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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.

## PARISH PERSONNEL

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## A LETTER FROM REV. TRACY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

By the time you read this, I shall be well into my sabbatical and, God willing, enjoying the adventure of travelling around the world. Part of my journey includes a cruise visiting Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. As many of you know, one aspect of travel that I particularly enjoy is discovering the local food, and I am looking forward to sampling the different cuisines and experiencing something of the culture of each place through its food.

October is, of course, the season when we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving. Traditionally, we give thanks for the crops gathered from our fields and gardens, for the farmers who work the land, and for the abundance that sustains our lives. Yet Harvest is also an opportunity to remember that God's generosity extends far beyond our own communities and even beyond our own nation.

As I travel through different countries and cultures, I expect to encounter foods that are unfamiliar as well as some that are instantly recognisable. Rice fields in Asia, fishing communities along coastlines, bustling food markets and family-run restaurants all tell the same story: people everywhere depend upon the gifts of creation and the labour of many hands. Wherever we live in the world, we rely upon God's provision.

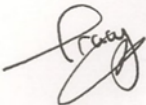
Harvest reminds us that gratitude should be our first response to God's goodness. It is easy to take our daily bread for granted. Supermarket shelves are usually full, and we rarely stop to think about the remarkable chain of people and processes that bring food to our tables. Yet every meal is a reminder of our dependence upon God and upon one another.

In the familiar words of the Harvest hymn, *"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above."* Those words invite us not only to be thankful but also to be generous. As we count our blessings, we remember those for whom the harvest has been poor, those struggling with rising food costs, and those who rely on food banks and community support. Our gratitude should always lead us to share what we have with others.

One of the joys of travel is discovering both the differences and the similarities between people. While languages, customs and foods may vary greatly, the desire to gather around a table, to share food with family and friends, and to give thanks for life's blessings is something that unites us all.

So, wherever this Harvest season finds us, whether at home, at work, in school, or, in my case, somewhere on the other side of the world, may we take time to thank God for his abundant provision. May we receive his gifts with gratitude, use them wisely, and share them generously.

Yours, in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev. Tracy

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| <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**

# FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

We've been thankful to see some fruitful camaraderie between our churches. On Sunday 23 August, both St Paul's and Freckleton Methodist Church cancelled their Sunday morning services so that they could join us as we commemorated the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Freckleton air disaster. Rev. Tracy preached on Peter's declaration about Jesus (Matthew 16:13-20) and linked it to how, over the last few years, she and Deacon Kim have come to know the families and friends of the victims of the disaster and now see much more behind what might otherwise look like just a list of names on the memorial. On the following Sunday, we joined our friends at St Paul's for a Benefice Sunday service, which was also Fr John's first service with us. He reminded us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus rose from the dead in glory, and we too will rise in glory with Him; our life's journey is to receive that glory.

At around the time this edition of the parish magazine comes out, we're going to hold our diocesan centenary mission service of songs of praise. We're thankful that we've received an abundant number of well-thought-out and heartfelt hymn nominations, from within our parish as well as from members of St Paul's, Freckleton Methodist Church and the community of Freckleton. We're looking forward to another evening of fellowship among our churches.

We're now on the threshold of the Harvest season, and we're preparing for our Harvest Sunday services at Holy Trinity and St Paul's, on the first and second Sundays of October, respectively. This has recently also become the time when we'd be preparing to welcome the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir from Uganda to visit us on their tour. For the last few years, they've been coming over for two or three months and touring across the UK with their performances, from the Northeast to the Southwest, to raise money for the Molly and Paul Foundation Pearl of Africa Child Care. During their visit, they'd do one or two highly energetic shows of Ugandan singing and dancing every day, six days a week – a very demanding and intensive amount of effort. Despite all their hard work, however, these trips have become increasingly difficult in the last few years, as many of the children and adults have been unable to travel because their visa applications were arbitrarily and unfairly rejected, leaving fewer of them to undertake the tours. This year, moreover, we're very saddened and frustrated to announce that all the visa applications were rejected, so they've had to cancel their tour, and we've had to cancel the evening we were going to hold with them in Freckleton in October. The money that they would have raised from this tour is vital to the ongoing running of the schools under the Molly and Paul Foundation. Therefore, the trustees of Pearl of Africa Child Care in the UK have set up an emergency appeal, as you'll see on p. 48. Please read the story and share the online communications if you can. Meanwhile, please keep a lookout near the end of this year, when we'll try

to put on some craft stalls at various places in Freckleton, to contribute to the massive fundraising requirement. What we had hoped they would achieve in October and November, may God put it right for us, in His timing.

There's also uncertainty for the Life Christian School in India (p. 44): they're rejoicing because their newly rebuilt school building is now completed and in use, yet one of their major sponsors has recently had to withdraw. Without alternative funding, the school will not be able to continue in the way it has been doing.

