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Sundays 11:00 First Sunday: *Worship4U* non-Eucharistic all-age service
All other Sundays: Parish Communion
(5th Sunday as announced)
Mondays 16:00 Evening Prayer

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- develop the spiritual life of all Christian people;
- share the good news of the Kingdom of God;
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Please send your articles for the next magazine by the deadline of **Friday 20 November** to parishmagazine@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk.

A LETTER FROM GRACE

My dear friends,

I am writing this just as we come up to Harvest Festival.

Harvest was very important to the Jews in Old Testament times, and New Testament times too, because farming was the main source of livelihood. They had three Harvest Festivals: in spring, when the first fruits were brought in; in summer, when the wheat and other grain were harvested; and in the autumn, with the final yield of fruit, including grapes and olives.

However, the thing that interests me most about Harvest is the laws concerning gleaning.

Gleaning, going back over the crops to collect up what you had missed, seems perfectly reasonable, but it was forbidden in the Jewish law. The gleanings were for the widows, orphans and strangers who had little else to survive on.

It was a wonderful law, because although people might be poor, they wouldn't be destitute. If you were a landowner, you were not expected to bag up the gleanings and deliver them, so those who needed them had to do that part of the work, but the gleanings were theirs by right.

A couple of years ago, we had a good crop of gooseberries from a single bush in our garden. We harvested most of them but left some smaller ones to collect when they had grown a bit more.

A week or so later, I went to collect these gleanings, assuming that the widows, orphans and strangers would not be much interested in them.

So I went out to the bush with a container, and there were no gooseberries left!

It was then that I realised that the bush was on the flight path of a family of blackbirds from their nest in the hedge to one of their favourite roosts in the Leyland tree.

So I decided that the law should be amended. The gleanings should be left for widows, orphans, strangers and blackbirds.

I certainly didn't begrudge them those gleanings.

It seems a good balance with nature.

Another law was not reaping right to the edges of the fields. This was again for the poor, but it has turned out to be a good way of farming, and is now recommended for supporting wildlife, which has turned out to be much more important than people realised in the past. There is a balance in nature, which we shouldn't upset.

Some of the problems with farming today have been caused by man's greed, wanting to get the last possible ounce of produce out of the land, and this is often counterproductive.

Harvest may not seem so important to us these days, but with the world in such a mess, food security is becoming more vital than ever. So let us continue to give thanks to God for all the bounty He provides, and do our best to work with God and nature for good harvests, now and in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Grace

CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS

We have a box at the back of church for NEW clothes, specifically for the homeless in Preston this winter. Hats, scarves, socks and gloves would be very welcome. Thank you for your generosity.



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Friday	11.30-1.45 & 4.30-8.00
Saturday	11.30-1.45 & 4.30-8.00
Sunday	Closed

Everyone welcomed with a smile!
Dave and the staff

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

As we enter November, we're coming up to, among other things, our last coffee and toasties of the year (21 November), as, after all, there will be lots of other things going on during December. We haven't yet set next year's dates for coffee and toasties, but when we have, we'll promptly start publishing them.

One of our resounding highlights recently was our diocesan centenary songs of praise service, at the end of September, when we enjoyed a magnificent evening of lovingly chosen hymns in fellowship with the congregations of our partner churches and the surrounding community.

From our songs of praise service onwards, we started handing out follow-up leaflets, with a list of all the forthcoming services and events at Holy Trinity and St Paul's through to Christmas. Indeed, by the time the next magazine comes out, we'll be well into Advent. We hope everyone will have received a copy of that leaflet by now, but if not, please ask us for one or come and get one. And if you already do have a copy, it would be great if you could pick up another and pass it to a friend, relative or neighbour who might also be interested in joining us sometime. (It's also up on our online platforms and free to share.)

In his recent sermons on Matthew 22:1-14 and 21:23-32, respectively, Fr John reminded us that our church is where we gather to bear witness to the glory of God, and our worship is a shopwindow to Heaven. So let's make that shopwindow sparkle brightly this autumn and Advent, so that people will want to come and have a look inside!

Yours in Christ

The Wardens

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Adapted from our Facebook page, among other sources, where stated…

26 September

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our September coffee and toasties for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised £185 from kind donations, and another £115 from the raffle.
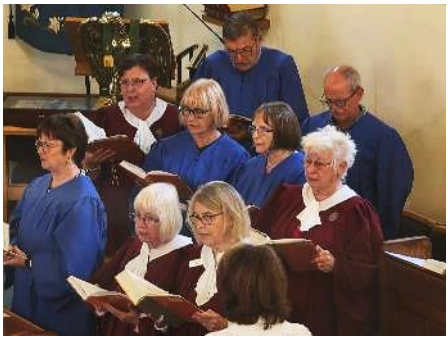




27 September

What a fantastic evening we had for our Diocese of Blackburn centenary songs of praise service! We enjoyed 14 hymns, with nominations not only from our own congregation but also from St Paul's and Freckleton Methodist Church, including special nominations from our Mothers' Union and our Rose Queen and King. We sang Dan's favourite hymn, 'All things bright and beautiful', with a touching reminder that there's always something beautiful to see in life, and always a reason to look to the future with hope. The choirs of Holy Trinity and St Paul's led us with a strong voice, with Andrew at the organ and Gwen adeptly threading everything together as Master of Ceremonies. Thank you also to everyone who kindly provided the tea, coffee and cakes, whereby we collected some more donations for Macmillan Cancer Support.













30 September

Members of St Paul's Church, along with some of our friends from Holy Trinity Church, went to visit the patrons of St Paul's, Christ Church, Oxford. They enjoyed Communion at the cathedral, followed by tea in the famous Harry Potter hall. Well done to Jackie and Robin for organising and shepherding the trip, and thank you for opening the invitation to Holy Trinity.



1 October

Fr Shaun Baldwin was licensed by Bishop Philip as Area Dean of Kirkham at the Deanery Synod meeting.



Photo St John the Evangelist Church, Lund.

4 October

Thank you to Fr John Hall for leading our special Harvest Festival *Worship4U* family service, thank you to everyone who decorated the church so beautifully for the season, and thank you to everyone who kindly donated money and food. The money is going to the Diocese of Blackburn Bishop's Harvest Appeal for the Diocese of Liwolo, South Sudan, and the food to the Fylde Foodbank.

