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- 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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# A LETTER FROM REV. TRACY

June is a month that seems to arrive carrying light with it. The days stretch longer, gardens begin to flourish, schools prepare for the end of term, and many of us find ourselves spending a little more time outdoors, noticing again the beauty of God's creation that winter can sometimes hide from view.

This month, as summer begins to unfold, perhaps we might each take time to slow down a little. A conversation shared over a brew, the sound of children playing, the quiet of an early morning, a walk beneath green trees or on the beach, these can all become moments of gratitude and prayer if we allow them to.

June also brings us toward the great feast of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Those first followers of Jesus were uncertain and fearful people, unsure of what lay ahead. Yet God met them not with condemnation, but with courage, wisdom, and peace. The same Spirit still strengthens the Church today.

In a world that often feels anxious and divided, Pentecost reminds us that God continues to work through ordinary people who are willing to listen, to serve, and to love generously. We may not feel especially remarkable, but neither did the disciples. Grace has always worked through imperfect people.

As a church community, we continue to give thanks for the many quiet acts of kindness that sustain parish life, those who arrange flowers, prepare refreshments, visit neighbours, care for the building, support local charities, help in school and pray faithfully for others. Much of the work of the Kingdom happens unseen, but none of it is unnoticed by God.

May this coming month bring rest where there is weariness, hope where there is discouragement, and joy in the simple reminders of God's presence among us.

Rev. Tracy

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## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

As we've continued through to the end of the Easter season, we've followed the story of the walk to Emmaus, observed 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, and reflected on Jesus as the way to the Father and on His promise of the Holy Spirit. We're now arriving at Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, and very soon, we're going to celebrate Confirmation at St Paul's. The next school service in church will then be on 11 June, the Thursday after the Confirmation service, so that the newly confirmed children can celebrate the Eucharist with school. Please come and join us for this special service if you can.

With Club Day weekend coming up, along with the holidays, we're taking a break from our coffee mornings in June and July, so the next one will be on 22 August. Meanwhile, we're continuing to plan for our Diocesan Centenary weekend celebrations, on 11-13 September, and we'll bring you more information about this soon.

We wish you all a happy and blessed summer, and hope we'll continue to see you on Club Day and at our summer services.

Yours in Christ

The Wardens

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## **CLUB DAY BANNER**

We're now less than 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).

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The Three Churches Club Day Committee

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# CHURCH NEWS

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

Using the Bishop's confirmation resources, our confirmation candidates looked at how the Holy Spirit transforms our lives. We also thought about the fruits of the spirit, and which ones we had plenty of and which ones we needed to work on!



How delightful to be able to welcome all of the ladies, and some gents, from the Kirkham Deanery Mothers' Union groups for the Deanery Festival Eucharist and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, at St Paul's on 22 April. The praise and singing were great, the sun shone, we were well fed and watered, and we even got a flypast at the airfield! Lots of long service certificates were given out, including to our Josie and Christine from Holy Trinity, and Amanda, Rosemary and Lorraine from St Paul's.



Thank you to everyone who supported our April coffee and toasties, raising money for our Yurch charities, Lancashire Mind and Ronald McDonald House.



At our Annual Meeting, we said a huge thank you to Grace and Irene, who have done our church flowers so beautifully for many, many years. They were each fittingly presented with a bouquet and a Swarkowski crystal vase, engraved with a personal message. We're very grateful to Ann, who has taken over from them.



Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to Margaret Mason! (Freckleton Methodist Church)



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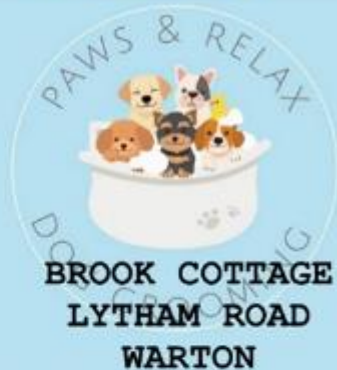
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## WI NEWS

There was a good turnout of members to hear from our speaker. Roy Turner, Water Safety Advisor for Lytham St Annes Lifeboat. Roy told us that he had been an active crewmember of the Lifeboat for many years and he now passes his knowledge on by speaking to schools, clubs and various other organisations in the area. Fundraising is important because the boats and technology are very up to date, sophisticated but expensive.