While we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving, please remember our brothers and sisters in Uganda and India, and wherever there is need. Despite all their conscientious labouring, many of them can't take even their basic daily food for granted; they can't just take whatever they want from full supermarket shelves, nor can they easily receive sufficient shelter, water, sanitation, medical provision or education. Please donate to these appeals if you can, let us know if you have any ideas how we can help turn these setbacks around to leave them in an even stronger position than before, and keep all this underpinned throughout with your prayers.

Yours in Christ

The Wardens

## LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOXES

In November, we will be sending Christmas shoeboxes, or individual items to go in shoeboxes, off again to Link to Hope. Leaflets are available from church. You can either make a full shoebox or donate some small items to go towards making a shoebox up. The final collection date is **1 November**.

Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed."

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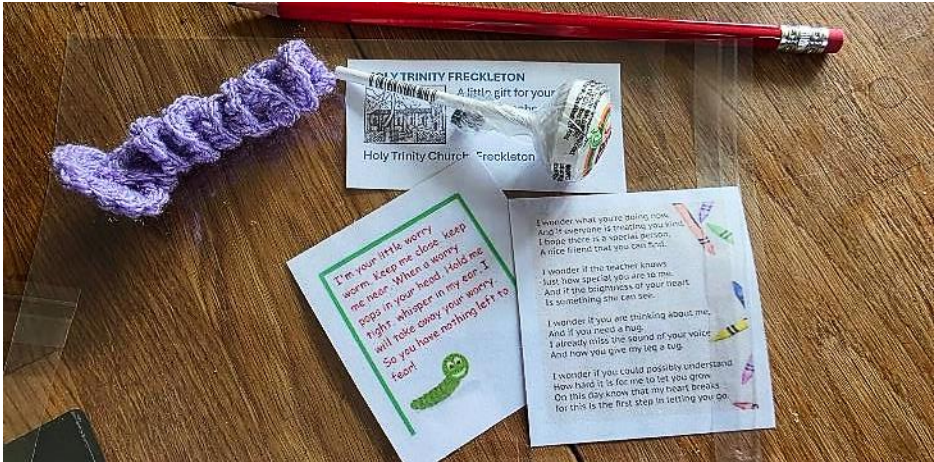




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## 28 August

A little gift from church, ready for the new Reception Class starters at Freckleton C of E Primary School.



## 6 September

Ring O' Fire done and dusted! Nic Hughes (Heather's niece) and husband Dan completed 132.8 miles around Anglesey in 50 hours, 35 minutes! They set off at 09:00 on Friday 4 September, ran through two nights, had about four hours' sleep, and finished just after 11:00 on Sunday morning. Out of 100 people who took part (78 male and 22 female, of which 43 retired before they finished), Nic was the 10<sup>th</sup> female, Dan was the 32<sup>nd</sup> male, joint 42<sup>nd</sup> overall – and they raised £1,200 for Pearl of Africa Child Care. We're so incredibly proud of them. Well done Team Hughes, and thank you to everyone who sponsored them and prayed for them!



Liz Tonge

### 13 September

Thank you to Freckleton C of E Primary School for hosting our Education Sunday service, led by Anne-Marie and Grace. We looked at things we have lost and found, and how God wants all the people who have lost their way to come back to Him. Oliver, Katie and Emily read a story about losing and finding things. The Gospel reading and talk looked at the parables of the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the prodigal son. The children then gathered in groups to write down who we should pray for in each of these cases. The service finished with the blessing of the school bags.



St Pauls' diocesan centenary mission event featured the fabulous, prize-winning Freckleton Band and guest conductor Russel Gray, one of the best around, as well as two phenomenal 16-year-old soloists. It was a full house, absolutely packed church, all tickets sold out. Licensed bar, supper boxes, and an invitation to our upcoming services and events.

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The subject of our talk this evening was *Advanced driving and confidence*, and the speaker was Julie Whitworth. Julie introduced herself as a member of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership for Blackburn, Darwen and Blackpool, with the aim to reduce road casualties.

Julie went on to explain about a course they run, teaching the Police System of car control. Julie said this course was an eye opener for her, giving a new perspective on driving. She is a volunteer teacher. She said it is really suitable for any driver, whatever their age or experience. It is run over 10 weeks, using one's own car. She is a very pleasant, non-intimidating person, and the whole course is relaxed and informative, designed to build confidence and skills. The teaching is one-to-one in, and there is an optional test at the end, not too intimidating, but useful to confirm that one has gained confidence and learned a lot of useful techniques.

We all had many questions to ask, and Julie answered them in a chatty and useful manner. She agreed that this course would be very suitable for young, new drivers and also to give confidence to older people who need the independence of using a car for their everyday life.

Kathy Gemmell gave a vote of thanks to Julie and said the chance to talk to someone with her knowledge was useful to us all. We would put her advice to good use.

Refreshments were served by Kath Drysdale and Margaret Millin, and the competition for a car breakdown story was won by Margaret Hodgson – a very amusing story!