You can still donate to or read more about the Bishop's Harvest Appeal at https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/bishop-s-harvest-appeal-2026





8 October

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Harvest appeal. The donations from school and church were taken to the Fylde Foodbank. Well done also to our new Worship Group, pictured here with Fr John, to whom we'd like to say a big thank you for a lovely service and for teaching us a new song!



Freckleton C of E Primary School

11 October

Ella, Purdie and Samuel had a great day at the Diocesan Youth Conference called *Abide*, held on 10 October, at St Micheal's High School, Chorley. Our young people felt it was the best *Abide* meeting yet.

Over 200 young Christians attended the event, from churches from all parts of the Diocese. It was such a great opportunity for our Yurch group to meet other like-minded young people.

The day was filled with lots of fun activities and games, a Eucharist, led by Bishop Philip, and a very powerful talk by Christian Influencers John and Jade Reynolds.

Ella and Samuel also led the intercessions at our Sunday service of Parish Communion the following morning.





Although we didn't have enough participants to go ahead with our Harvest bowling competition, we enjoyed a special Sunday lunch at the Coach & Horses, Freckleton instead.



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WI NEWS

Report of Freckleton WI Meeting on 13 October

Our speaker this evening was Steve Williams, who entertained us with his enlightening talk entitled *Lancashire Lasses, Mill Girls and Suffragettes*.

Steve started by telling us about the Preston Dick, Kerr Ladies' Football Club, founded in 1917, during the First World War, very successful until 1965, when women's football was banned by the FA.

Steve continued with stories, sad and amusing, of so many lasses who had made their mark on Lancashire life since the Industrial Revolution, when the cotton industry developed and employed women and girls in their mills. Life was very hard for these women, but the Lancashire Lasses and Mill Girls became an important part of the Suffragette movement.

There have been other well-known women: the businesswoman Doreen Lofthouse of Fisherman's Friend fame; and Pat Seed, MBE, journalist fundraiser and campaigner for cancer charities. Then there was showbusiness: the late, great Victoria Wood, comedienne and actress; together with Thora Hird, Hylda Baker and, of course, who could forget Gracie Fields. Steve had interesting and sometimes very funny and gossipy stories. A very informative and enjoyable evening.

A vote of thanks was given by Michelle McHale. Refreshments were served by Lynne Despot and Margaret Thompson. Steve was asked to judge the competition for a Lancashire Souvenir. The winner was Michaela Bass.

The evening ended with a quiz and raffle.



100 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN

Historically part of the diocese of York, and Chester in 1541
Then becoming part of the diocese of Manchester before much time had gone
The diocese of Blackburn was established on the 12th November 1926 yes
There-fore this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary or so I guess

It's currently run by the Bishop of Blackburn Philip North quite well
With him, and others, having plenty a church story to tell
A total of 211 Parishes, and 280 Churches coming of assistance
Together with Bible readings covering oh quite a distance

Its Suffragans are Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster, and Joe Kennedy, Bishop of Burnley
Having plenty a special service for you and me
With David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster, and Jane Atkinson, Archdeacon-designate of Blackburn
Both giving members of the public a lot to learn

There are also lots of different Rural Deaneries to be seen
Who in many Churches across Lancashire have been
Each for weddings and funerals bringing people together
Which will go on totally forever

The Diocese of Blackburn's 100th anniversary has had lots of celebration
Having parties taking place in local towns with no hesitation
A large amount of appreciation and value of it being had
Keeping lots of people away from being just lonely and sad

By Paul Wilkins
01/11/2026
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MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

At our October meeting, we had an interesting and informative talk by Janet and Catherine from the Samaritans. They said they listen to the calls and do not give advice and, usually, by taking about their problems, people work out their own solutions.

At our meeting on 11 November, we will be hearing from Jane Cairns, who is the Outreach Rep for the Diocese. We will also be welcoming Christine Hodgkinson with the literature stall, so that we can stock up with Christmas cards, diaries, etc.

All are welcome to join us.

God Bless

Anne Kay

MOTHERS' UNION 150TH ANNIVERSARY RECIPE BOOK

As part of the Mothers' Union's sesquicentenary (150th 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

11 November	Jane Cairns – *Outreach*
09 December	Dave Mawson – Keyboard and buffet

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YURCH NEWS

The highlight of the month was our visit to *Abide*, on 10 October. This is Blackburn Diocese's annual youth event. We have attended these events since they began, in 2022. Before that, we went to the all-night youth events at Blackburn Cathedral. The leaders always felt those nights were wrongly advertised as 'sleepovers'. They felt 'wakeovers' would have been a better name!

The group really enjoyed this year's event and felt it was the best yet. Bishop Philip North led a thought-provoking Eucharist, preaching on the event's theme: *God's light always shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it*.

Something new was a talk by Christian influencers John and Jade Reynolds. The whole audience, of about 200 young people, sat silently listening to every word for about half an hour. The leaders were amazed when Ella and Purdie excitedly said they follow them on YouTube and were so pleased to be able to see them in person.

The group also led the intercessions on 11 October and were pleased that they were complimented by a number of the congregation.

Best wishes from Yurch



SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2026

Sun. 01 Nov.	11:00	***Worship4U***
Sun. 08 Nov.	11:00	**Parish Communion** **Remembrance Sunday**

Please arrive by 10:55 for the Act of Remembrance to begin promptly at 11:00.

Wed. 11 Nov.	14:00	**Mothers' Union**
Sat. 14 Nov.	10:00	**St Paul's Little Café**
Sun. 15 Nov.	11:00	**Parish Communion**
Sat. 21 Nov.	10:00	**Coffee and toasties**
Sun. 22 Nov.	11:00	**Parish Communion**
Sat. 28 Nov.	10:00	**Freckleton Methodist Church Christmas fair**
	13:00	**St Paul's Christmas Market**
Sun. 29 Nov.	11:00	**Benefice Communion** **<u>at Holy Trinity</u> –** **no 09:30 service at St Paul's**

Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00.

