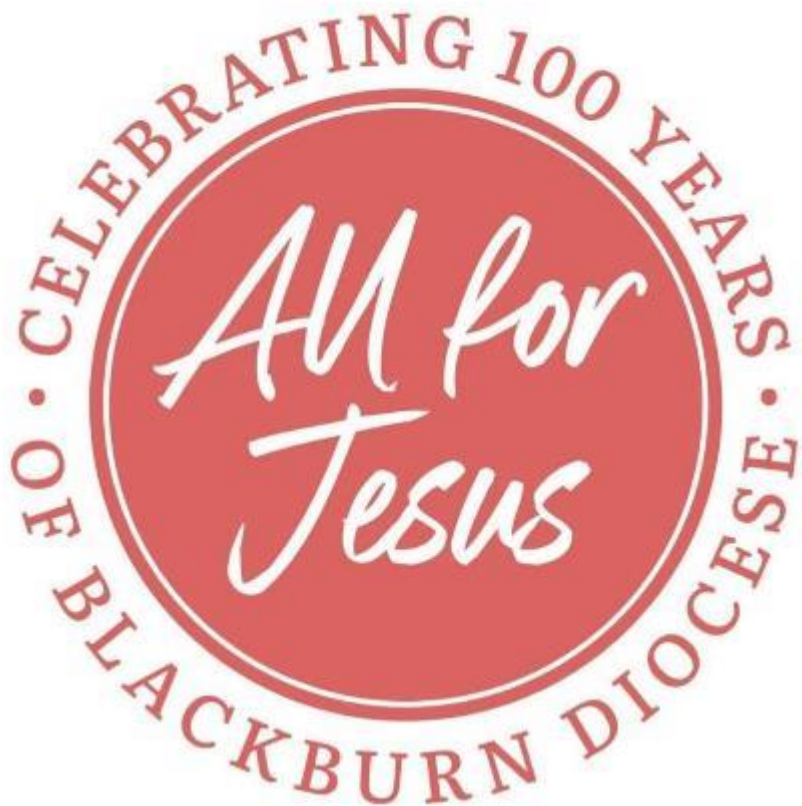
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