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## MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

Nine of our members enjoyed a meeting and afternoon tea at St Anne's Parish Church on 8 September. The next day was our own meeting, and we had an interesting talk by Linda and Richard Nulty, who run Kirkham Food Bank. Our members were very generous with gifts for the food bank.

Our cookbooks are now ready to sell and are going well.

Our October meeting is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 14:00, when we welcome a speaker from the Samaritans. All are welcome to join us.

God Bless

Anne Kay

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

As part of the Mothers' Union's sesquicentenary (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) celebrations, Holy Trinity Mothers' Union are releasing a book of favourite recipes. The book, containing a collection of 52 sweet and savoury recipes, all nominated by Mothers' Union members, their friends and relatives, and parish members, is now available, at £5 per copy. Proceeds will go to the Mothers' Union caravan, which provides holidays for people who are struggling in one way or another. If you would like a copy, please contact a member of Holy Trinity Mothers' Union.

## MU MEETINGS UNTIL THE END OF 2026

|             |                                   |
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| 14 October  | The Samaritans                    |
| 11 November | Jane Cairns – <i>Outreach</i>     |
| 09 December | Dave Mawson – Keyboard and buffet |

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Please provide ways for them to do that, and help us all to play our part.

We pray for those who know little or nothing about Christian faith.

Please stir up curiosity in them to find out more and in your mercy give them encounters with you that transform their lives.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

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| Sun. 04 Oct. | 11:00 | <b>Harvest <i>Worship4U</i></b>                                                                                       |
| Thu. 08 Oct. | 09:15 | <b>CE School Harvest service</b>                                                                                      |
| Sat. 10 Oct. | 10:00 | <b>St Paul's Little Café</b>                                                                                          |
| Sun. 11 Oct. | 11:00 | <b>Parish Communion</b>                                                                                               |
|              | 14:30 | <b>Bowling competition<br/>at Preston Hollywood Bowl</b>                                                              |
| Tue. 13 Oct. | 20:00 | <b>Daniel Flemen's <i>DIY SOS</i><br/>shown at the Coach &amp; Horses and<br/>Freckleton Sports &amp; Social Club</b> |
| Wed. 14 Oct. | 14:00 | <b>Mothers' Union</b>                                                                                                 |
| Thu. 15 Oct. | 09:15 | <b>CE School service</b>                                                                                              |
| Sun. 18 Oct. | 11:00 | <b>Parish Communion</b>                                                                                               |
| Thu. 22 Oct. | 09:15 | <b>CE School service</b>                                                                                              |
| Sat. 24 Oct. | 10:00 | <b>Coffee and toasties</b>                                                                                            |
| Sun. 25 Oct. | 11:00 | <b>Parish Communion</b>                                                                                               |
| Wed. 28 Oct. | 19:00 | <b>Memorial service for All Souls<br/>at Holy Trinity</b>                                                             |
| Thu. 29 Oct. | 19:00 | <b>Memorial service for All Souls<br/>at St Paul's</b>                                                                |

*Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00.*

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?"**

## *St Paul's Little Café*



*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2026*  
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*All Welcome*



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## Bowling competition

This year, we're doing something a bit different for Harvest, and playing 10-pin bowling at Preston Hollywood Bowl.

Come and join us for a fun afternoon!

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**Sunday 11 October, 14:30**



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**Saturday 24 October, 10:00 to 12:00**



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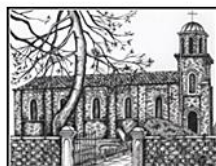
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## **Memorial service**

**Wednesday 28 October, 19:00  
at Holy Trinity, Freckleton**

**Thursday 29 October, 19:00  
at St Paul's, Warton**

We hold this service to remember those whose funeral was in the past year, but it's open to everyone who wishes to join us in prayer and reflection over the loss of a loved one, no matter how long ago.



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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 23 August    | Linda Gardner   |
| 30 August    | Jennifer Gates  |
| 06 September | Rachel Bates    |
| 13 September | Heather Nuttall |

The 100 Club pays out a £25 prize each week, with special draws of £50 at Easter and £100 at Christmas. If you would like to join, for just £1 a week, please contact Heather Nuttall (468071).

## MEMORY VERSE

“... my [the Lord's] grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. ...”

2 Corinthians 12:9 (abridged)”

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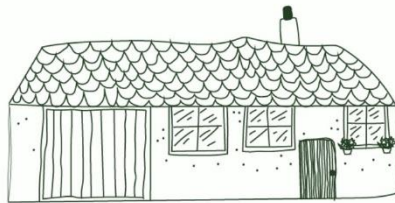
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11 October

Jennifer Gates

Linda Gardner

18 October

Gwen Hughes

Irene Fare

25 October

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# DAN'S NEXT STEPS

**28 August**

Since Dan got his electric wheelchair, it has opened up so much more for him. A few weeks ago, he went to the Blackpool Airshow, and the chair made it possible for us to go to North Pier to watch the display. He parked up at South Shore and enjoyed the ride into town. This was the longest he has ever been away from home, and it went very well. Dan always meets loads of people who stop and chat on his travels: Fleetwood Coastguard and Lancashire Police, to name a few.