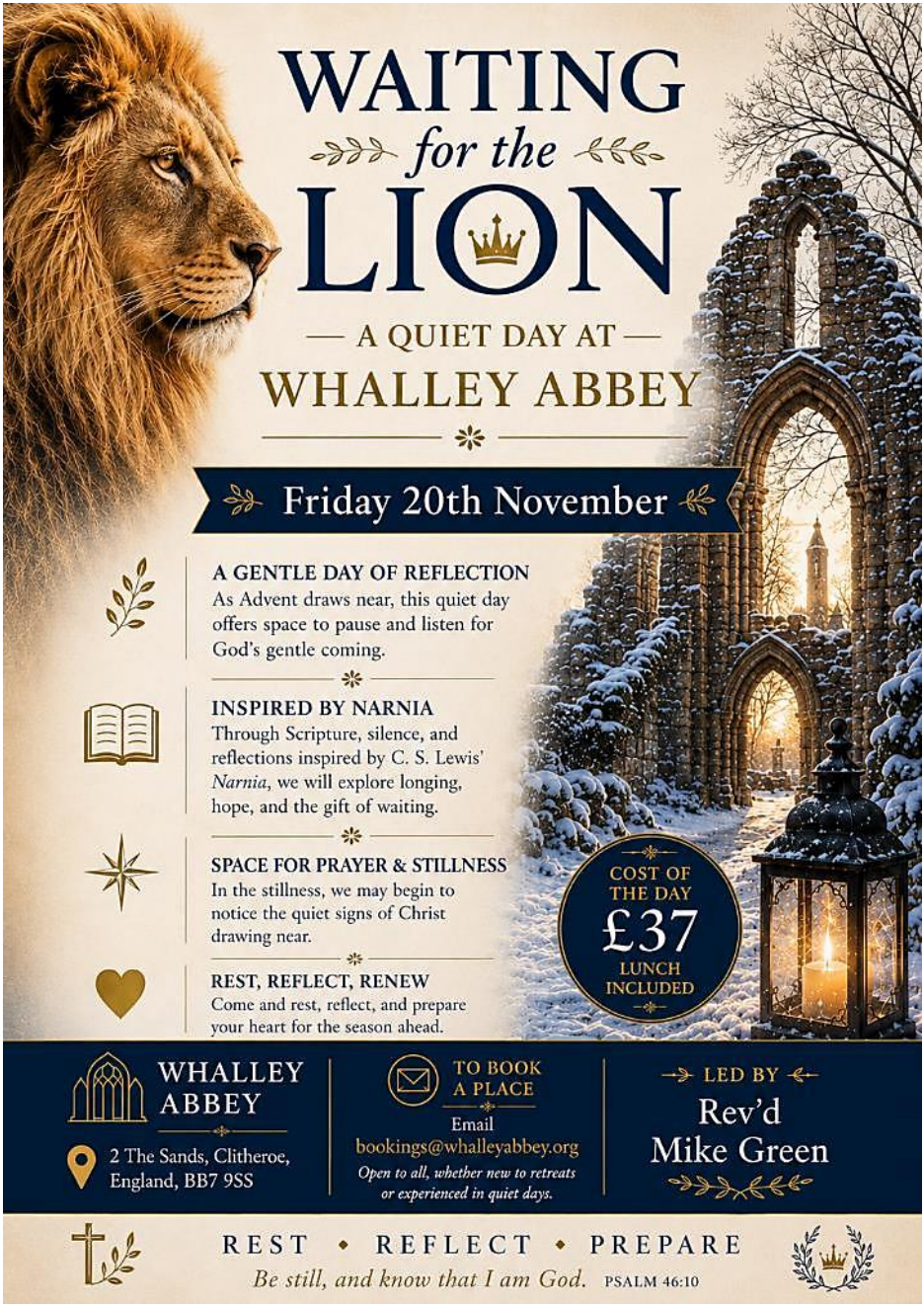
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Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th November 2026

★ 10am to 1pm ★

Doors Open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to view the Christmas displays provided by groups within the community.

Christingle Candlelight Service

Friday 27th November 2026

★ at 6pm ★

Coffee and Mince Pies will be served after the service



Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November
10am to 2pm

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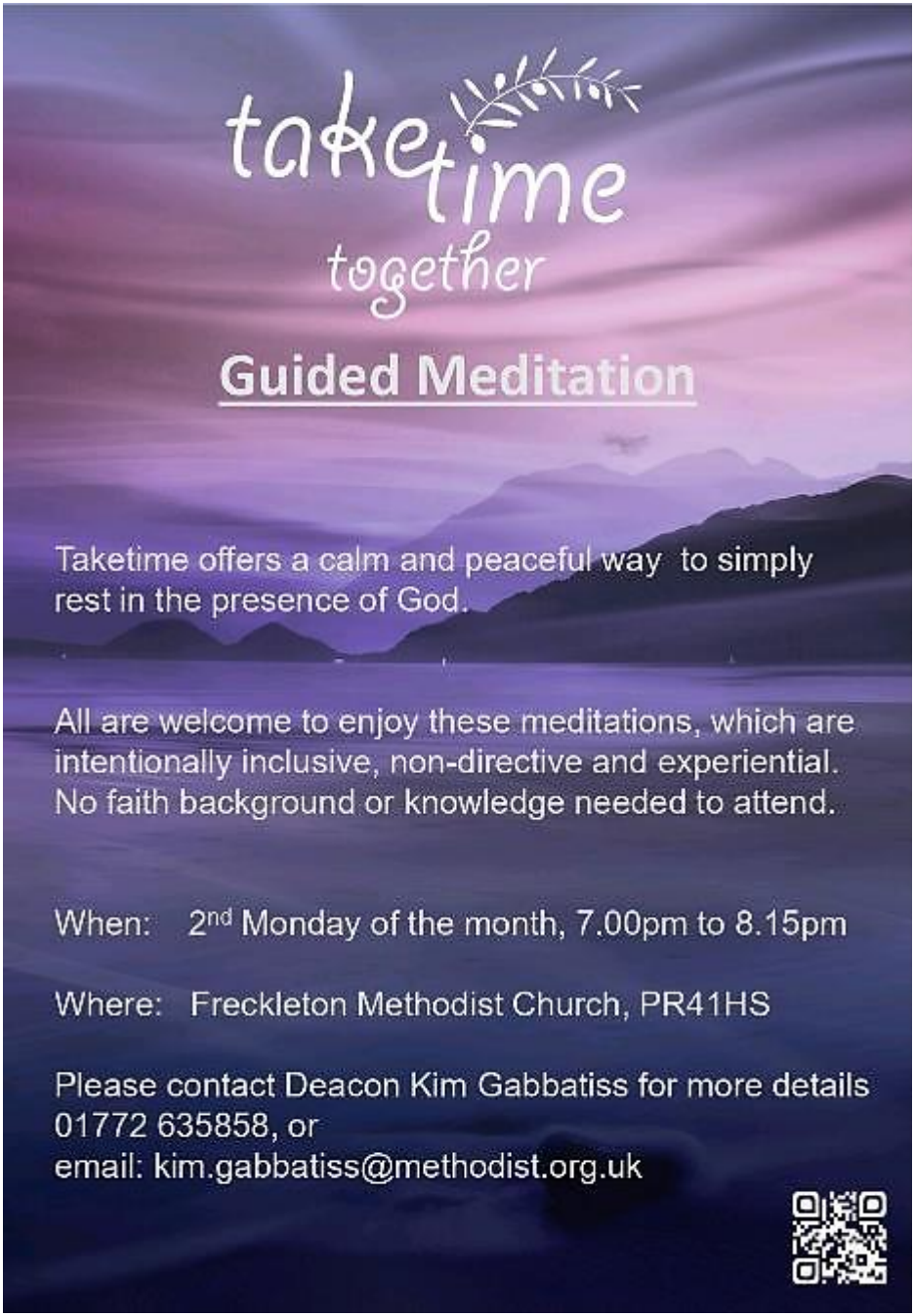
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Advent and Christmas 2026 with Holy Trinity