We were told that the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is a charity founded by Sir William Hillary in 1824 (over 200 years ago), its purpose being the preservation of life from shipwreck. The RNLI is a voluntary organisation and covers the immense coastline of the UK, including the whole of Ireland. The RNLI has saved over 146,000 lives in its history. Lytham St Annes has recently celebrated its 175-year anniversary.

Roy talked about aspects of water safety and asked us if we knew how to call out the service. Firstly, dial 999. When asked which service we need, we should ask for the Coastguard. This is because Coastguard stations are manned round the clock, whereas the Lifeboat crews are volunteers but fully trained and will turn out immediately.

Roy then played a fascinating film, with stories by lifeboat men in St Annes over many years. Some of the names were familiar to members of the audience, as the Lifeboat is important to the Fylde coast. Their skills and bravery are passed down the generations. There were also a lot of amusing tales.

Roy was asked about women's role in the RNLI, and he said women had always played their part, including piggybacking crews onto the boat! Although women have always been, and still are, very successful in fundraising, there are also a lot of fully trained female crewmembers.

He concluded his talk with amusing anecdotes of the rivalries between local Fylde Coast stations.

A vote of thanks was given by Christine Yeoman.

The competition for a painted pebble was won by Michaela Bass, second Lynn Bourn and third Barbara Bamber. Refreshments were then served, and the evening concluded with a quiz about the RNLI, which incorporated some of the information we had gleaned from Roy's talk.

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Our next meeting will be our "Afternoon Tea" at the Glendower Hotel in St Anne's on Wednesday 17 June at 14:00. The cost is £20, and anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome. Please let Grace or myself know.

Congratulations to Jennifer, Josie and Reverend Christine, who received "Long Service Awards" at the Deanery Festival.

As usual, we will be taking part in the Club Day procession, and transport will be provided for those who need it.

July and August are our holiday months, and we shall be back in September.

God Bless

Anne Kay

## MOTHERS' UNION 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union, we are publishing a book of "Favourite recipes". If you would like to add a recipe, please write it out, adding your name and, if you wish, a bit about why you chose it, and hand it one of our members by 15 June.

## MU MEETINGS UNTIL THE END OF 2026

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

## SCHEDULE – JUNE 2026

Sun. 07 Jun.	11:00	<b>Worship4U</b>
	16:00	<b>Confirmation at St Paul's, led by Bishop Joe</b>
Thu. 11 Jun.	09:15	<b>School Eucharist</b>
Sat. 13 Jun.	10:00	<b>St Paul's Little Café</b>
Sun. 14 Jun.	11:00	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Wed. 17 Jun.		<b>Mothers' Union Glendower Hotel afternoon tea</b>
Sat. 20 Jun.	09:00	<b>Club Day procession</b>
Sun. 21 Jun.	-	<b><u>No Sunday service at HT</u> <u>Normal 09:30 service at St Paul's.</u></b>
Sun. 28 Jun.	11:00	<b>Parish Communion</b>

*Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00*

*Next coffee and toasties: Sat. 22 Aug., 10:00 (none in June or July)*

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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**FRECKLETON CLUB DAY**

Three Churches Club Day  
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THE THREE CHURCHES CLUB DAY COMMITTEE

# FRECKLETON CLUB DAY

SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

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**9 AM – 11.30 AM**  
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**9 AM**

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**14:00**

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**18:30**

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# FRECKLETON HISTORY GROUP

## Freckleton Marsh – a history

*Talk given to Freckleton Local History Group, 29 April 2026*

### **Marsh gates**

One of the main assets of Freckleton continues to be the valuable grazing marsh along the north side of the River Ribble. From the late sixteenth century, and possibly earlier, this has been communally managed, with an intricate system of sharing the rights of pasturing animals by means of individually owned marsh gates.

In 1972, the *West Lancashire Evening Gazette* published an article about the Freckleton Marsh gate owners and asked four questions: Who are the Freckleton Marsh owners? What land do they own? Why do they own it? How long have they owned it? The answers to those questions are contained in the many documents that record the decisions made, and the work carried out, during the past four hundred years.

The allocation of 'gates' probably originated in medieval times and would appear to have been determined by the number of oxgangs of enclosed land associated with each farmstead. Although there is no record of the measurement applied at Freckleton, at nearby Kirkham in 1705, an oxgang was equivalent to sixteen acres. As early as 1601, marsh gates were being bought and sold, and by 1692 were also being bequeathed in wills.

The allocation of marsh gates (or the more popular term – cattle gates) was not peculiar to Freckleton, and indeed the marsh gate owners of Freckleton, and the marsh gate owners of the adjoining township of Newton-with-Scales, joined forces in the late eighteenth century to manage their marshes: a practice that continues to the present day.