**5 September**

This week's *Lytham St Anne's Express* newspaper has run an article on *DIY SOS* and the huge effort by the trades and volunteers to get Dan home. Dan's episode will be aired on 13 October. Keep an eye on Dan's socials for further updates closer to the time. Thank you to everyone involved who helped put our family back together again.

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 CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School news from September 2026

## WELCOME

### A fabulous start to the year

The new academic year has begun positively. Our Reception children have settled quickly and are already a valued part of our Freckleton family. We have also been delighted to welcome several new pupils into other year groups. We extend a warm welcome to every new pupil and family and look forward to working in partnership throughout the year.

## LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### Educational visits – living life in all its fullness

At the time of writing, our Year 6 pupils are eagerly looking forward to their residential visit to Robinwood at the end of September. By the time this magazine is published, they will have returned with many happy memories. Experiences such as these help our children to embrace our commitment to living life in all its fullness.

## FAITH AND COMMUNITY

### Education Sunday

We were delighted to welcome Anne-Marie and members of the Holy Trinity Church congregation to school for our Education Sunday service, centred on the theme *Lost and found*. Three pupils gave a wonderful impromptu performance in a short drama. Anne-Marie also blessed the children's schoolbags before everyone gathered for refreshments in the school hall. Thank you to all who joined us and helped to make the occasion so special.



## OUR TEAM

### Staffing news

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Shakoor, who has joined the team to teach Year 1, while Mrs Wormleighton continues her maternity leave. We also welcome two new apprentices to Freckles Nursery, Auntie Nicole and Auntie Rebecca. We wish them every success and look forward to supporting them as they develop their skills and complete their training.

## ADMISSIONS

### Open days

It is already time to open our doors to families considering a place for their child in September 2027. We look forward to welcoming prospective parents and carers into school, giving them the opportunity to meet our team, see our pupils learning and discover what makes our church school such a special place.

### School tours:

- **Thursday 15 October at 09:30**
- **Thursday 22 October at 13:30**

## PRAYER

### A prayer for the new academic year

Gracious God,

As we begin this new academic year, bless every child, family and member of staff.

Grant us wisdom as we learn, perseverance when things are difficult, and kindness as we work together.

May this year be filled with growth, joy and your guiding presence.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11

Guide us in all that lies ahead.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

God bless,  
**Neil Kenyon**  
Headteacher



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## OPEN DAYS

*Come and see us in action on one  
of our school tours...*

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October @ 9:30am**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 1:30pm**



### WHAT DO OFSTED SAY?

- ✓ "Leaders have created a broad, exciting and ambitious curriculum from the Early Years to Year 6."
- ✓ "Pupils are proud of their school."
- ✓ "Adults set high expectations for pupils' achievement and behaviour."  
(OFSTED - November 2022)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Headteacher - Mr N A Kenyon



FRECKLETON Church of England Primary School



# Freckles Preschool Provision



(Ofsted November 2022)

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**You would like your child to join our Freckleton family?**



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We accept payment in cash, by cheque to "Holy Trinity Church", or by BACS.

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The deadline for submissions is normally the third Friday of the preceding month, as announced in the magazine.

We publish advertisements in our printed magazine only; we do not publish advertisements in our online communications.

# STRIKE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

## **A message from Mr. Morgan, our new Headteacher**

Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you for making me feel so incredibly welcome at Strike Lane Primary School.

The whole community is such a warm and welcoming place, and I already feel incredibly privileged to be the Headteacher of such remarkable children and staff. Mrs Shuttleworth did an incredible job during the eight years she led the school. The thought, time and kindness she showed me during the transition period helped me immeasurably.

I honestly believe that joining Endeavour Learning Trust will have the biggest impact on the children at Strike Lane since the school began. It will be my job to share with you what Endeavour can bring to us as a school community — for our staff, but more importantly, for your children. I will be sharing much more about Endeavour soon.

As we begin the next chapter for Strike Lane Primary School, I know that I will need all of you to work with us to ensure that we provide the very best for your children. Strike Lane is a strong team and, as parents and carers, you are critical to the success of our school.

What I have noticed already...

Even in my short time at Strike Lane, I have noticed so many wonderful things. These have included:

- Happy children, who enjoy coming to school and being part of our community.
- Polite children, who show kindness and respect.
- Friendly and supportive parents, who care deeply about our school.
- Determined, skilled and passionate staff, who want the very best for every child.

These are incredibly important foundations on which we can build.

Creating consistency....

Since being here, I have worked closely with the children and staff to simplify a few things across the school. These changes are about creating consistency. When expectations and routines are clear and consistent, children know what is expected of them, and staff can focus on what matters most — teaching, learning, and supporting our children. Every decision we make as a staff team will always be made with the best interests of the children at the heart of it.