Tue. 01 Dec.	18:30	**Village Christmas tree lighting**
Sat. 05 Dec.	10:00	**St Paul's Little Café**
Sun. 06 Dec.	11:00	***Worship4U***
	16:00	**Christingle at Holy Trinity** (also at St Paul's at 18:15)
Wed. 09 Dec.	14:00	**Mothers' Union**
Fri. 11 Dec.	19:00	**Carols in the inn** at the Coach & Horses
Sat. 12 Dec.	19:30	***Christmas at the movies*** Warton Singers Concert at St Paul's
Sun. 13 Dec.	11:00	**Parish Communion**
	17:00	**Lessons and carols at HT** (also at St Paul's at 18:30)
Tue. 24 Dec.	16:00	**Crib service at Holy Trinity** (also at St Paul's at 17:30)
Tue. 24 Dec.	22:00	**Bethlehem Midnight Mass at HT** (also Midnight Mass at St Paul's, 23:30)
Wed. 25 Dec.	10:00	**Christmas Communion** at St Paul's (no service at HT)

Evening Prayer Mondays at 16:00, except 28 December

DAN'S NEXT STEPS

19 September

Dan loves getting out and about, and one of his favourite places is St Paul's Little Café. He enjoys banter and meeting up with his friends and supporters. St Paul's Church had a display of its history and inception, which was very interesting. This included documents and altar robes; the latter had a lengthy restoration by Rev. Tracy and Richard. Fab job!





12 October

Dan has had another great weekend, and being home means he can get out and about. It's nearly a year since he came back to where he belongs. Last weekend, Dan did something he'd never done before: he held a Harris hawk, and I think the level of concentration says it all.



14 October

By Deacon Kim Gabbatiss

Wow! What a wonderful evening yesterday! Our community of Freckleton came together last night to celebrate all that has been achieved by so, so many people to enable one family to be reunited after having been forced to live apart for three years. The *DIY SOS 'Bringing Dan home'* episode was shown in different venues in the village, including the Coach & Horses, Freckleton Sports & Social Club and the Plough, and I'm sure in many homes too. What a joy and a privilege to be part of this community, to live and work amongst such amazing people.

Many prayers answered. Many hearts moved by compassion. Such kindness and generosity shown. Hopes and dreams realized. God is good.



Photo Deacon Kim Gabbatiss.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our family and our Dan. If you still want to help and support Dan, we'll be deeply thankful. There is no question that he would benefit from additional rehabilitation, therapies and equipment not readily available on the NHS.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/DanielFlemen

FRECKLETON HISTORY GROUP

Barbara welcomed everyone and explained the “housekeeping” part of the afternoon, then presented Sally with flowers and a gift to thank her for her hard work with the group since it started. Sally then introduced our speaker, Paul Smith, who was to tell us all about “The history of Old Garstang”.

Paul said he was brought up in Garstang and lived in a mill house in Colvale. He has always been interested in Old Garstang and would track down all the elderly people living there and collect all their memories and stories. Garstang was a Norse place name – Gary Stanga (*stanga* meaning settlement), that the town is not very different to 500 years ago. Business boomed in the 1850s, and then again when the railway came to the town.

Paul showed various slides of the town and spoke about each one of them. (Some photos could not be shown because, for some reason, they were not compatible.)

The first slide was Garstang Castle, built at the end of the 1490s by the First Earl of Derby in order to protect his newly acquired land. Next was a slide of a map dated 1860, showing the High Street as it was and the newly favoured drover’s road that became the High Street of today. Then the market cross was shown, and Paul said that Garstang has had a market since Charles II. This was not the original marketplace; the cross was further north up the High Street. Sadly, most of the old documents were lost in a fire. The Town Hall held a secret door, which led to the cell for miscreants of the town. This is now used by the Market Superintendent. On the next slide of the High Street, there was no cross. The bunting put up for one of the parades was broken by a double decker bus and the cross was sent away for repair. It was two years before it was replaced and was put back, in July 1960. Next slide was a photo around 1700. Further slides showed the buildings and the bridge, one of which was Stoops Hall, which was gutted by fire. Bridge Street was named after the new bridge and the pub, The Golden Ball was on this street. This pub was closed in 1914 and never re-opened. It became a laundry and was then taken over by the Preston Co-Op. The next slide was of Church Street and a row of houses where Oliver Cromwell’s troops stayed in 1644, when the castle was besieged for a year.

Once there were over 15 pubs in Garstang, and there are eight left. The Dog Inn became The Horns, where massive horns, at least 8 ft across, were placed over the door.

Garstang once had its own railway company, and passengers could travel to all the local towns, but sadly, this was closed by the late 1960s, and bus travel took over.

Various slides were shown of a Whit Sunday parade, the Coronation of King George VI, and of local people getting married. One particular father had 12

daughters and one son, and the wedding was of one of his daughters. Another one was of some dwellings west of Garstang, called the Cathouse.