At Freckleton, there was virtually no manorial control after the fifteenth century, and marsh regulations and management were determined by the men, and women, who owned the marsh gates. In 1670, it was decided to draw up a new constitution for the governing of the marsh.

In contrast, at Hutton, on the south side of the Ribble, marsh management was strictly controlled by the manorial stewards acting on behalf of the Rawstorne family. Similarly at Lytham where, although there was no grazing marsh, the Clifton family, of Lytham Hall, allocated common gates, between the moss and the shore, to their tenants.

At Freckleton, the earliest list of marsh gate owners dates from 1734, when twenty-two individuals were recorded as owning a combined total of 118½ gates. However, a note at the end of the document states that the actual number of gates was 230½. From 1796, the number of gates is consistently

recorded at the latter figure. The area of the present-day marsh is approximately 148 acres (60 hectares).

In 1972, Lancashire County Council registered the marsh as common land under the Common Regulations Act of 1965. It took a further eight years before the County Council withdrew their application and the rights of the marsh gate owners were once more confirmed.

### ***Marsh Road***

Despite its potential hazards, and its users requiring intimate knowledge of the numerous creeks and gullies that intersected the area, there is evidence that a road across Freckleton, Newton and Clifton marshes to Lea was already in regular use by the end of the seventeenth century.

There is documentary evidence of the monies spent by the township of Freckleton from 1691 to 1726 on the repair, maintenance or rebuilding of bridges. Tolls were evidently being collected, as in 1699, when Thomas Clifton, who owned Clifton Marsh, appointed a toll collector to collect tolls from residents of Freckleton and Newton who wished to pass over Clifton Marsh if he himself was charged for passing over Freckleton and Newton marshes.

By the early 1780s, responsibility for the maintenance of the road from Newton to Freckleton had passed to the marsh gate owners, and an account entitled "New Road over Freckleton Marsh" commenced on 6 April 1799. By 1804, a new road had been built across both Freckleton and Newton marshes, with notable financial contribution by the Mayor family of Freckleton; an indication of their readiness to pay for more reliable access to market centres at Preston and beyond. Construction of the first Toll House was completed by 1805. The first tollkeeper was John Hall, who combined the roll with that of tenter for Newton Marsh.

The new road commenced at Lea (Toll) Gate and continued along the approximate route of the present-day A584 until it reached the site of the present-day Clifton Marsh Depot, where there was another gate. This section of the road was the responsibility of the Clifton family of Lytham. The road then took a course just to the south of the A584 until it reached the Newton / Freckleton township boundary at the Toll House. Thereafter, the road continued westwards until it reached the exit gate at Preston (Old) Road, where it connected with the public highway.

In 1858, it was resolved that tolls be advertised for let by public tender, with the individual taking the tolls responsible for keeping the Newton and Freckleton sections of the road in 'proper and satisfactory repair'. In 1895, the trustees decided to replace the first toll house with the present building. The following year (1896), motor vehicles with pneumatic tyres were admitted to the public highway. Dissatisfaction with the state of the road increased in the

early years of the twentieth century, and in 1907, the North East Lancashire Automobile Club enquired if the marsh road trustees would be prepared to place the road under local authority control.

During the following fifteen years (1907-1922), the trustees endeavoured to maintain the road in a serviceable condition, fit for the new motoring age. However, at the end of World War I, Lancashire County Council began a programme of road mending, and by 1922 had made plans for a new road across the marshes. In 1923, the council took over responsibility for the marsh road, and in 1926 it was closed, following the opening of the present-day road (A584) to Preston.

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General texts and articles on the subjects of marsh gates along the Ribble Estuary and the Clifton, Newton and Freckleton marsh road are remarkably scarce, and only the following are known to have been published:

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## **DAN'S NEXT STEPS**

### **19 April**

Dan has been very busy this weekend, getting out into the village – something we could only dream about a year ago. He even managed to watch his beloved Manchester City at the Plough, which really tired him out, but he really enjoyed himself.

### **29 April**

Without the help and support of everyone, our Dan would still be stuck in a hospital room at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Dan has a lot of making up to do after losing three years of his life, so last weekend was no exception. Another first for Dan, he went out in his van on his own, without mum and dad, with two support workers, Mark and Kev, who took him for an afternoon in Blackpool Stanley Park, and met up with sister Charlotte and Jordan Rayner. His face says it all, he sure enjoyed the freedom and the ice cream!