I have listened carefully to the children, and together we have introduced three simple school rules:

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

These are simple principles, but they underpin everything we want for our school.

Simple ways to gain attention...

We have also simplified the way we gain the children's attention, both inside and outside the classroom — including on the playground and in the hall.

We now use 'Magnet Eyes' – When the children hear this phrase, they stop immediately and focus their eyes on the adult. It is simple and consistent, and helps to minimise lost learning time.

We have also introduced 'Team Stop' – When an adult raises a straight arm with a flat palm, the children do the same. They stop, focus on the adult and silently get ready to follow the instruction. This means there is no need for us to raise our voices, use whistles or rely on lots of different signals.

Once again, it is simple and consistent, from Reception through to Year 6.

We certainly are not trying to create robots. We want children to be happy, confident and independent. However, we do want and expect a calm, respectful and safe environment, where everybody knows what is expected. And, importantly, these expectations apply to children and adults alike.

What do we want for our children?

I have also begun some exciting work with the children and staff around an important question:

What do we want for our children as members of the Strike Lane and Endeavour family?

We have started thinking about this under three broad areas:

- Children as learners – What do we want our children to know, understand and be able to do?
- Children as people – What qualities, values and characteristics do we want to develop in our children?
- Children in the future – What will our children need to thrive and succeed in the world beyond Strike Lane?

For me, it is important that we hear the viewpoints of as many people within our community as possible. And that includes YOU!

I therefore held a 'Strike Lane... The Next Chapter' visioning meeting for parents and carers on 24 September. This wasn't me standing at the front, talking at them! Instead, this was an opportunity for parents and carers to work

together, share their views and help shape a vision for the future of Strike Lane Primary School. That vision will help drive our school forward and ensure that we are all working towards the same aspirations for our children.

Finally...

I just wanted to say another enormous thank you.

I have come from a school that was my life for 23 years — a school that I loved. It was only ever going to be somewhere very special that could take me away from that.

Strike Lane and Endeavour hooked me in!

I am incredibly proud and humbled by the way I have been made to feel since joining the school. I already have such a strong sense of belonging at Strike Lane, and I am genuinely excited about what we can achieve together.

I cannot guarantee that I will get everything right, and I cannot guarantee that we will always agree. I can, however, guarantee that I will always do my very best for you and, most importantly, for your children.

I am incredibly excited about the journey ahead and about working alongside you as we begin the next chapter of Strike Lane Primary School.

Thank you,

Mr Paul Morgan

Headteacher





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## NEWS FROM LIFE ASSOCIATION

# Life *Association*

Dear friends,

We are pleased to share some wonderful news! The new school building has been completed and is now in use. This has all been made possible by the generosity and commitment of you – our faithful supporters. Whether you donated, shared our story, or kept the project in your prayers, we thank you so much for your support in making this happen!



Life Christian School began in 1999. The school was created to give children from marginalised communities and impoverished backgrounds a good quality Christian education with Jesus at the centre, and a chance to break free from the cycle of poverty. Since then, hundreds of children have benefitted from attending the school, thus being enabled to go on to further education and find suitable jobs. This new school building will provide that same opportunity for many more generations.

Here you can see the children enjoying their new school building, which features nine purpose-built classrooms, a library and a computer suite, alongside administrative spaces and a staffroom.



Thank you for standing with Life Association. Your kindness, prayer and support helps us reach children and communities in India who face the daily effects of poverty. Since 1993, our charity has worked alongside local Christian leaders in India to provide education, children's homes, child development, vocational training and emergency relief, all in the name of Jesus. As you will have seen in our newsletters, these projects have made meaningful and lasting change in the lives of those trapped in poverty.

**However, our ability to sustain this work at current levels is under threat.**

One of our major donors has recently informed us that they have had to withdraw a significant amount of funding. We have been able to review our overheads and outgoings and make savings, but that has not been enough to make up the whole of the shortfall, which currently stands at around £12,000 per year.

We now face a very difficult decision. If we are not able to replace this funding, we will be left with no choice but to reduce the support we are sending to India. Because of the political climate in India, fewer charities than ever are able to operate in that country. That realistically means that our project partners will be unable to replace that funding from other sources and organisations. Those projects will have to stop operating.

We are therefore now asking if you could prayerfully consider doing one of the following:

- If you don't already, could you set up a new, regular monthly gift. Regular giving is the best way to help us plan ahead and make long-term funding commitments to our project partners.
- If you do already give regularly, could you take an opportunity to review your giving? Inflationary costs have been significant in recent years, both here in the UK and in India, which means we have had to grow our income by around 4% every year just to maintain our current rate of support.
- Consider a one-off donation if you are not able to commit to a regular gift at this time.

We understand that not everyone will be able to do this, but we do appreciate your prayerful consideration at this time of urgent need. Giving aside, your prayers, encouragement, and sharing of our work are also deeply valued. Thank you for your compassion and for helping us to reach and serve the poorest of the poor with the life-giving hope of Jesus, in both word and deed.