Paul ended his talk and apologised for not being able to show some of the slides. Barbara asked if anyone had any questions, and Paul answered these with all the dates. We all agreed that his talk was very interesting, no notes to read, all from the heart. A very knowledgeable and interesting man, who really loved his subject.

Our next meeting was planned for Wednesday 28 October. Our speaker was David Ward, who was to tell us all about “Seaplanes over the River Ribble”.

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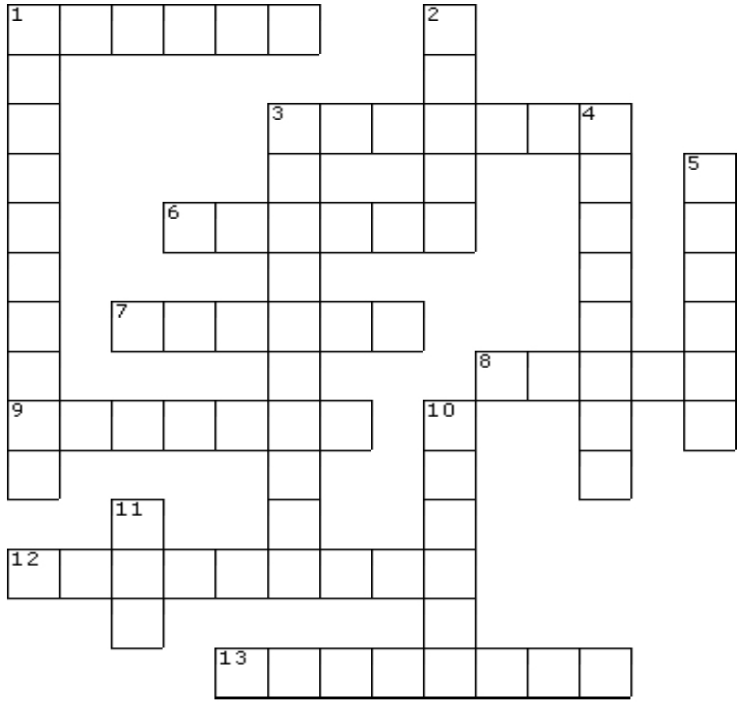
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7 Favorite entrée
8 Corn
9 Original guests
12 __ sauce
13 Original hosts

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FRECKLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School news from late September and October 2026

Year 6 residential at Robinwood

Our Year 6 children enjoyed three exciting days at Robinwood, in Wrexham, accompanied by Mr Barnes-Gray, Mrs Fogg and Mr Kenyon. Canoeing, climbing, ziplining and archery were amongst the activities enjoyed by the children, offering plenty of opportunities to live life in all its fullness.

Children and adults alike had a wonderful time, facing new challenges, overcoming fears and encouraging one another. Their teamwork and determination made us very proud.





Future councillors in the making?

Isabella and Jacob represented our school with pride in their new roles as School Parliament Leaders at Fylde Town Hall.

They joined 14 other pupils from seven local primary schools for lively debates in the Council Chamber, discussing school uniforms, homework, holidays and social media.

Speaking in such an impressive setting took courage. Both pupils showed maturity and enthusiasm as they experienced democracy and free speech in action.

The standard of debate was impressive. Pupils met the Mayor of Fylde, Cllr Richard Redcliffe, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and the High Sheriff of Lancashire, who presented certificates to the pupils and schools taking part.

This memorable experience helped our children build confidence, develop their leadership skills and deepen their understanding of democracy. Perhaps we have some future councillors among us!



Harvest

Our Harvest service at Holy Trinity Church was a joyful celebration of God's gifts. Thank you to our school family for your generous donations. Our newly appointed worship group led the service beautifully, and we were delighted that Father John could join us. We even learnt a new song!

Sporting success

Our KS2 football team and newly formed netball team have had much to celebrate. The netball team finished second in their league, growing in confidence throughout the competition. Thank you to governors Lynsey and Sarah for giving their time to coach and organise the team, and to Carr Hill High School for hosting another excellent competition.

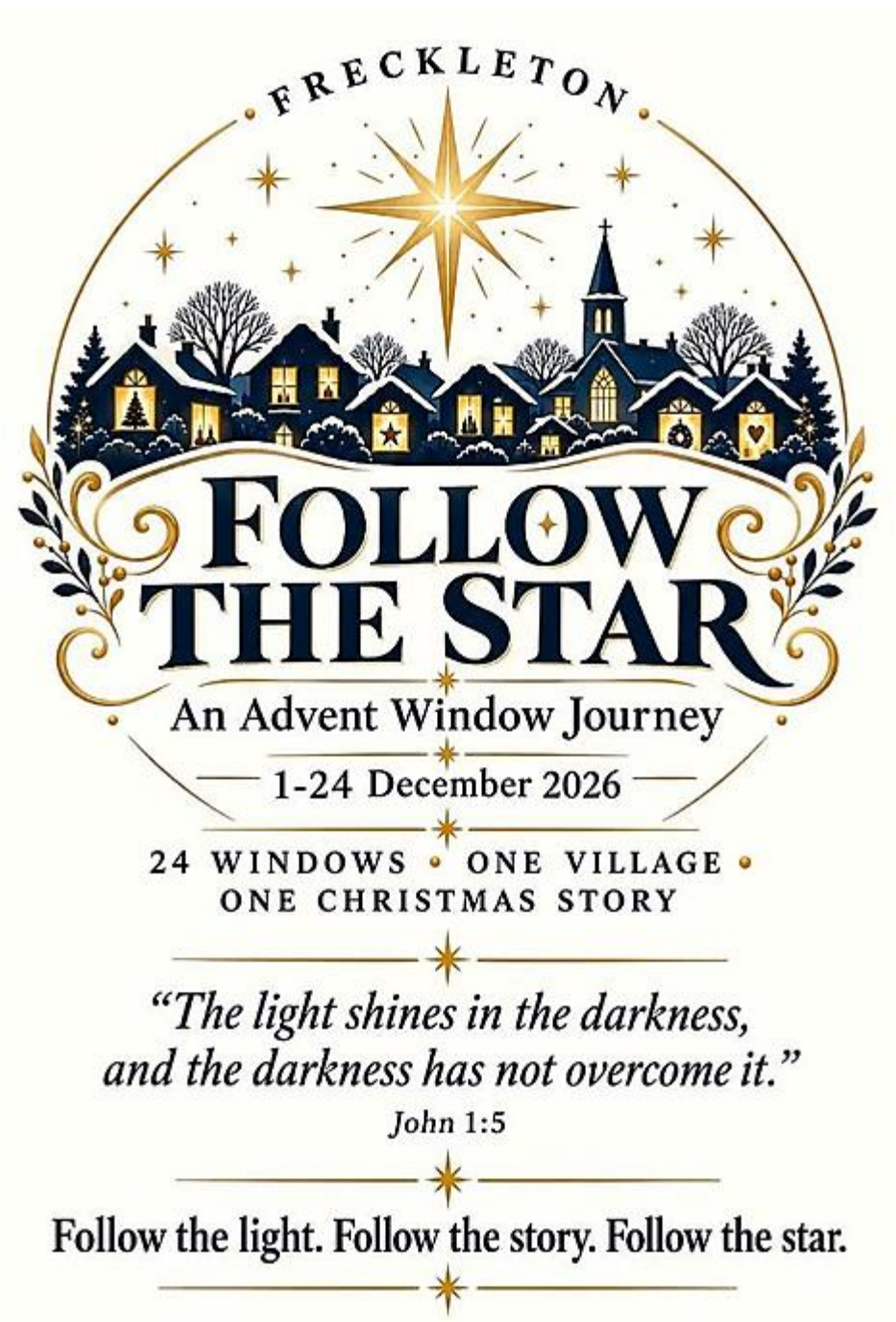
Our football team won their league at AFC Fylde, remaining unbeaten and conceding just one goal throughout the tournament. Every player represented our school superbly. We are proud of both teams for their effort, teamwork and sporting spirit.