### **01 May**

We often get asked, what does Dan get up to at Pear Tree School? Well, the answer is, lots! There are formal lessons like maths and English. He has also made jewellery in his art class, and for the first time in four years, he went swimming, something Royal Manchester Children's Hospital thought Dan would not benefit from. Dan's school is such a special place, giving hope and a more enriched daily life, and as a family, we are so grateful.

### **12 May**

Happy 17<sup>th</sup> birthday to this cheeky man! Danny, we love you so much and are very proud of you!

It's been the first time we've been able to celebrate his birthday at home since 2022. It's been a very special day with us all together. What a relief that he's not at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and that he's back where he belongs.



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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14 Jun.

Jennifer Gates

Linda Gardner

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# FRECKLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

**School news from April 2026**

## **Year 6 get ready for the road with Bikeability**

Following the Easter break, our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability Cycle Training, an exciting and valuable opportunity to develop essential cycling skills and road awareness. Bikeability is the modern-day equivalent of the old Cycling Proficiency scheme that many parents and grandparents will remember, updated to reflect today's roads, traffic conditions, and safety standards.

Over the course of the training, the children learned how to ride safely and confidently on local roads. They practised key skills such as signalling clearly, understanding road positioning, negotiating junctions, and being aware of other road users. All sessions were led by qualified instructors who ensured that every child was supported and encouraged throughout.

The aim of Bikeability is not only to help children become safer cyclists, but also to promote independence, confidence, and a sense of responsibility when travelling. Many of our pupils enjoyed the challenge of putting their training into practice and were proud to achieve their Bikeability certificates and badges.

We are grateful to the instructors who led the sessions and to our staff for helping to organise the programme. Most of all, we are proud of our Year 6 children, who approached the training with enthusiasm and maturity. We hope these skills will stay with them for many years to come, helping them to stay safe and active.



### **New tables bring fresh look to the school hall**

Our school hall has had a wonderful update with the introduction of new tables, and they are already making a big difference to daily school life. Designed to be easy to set up and pack away, the new tables save valuable time, allowing the hall to be used more efficiently throughout the day.

Thanks to this improved set-up, there is now more lesson time available in the hall, giving classes greater opportunities for activities such as PE, assemblies, and group learning. The tables themselves also look very smart, helping to create a bright and welcoming environment.

At lunchtime, the benefits are just as clear. Pupils can now sit more comfortably and chat with their friends more easily, making lunchtime an even more enjoyable and sociable part of the day.

We are delighted with this positive improvement and how it is helping to make the most of our shared space.

### **St George's Day Celebrations in school**

We had great fun celebrating St George's Day in school, with pupils and staff showing their spirit by dressing in red and white. The bright colours filled the classrooms and playground, creating a cheerful and patriotic atmosphere as we marked this special day.

One of the highlights was a fantastic "Art Attack" style creation on the playground, where pupils came together to form a giant human picture. Carefully organised and full of creativity, the final result looked amazing from above – we're sure Neil Buchanan himself would have been impressed!

The day was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about St George and to celebrate together as a school community. Well done to everyone for taking part so enthusiastically!



## **Year 1 Explore the great outdoors at Poolside**

Year 1 had a fantastic time during their recent visit to Poolside as part of their geography learning. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore their current topic on marshes, mudflats, and wetlands in a real-life setting.

During the visit, pupils enjoyed spotting signs of spring, including beautiful flowers and a variety of birds in their natural habitat. There was even excitement when they noticed a plane flying overhead, adding to the sense of adventure!

The morning offered a rich outdoor learning experience, helping to bring classroom learning to life. Well done to Year 1 for such a fabulous and enthusiastic approach to learning in the great outdoors!



***Dear God,***

*Thank you for our school, our friends, and the opportunities to learn and grow each day.*

*Help us to be safe and confident, to enjoy working and playing together, and to appreciate the world around us.*

*Bless our community as we share, learn, and celebrate together.*

***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.

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.30-1.45 &amp; 4.30-8.00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11.30-1.45 &amp; 4.30-8.00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.30-1.45 &amp; 4.30-8.00</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

**Everyone welcomed with a smile!**  
Dave and the staff

## **STRIKE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

Hi everybody,

School life is as busy as ever here at Strike Lane. This month, we have been welcoming our new parents and children, who will be starting with us in September 2026. Our induction sessions begin in June for these children, and we do still have some spaces available for a September start, if you would like a visit to our school.

Huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 children, who have now completed their SATS. We are so proud of the effort they put in and the confidence and resilience that they showed throughout SATS week. We are incredibly proud of them all.

As you may have heard, I will be retiring at the end of the summer, and Endeavour Learning Trust have appointed a fabulous new replacement in the role of Headteacher, Mr Paul Morgan. Mr Morgan is currently leading St Paul's CofE School in Astley Bridge, Bolton. He has many links with the area, including attending school in the locality himself. Mr Morgan is very excited to be joining Strike Lane and has already been found out and about in the local community. I do believe he is already listed as one of the judges for the Freckleton Show in September.

The children, teachers and I are very much looking forward to celebrating Freckleton Club Day with you soon, as we walk around the village on 20 June. Please give us a wave and cheer us on as we go past, and pray for dry, warm weather!

We will also be holding our own Summer Fair at Strike Lane on Friday 26 June at 15:30 – 17:00. Residents of Freckleton are more than welcome to come and have a browse around our stalls on this afternoon.

Until then, we wish you all well.

Katherine Shuttleworth

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Our project partner and his ministry team gathered with the people of the village to thank God for making this possible, and a plaque was installed to dedicate the well for His glory, with words from the bible; “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). This project has brought great joy and relief to the entire community.



The bible reminds us in Matthew 25:35: "For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

Our project partner and the people from the village sincerely express their heartfelt gratitude to you, our generous supporters, for your love, sacrifice, and support. Your kindness has made a meaningful and lasting impact on many lives.

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## **SOUNDBITES FROM THE BIBLE**

“Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.”

Psalm 54:4

The above is taken from the King James version of the psalm. In the New International Version, it is clearer:

“Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.”

In the first three verses of the psalm, the psalmist is crying out to the Lord, afraid he is to be armed by his enemies.

Basically, if we are for God, then he is for us, and if he is for us, we need not fear. In due time, he will save his people, and in the meantime, he sustains them, and bears them up, so that the spirit he has made shall not fail. Will you trust the Lord to sustain you in good times and in bad?

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Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30 pm

### Concert Room Artists

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Lydia Jordan</b>	fantastic female vocalist
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Patrick Peters</b>	terrific saxophone player
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Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Midnight Blue</b>	excellent male guitar duo

### Extra Events for June

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Darts Presentation Night
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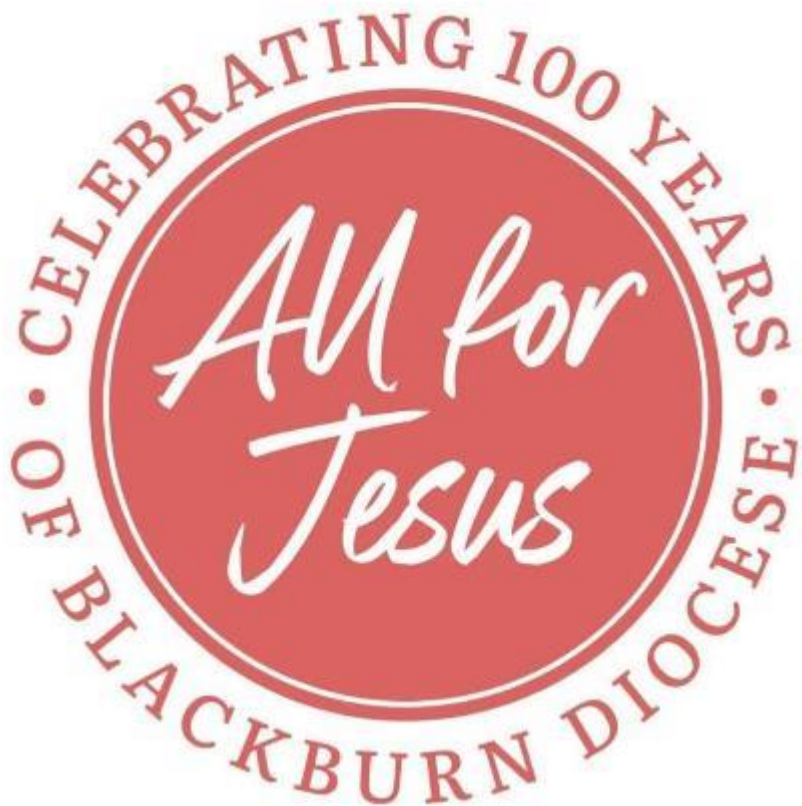
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