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God bless you

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# NEWS FROM THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHILDCARE CHARITY

Dear all,

It is with profound disappointment and frustration that we have to tell you that the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir tour planned for this autumn will unfortunately not be going ahead.

Despite everyone's hard work, preparation, and hope that the tour could take place, all 12 visa applications have once again been refused.

This is an incredibly difficult and heartbreaking outcome, particularly after the time, effort, and commitment that so many of you have invested in making the tour possible. We are deeply disappointed by the decision and frustrated by how the visa system now operates.

Huge effort and care went into the preparations of the visa applications. This year, we began the visa process earlier than ever and paid additional fees to have our paperwork reviewed in advance. Despite this, all of the applications were refused. We are seeking to have the adult decisions reviewed, but this is a lengthy process with no guarantee of success. Without adult guardians able to travel, the children's applications cannot proceed either. Having explored the options available to us, and given the timescales involved and the fact that there is no further evidence or documentation we are able to provide, we simply cannot proceed with the tour this autumn.

## **The impact in Uganda**

What makes this particularly painful is the impact the cancellation will have on the children and communities in Uganda who need this support most.

For many years, choirs from Molly and Paul Foundation schools have travelled to the UK to share their voices and stories, build connections with communities here, and raise vital funds for the work taking place back home.

The tour is far more than travelling and performing. The funds raised through the choir help sustain the Foundation's schools, feeding programme, and accommodation for children in need. The opportunities, education, support, and sense of hope created through this work can make a profound difference to children's lives and their futures.

The reality is that we have not been able to run a full UK tour since 2023. Repeated visa refusals, smaller tours, and cancelled tours have made it increasingly difficult to maintain this vital work at the level the children depend upon.

We are also heartbroken for the children themselves. They have worked incredibly hard, prepared with such enthusiasm, and were so looking forward

to coming to the UK, meeting the people who support them and sharing their music. They should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

### **How you can still help**

We know that many of you had already made plans, organised events, booked venues, arranged accommodation, volunteered your time, or started fundraising in anticipation of the choir's arrival. We are enormously grateful for all of this commitment.

Although the choir cannot travel to the UK this autumn, we would love to find ways to keep the connection and fundraising going.

#### ***1. Continue with your fundraising plans***

If you had planned a fundraising event or activity around the choir's visit, please consider continuing with it. We are in the process of securing a video from Uganda that can be shared in place of a live choir performance. This will allow your community to hear directly from the children and see something of the work your support makes possible.

#### ***2. Host a craft stall at your Christmas Market***

We brought crafts to the UK in anticipation of the tour and would welcome the opportunity to work with you to sell them at Christmas markets or other events during December. This would be a lovely way to maintain the connection with the Foundation while raising much-needed funds for the children and communities we support.

#### ***3. Share our emergency appeal***

We have launched an Emergency JustGiving Appeal, with a target of £100,000 by Easter, to help bridge the significant funding gap created by the cancellation of the tour. We would be incredibly grateful if you could share the appeal with your community through newsletters, social media, church communications, parent groups, volunteer networks, members, or your wider contacts. Every donation and every share can help us continue providing the support that children and families in Uganda rely upon.

Thank you for standing with us. We know this news will be deeply disappointing to many of you. We share that disappointment profoundly. To everyone who has given their time, opened their doors, organised events, offered accommodation, volunteered, raised funds, promoted the tour or simply believed in what the children are trying to achieve — thank you.

While we cannot make the tour happen this autumn, our commitment to the children and communities in Uganda remains as strong as ever. Whatever the future holds for the choir and its UK tours, our priority is to ensure that the children and families who rely on the Foundation continue to receive the support they need.

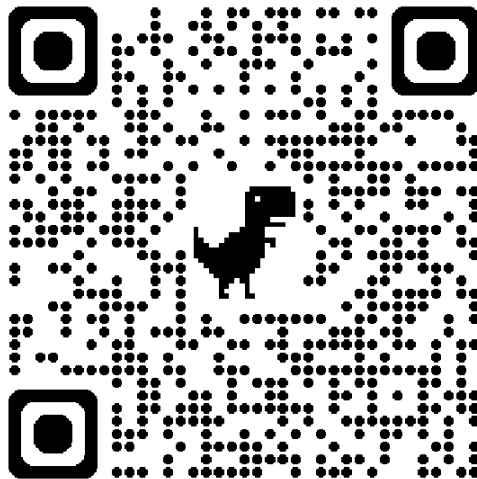
In the meantime, we hope you will continue to stand alongside us and help us ensure that this vital work can continue.