A Prayer for our school family

> Loving God,
>
> Thank you for the gifts of friendship, learning and community.
>
> Help us to face challenges with courage, use our voices wisely, and celebrate one another's achievements.
>
> Bless our school and parish, and guide us to share your love through kindness and generosity.
>
> Amen.

God bless, **Neil Kenyon,** Headteacher

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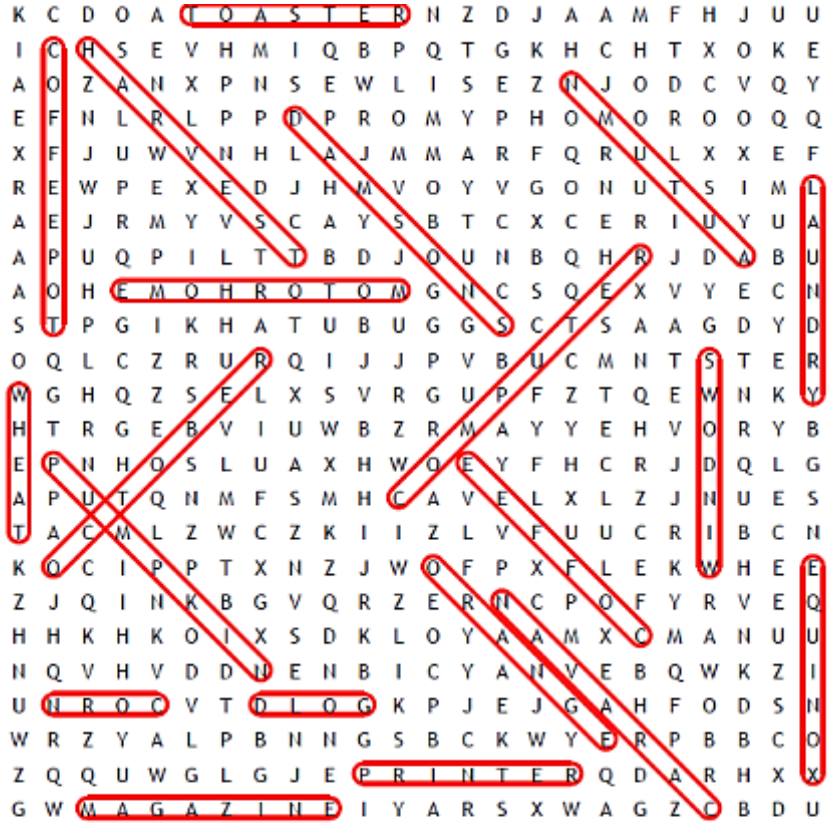
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gold	pumpkin	harvest	October

STRIKE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Adapted from various posts on the Strike Lane Primary School Facebook page…

18 September

What a fabulous start our Reception children have had! There is just such a buzz, from children and staff alike — purposeful, calm, busy learning at its very best. They've settled brilliantly, and it's wonderful to see them already becoming part of the Strike Lane family.

Across school, Magnet Eyes 👀🧲 and Team Stop ✋ are working really well. I'm already seeing real consistency in how the children are putting these into practice, but of equal importance, is how staff are role-modelling them every day. In fact, it was amazing to hear that one of our dads has been using "magnet eyes" with his daughter and her friends outside of school. I'm not entirely sure whether this means our vocabulary is spreading into the community or that I'm slowly creating a small army of children with magnet eyes… either way, I'm delighted!

We have four prospective parent open sessions coming up. If you are a current parent and would like to come along, have a look around, or simply come and have a chat with me, you are more than welcome. It has been a real joy showing a few parents around this week and giving them an insight into the wonderful world of Strike Lane.

I also really enjoyed the Freckleton Horticultural Show and hope that next year we will have many more Strike Lane entries. I was particularly pleased to come second place for my carrot-growing skills 🥕 — although, if I'm honest, next year I'd rather my entry wasn't in the disaster category!

It has also been wonderful to welcome many of the key leaders from Endeavour Trust. They have mainly been checking in with me as a new Headteacher, which I have really appreciated. Starting a new role always comes with plenty to learn, so having that support around me has been invaluable.

One important reminder: the safety of your children is the single most important thing to us. That responsibility doesn't end at the end of the school day or when you leave the school gate. Please make sure that seatbelts are worn and that children are secured in appropriately sized seats, no matter how short the journey is. It is also worth remembering that accidents aren't always caused by the person driving the car you are in. Sometimes, it is another driver on the road who makes the mistake — which is exactly why making sure our children are properly secured every single time is so important.