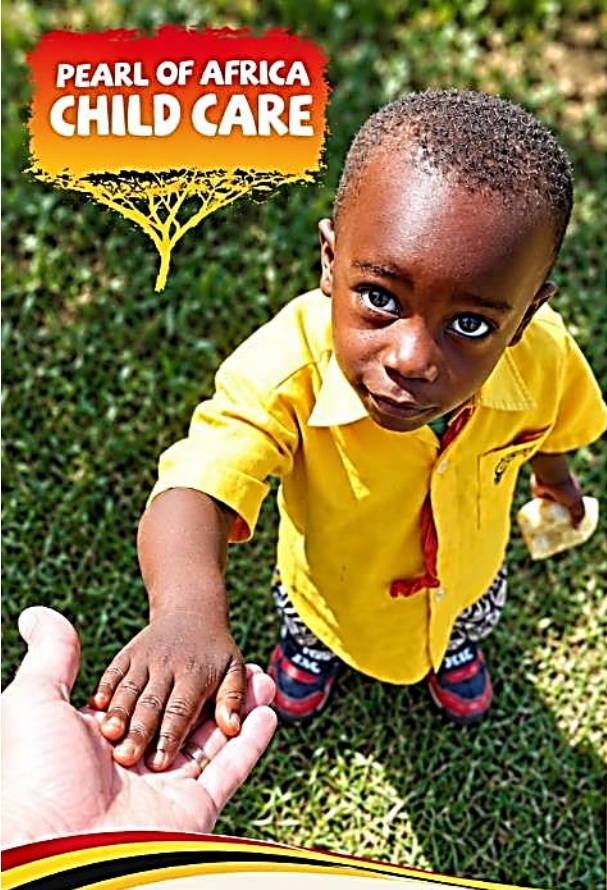
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*This Month*

## OCTOBER 2026

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**FRI 16TH** **NORTHERN SOUL**  
Soul & Motown | 8pm

**SAT 17TH** **TORI AND DAVE**  
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**SAT 24TH** **DEE MAYCEE**  
Excellent Vocalist | 9pm

**SAT 31ST** **JOE KAY**  
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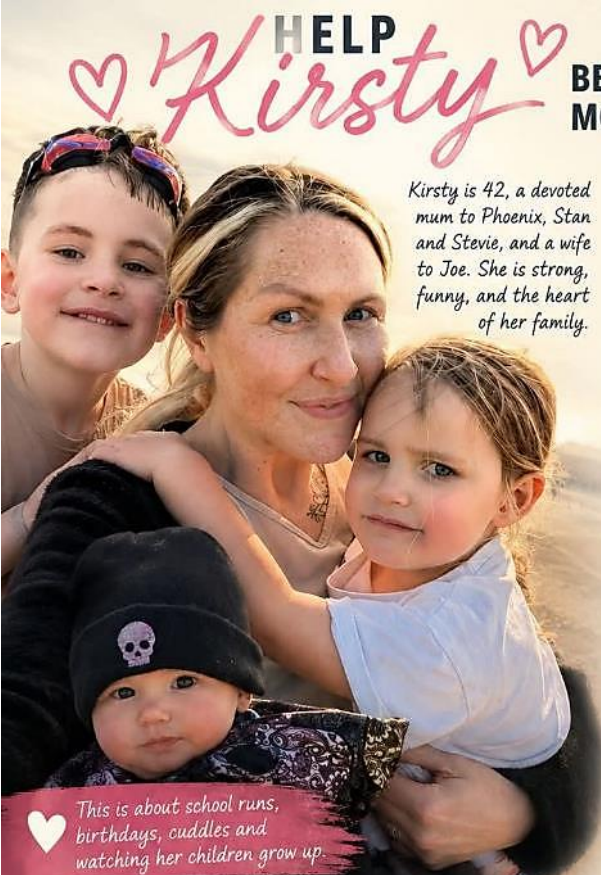
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*This is about school runs, birthdays, cuddles and watching her children grow up.*

## WHY WE'RE ASKING FOR HELP

We need to move faster than the system allows. We are raising funds to give Kirsty access to:

|                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                     |
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| <br>Urgent scans and diagnostics | <br>Specialist consultations | <br>Personalised, cutting-edge treatments in the UK or abroad | <br>Treatment protocols not available on the NHS |
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These potentially life-extending options could cost £50,000+. But this is about giving a mum more time. More tomorrows. More everything.

## THE CANCER HAS PROGRESSED

Kirsty is living with secondary breast cancer. It has spread to her bones, with a new tumour in her supraclavicular lymph node. Her cancer has mutated and is now **HER2-positive** – a more aggressive form that requires different treatment and has a higher risk of spreading to the brain.

## THIS IS THE MOMENT THAT MATTERS

Kirsty is still well. Still active. Still being mum. But she has had to quit work and move out of the family home to help pay for treatments not available on the NHS.

**There is still a window to act. Kirsty urgently needs:**

- ♥ A PET scan to understand the full spread
- ♥ A brain scan to rule out further progression
- ♥ Advanced testing to unlock the best treatment options

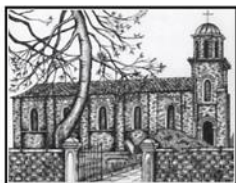
**Without this, doctors don't have the full picture.**

## PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

- ♥ **DONATE** if you're able
- ✉ **SHARE** this far and wide
- 👥 **HELP** us raise funds or **organise an event**

**Every single contribution, no matter how small, truly matters.**

*Thank you for supporting Kirsty and helping her fight for more tomorrows. ♥*



The ministry and building here at Holy Trinity church is maintained by the generous donations of individuals. If you would like to make a one off or regular donation to support our ministry, you can do so by scanning the QR code. Then, either add your bank details to make a regular donation or use your debit/credit card, Apple Pay/G-Pay to make a one off gift.

You can also set up a regular donation or amend an existing one by calling Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm) quoting our parish code 030603191.

For more information about giving speak to Andrew Slater.

If you are a UK taxpayer, you have the option to add gift aid which will increase your donation by 25% at no cost to you.

## Does your partner:

- ☒ **Control who you see and where you go**
- ☒ **Monitor your social media**
- ☒ **Criticise you and put you down**
- ☒ **Humiliate you**
- ☒ **Punch walls or break things**
- ☒ **Take out loans or credit cards in your name**

Your local helpline number is:-

01253 596699 / 0808 2000 247

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families



## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Clergy, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives, Linda Gardner, Gwen Hughes, Andrew Slater, Lynn Slater.

## CHURCH WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA



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



[holytrinitychurchfreckleton](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitychurchfreckleton)



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[www.achurchnearyou.com/freckleton-holy-trinity](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/freckleton-holy-trinity)

## DAY SCHOOL

Headteacher

Mr Neil Kenyon

01772 632350

Site Supervision (Sector Security)

01772 764729

## MOTHERS' UNION

Branch Leader

Anne Kay

634063

Secretary

Grace Edmondson

634958

Treasurer

Marion Smith

632078

## CHOIR

Your Choir needs You!

Male or female, if you enjoy singing, why not chat with Andrew or any member of the choir about joining.

Andrew (Choirmaster)

## PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

### IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

*that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.*

### Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Heather Nuttall and Craig Eckersley  
Churchwardens  
07905 328160, 07887 500269  
[safeguarding@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk)

Tracy Swindells  
Vicar  
01772 679515  
[revtswindells@aol.com](mailto:revtswindells@aol.com)

Catherine Smith  
Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser  
01254 503088  
[safeguarding@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@blackburn.anglican.org)

Local Authority Social Services:  
0300 123 6720 / 6722 out of hours

Thirtyone:eight emergency cover  
0303 003 1111

IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR  
DANGER, PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE  
ON 999.

## House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, young people & adults

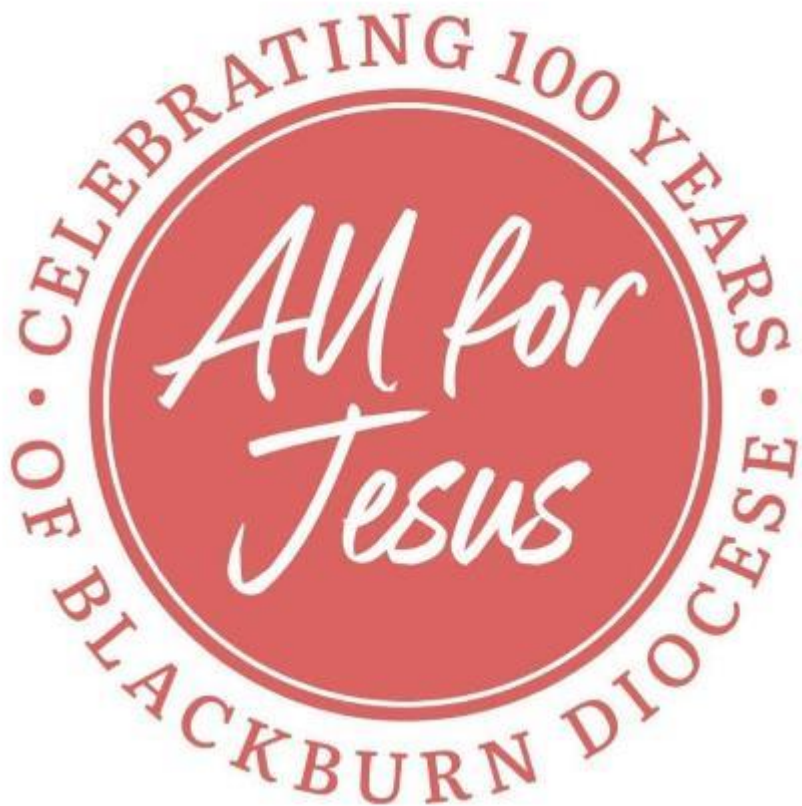
### OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk

### HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Respect Phoneline: 0808 8010 327
- National Careline: 0800 0699 784

[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you. Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness, generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**