25 September

A huge well done to our football team for their impressive effort and attitude at Hill Farm. Regardless of the result, the way the children represented our school was fantastic. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship made us very proud.

I have recently met with local residents to discuss the ongoing challenges around parking at drop-off and collection times. We recognise that this can be frustrating for both our parents and carers and those who live locally. We are currently exploring a number of different options to see how we can improve the situation for everyone. I will keep you updated as these discussions progress.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came into school to take part in our visioning session. It was a really successful evening, with honest, thoughtful and purposeful discussions. We have now gathered views from children, staff and parents, with our School Councillors still to have their opportunity to contribute. These ideas will then be brought together to help shape our new school vision. I am really excited about where this is heading and, ultimately, creating something that becomes the spine of everything we do at Strike Lane.

I also had a super meeting with Anne, the co-owner of Blue Bears, and I am delighted that we are going to be reconnecting in a number of exciting ways. One of the things I will be doing is taking my puppets over to Blue Bears for some story time sessions. We are also going to be training some of our Year 5 children to become Reading Buddies, giving them the opportunity to work with the Blue Bears preschool children, both in Nursery and when they visit us here at Strike Lane. I think this will be a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop confidence, responsibility and a love of reading, while strengthening the links between our school and our local early years community.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone for helping us achieve 97.1% overall attendance so far this term. That is a fantastic figure, and we really want to keep it going! Regular attendance matters because every day in school is an opportunity to learn, develop relationships, build confidence and be part of our school community. Even small amounts of missed learning can add up over time, and being in school consistently helps children to make the most of all the opportunities available to them. So, let’s keep it up!

02 October

Firstly, thank you and well done to our football team for winning their first match. What a fantastic achievement — we are incredibly proud of you all!

A huge well done also to Nathan and Jasmine in Year 6, who represented Strike Lane brilliantly at the debating competition at Fylde Council, alongside

the Mayor of Fylde. They showed fantastic confidence and calmness when speaking, and we were extremely proud of how they represented our school.

Mrs McDowell, Mrs Bamber, Mr Moulding and I had a super visit to St. Paul's CE Primary School in Bolton. The school has been judged Outstanding since 2012, so it was a real privilege to visit and see the quality of practice and what it looks like when excellence is truly embedded across a school. The most pleasing thing was that we all left with questions and ideas to reflect upon, but we also left knowing that what we have here at Strike Lane is fabulous. Our own school is also a wonderful place to be, and we should be incredibly proud of everything we are achieving together.

09 October

Today, I spent time carrying out some pupil voice conversations and book looks, and I have to say, it was absolutely wonderful. Listening to the children talk so confidently and enthusiastically about their work, their love of learning and, most importantly, their love of school was a real highlight of my week. If your children come home today saying they spoke to me, please be incredibly proud of them. They were funny, articulate, thoughtful and full of enthusiasm. They represented exactly what we want a Strike Lane pupil to be: confident, curious, proud of their learning and happy to share their experiences. Moments like these remind me just how special our school community is and how much our children have to offer.

15 October

This half term, we have worked incredibly hard to reconnect with all our stakeholders and our wider community. Today was particularly important, as we welcomed our incredibly valued parents into school to spend time with their children in their own classrooms. It was such a vibrant, warm, happy and joyous afternoon! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and to those who would have loved to join us but couldn't make it.

I shared the following quote with staff, and I believe it perfectly captures the importance of our relationship with our families:

> "Unity is strength… when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."
>
> Mattie Stepanek

As always, thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to make Strike Lane such a special place. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected school community, and I look forward to welcoming even more of you into school over the coming months.

Mr Paul Morgan

Headteacher

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Following my visit in February 2025, when I joined the work of the charity by travelling with a group of trustees and volunteers to Uganda, I'm going to join them again this coming February. We will all be staying in the children's village, helping with building and maintenance projects, providing aid where needed, and doing what we can to make life a little easier.

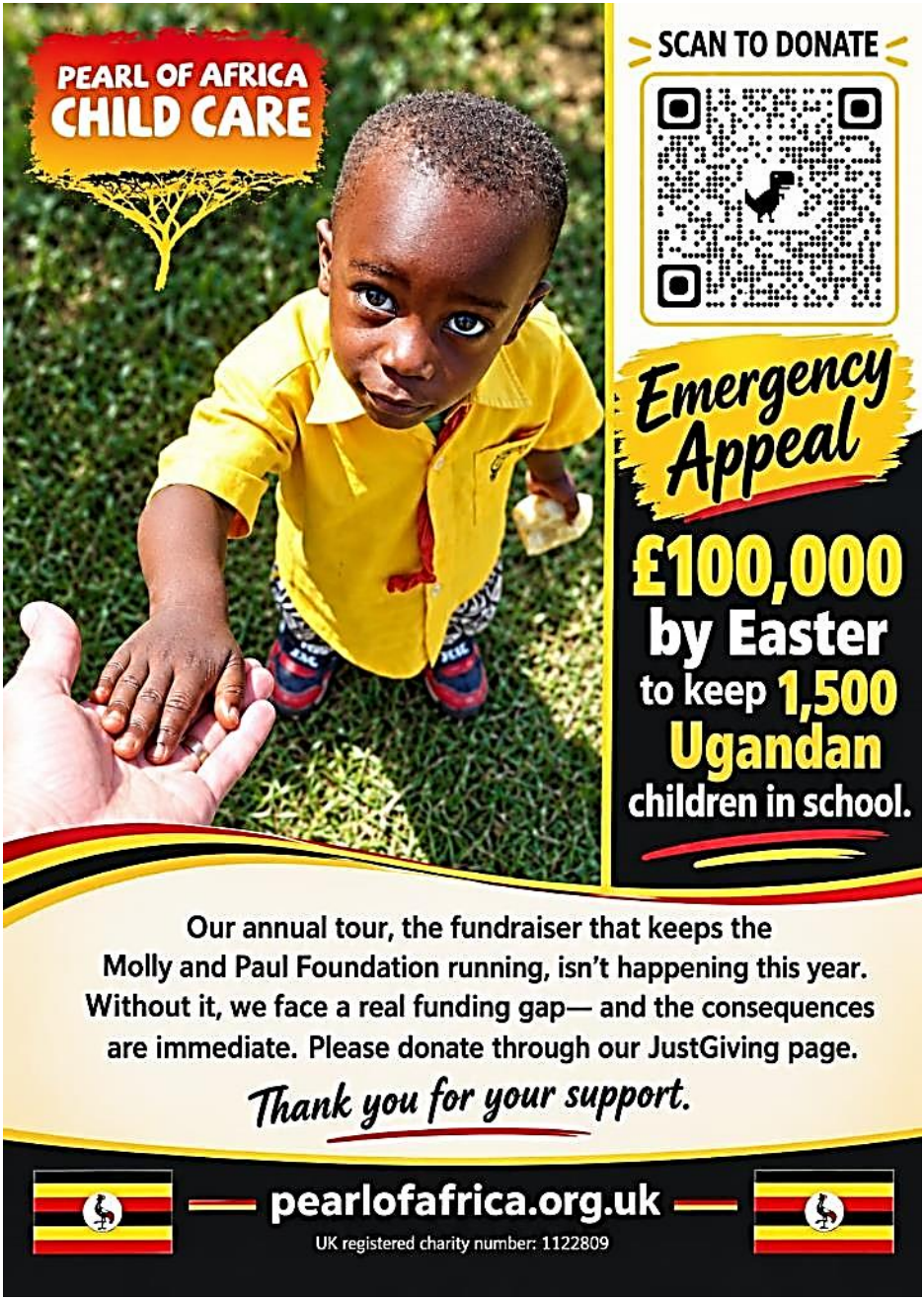
This is where I ask for the help of the community in and around Freckleton again, as you were very generous last time. I'm looking to raise as much money as I can between now and February, every penny of which will be used to help the children in the care of Molly and Paul.

I am also collecting the following items to take with me:

- used black school shoes (in good condition);
- first aid and medical supplies, particularly paracetamol and ibuprofen;
- children's and adults' clothing (summer clothes only);
- new underwear and bras;
- laptop computers and mobile telephones, wiped clean;
- school stationery, e.g. pencils, biros, rulers, erasers, geometry sets, English dictionaries, Blu tack, white chalk, Sellotape, staplers and staples, scissors, crayons, but NOT paper, textbooks, fiction, felt-tip pens, etc.;
- costume jewellery;
- toiletries for gifts;
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and flannels;
- glasses (reading/distance).

One of the main current needs is children's shoes, in particular, black school shoes, which are completely unaffordable for the children in care. If you have, or know of anyone who has, any unwanted used school shoes (primary or high school) in reasonable condition that they'd like to donate, please get in touch.

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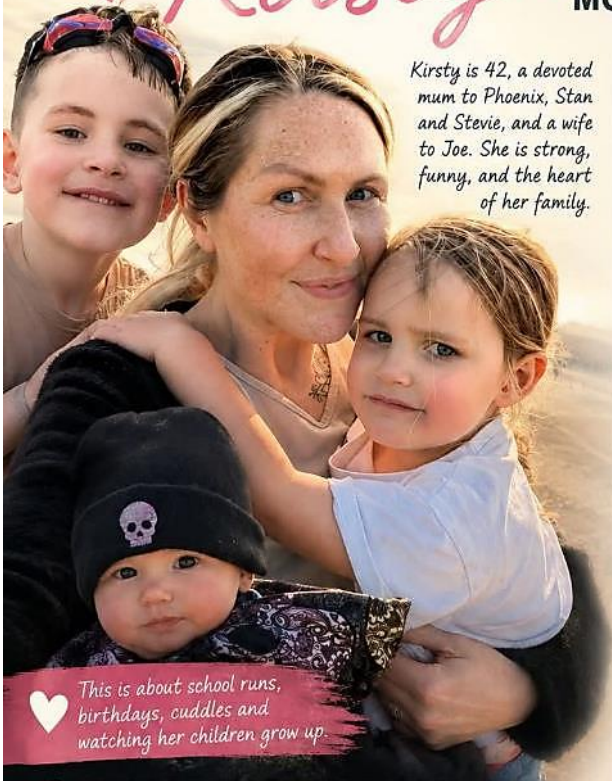
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01254 503088
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Local Authority Social Services:
0300 123 6720 / 6722 out of hours

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

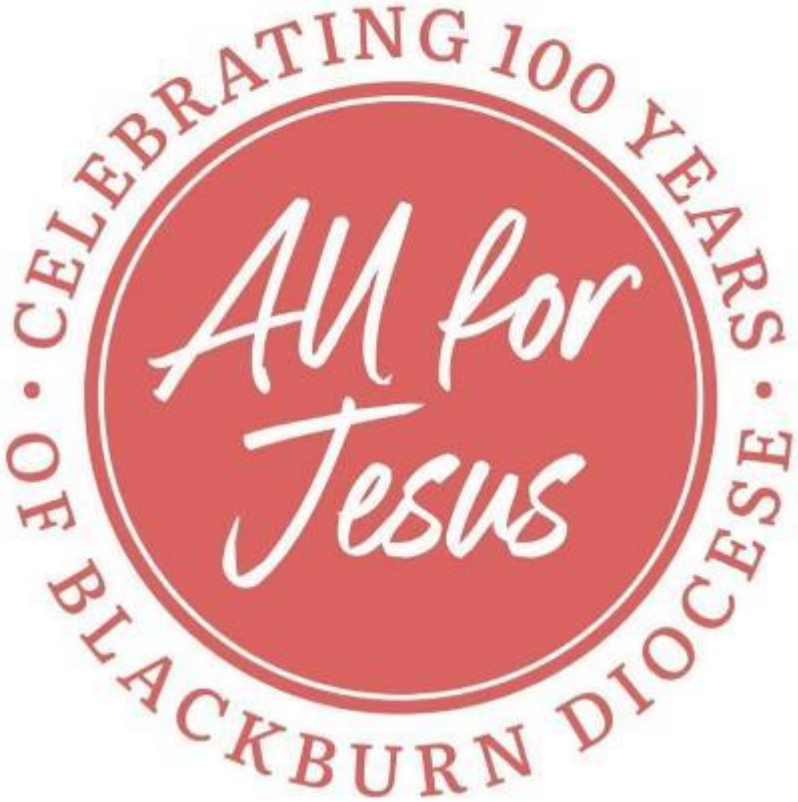
OUR COMMITMENTS

- 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



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.**