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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Trinity 16**

**09.45 Parish Eucharist**

Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	19.15	<b>PCC Meeting</b>
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion ( <i>St. Paul's</i> )
		12.00- 15.00	Foodbank
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion ( <i>Holy Trinity</i> )



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Trinity 17**

**09.45 "All Aboard" Service**  
**HARVEST LUNCH**

Tuesday	11 <sup>h</sup>	13.30	Women's Institute
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## Dear Friends



Well it's time to turn our thoughts to Harvest once again and to think about the provision of food, amongst other things, for the populations of the world.

We are very well endowed with diversity of the harvest around the world, with locations, weather conditions, transport networks, even energy sources etc. The bounty from these things is truly amazing and the variety of all of these things.

Unfortunately, not everyone is able to produce, afford and deliver everything to everyone. Some can get it all whenever they want it, some struggle to get next to nothing it seems.

This is due in part to the lack of some, or each of the above. Mainly perhaps due their remoteness, economic situations, even their taste for certain products.

The world is great in abundance for most things, The weather conditions and seasons have influence on what is available when needed; yet this does not affect some at all it would appear.

Great for the wealthy, a certain disaster for the poor. But does it have to be so?

World powers can find resources for most things yet the provision and distribution of food appears to be well down the list of priorities, leaving many in desperation,

Nations can fund space exploration, new ways of sourcing energy, providing new and radical transport systems etc., without major problems it seems, but we seem to be unable to fairly distribute the God given harvest to provide sustenance to those who cannot afford the price.

The bounty of this world is truly amazing, and with the knowledge and skills of farmers and other producers and distributors it surely must be possible to achieve much better results - yes, surely!

Let us pray that the ability we collectively possess can be focussed on solving these important issues. Let us also pray that the '*power of the word*' may be employed to change us and to bring us to our senses. There is enough hope in this word to bring **REAL CHANGE** for the benefit of **ALL PEOPLE**.

God bless,

*Brian.*

[Lay Minister Emeritus]

The **DEADLINE** for  
articles for the  
**NOVEMBER**  
magazine is  
**FRIDAY,**  
**21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

# CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

During the spell of stormy weather earlier in September, we were blessed with a balmy late-summer evening as our two Parochial Church Councils met together to formally start the process of appointing a new Parish Priest.

The location was our own church, where Lin Willetts had kindly provided, plates of her home-made cake and welcoming tea and coffee. Many thanks Lin! The evening started with Eucharist celebrated by our Area Dean Rev.d Anne Beverley and then it was down to work in the west end of the nave.

I invited Archdeacon David Picken to chair the meeting which was also attended by Dr. Peter Roberts who is Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod. It was a very open meeting with plenty of opportunities for input by both Parishes. The clergy made it very clear that they are fully aware of the litany of difficulties both Parishes have faced over a good number of years. That is why they are paying particular attention to keeping the Vacancy as short as possible.

However, we were told it may well be next spring before the process is completed. A Parish profile document will now be prepared to be sent to applicants and in this regard, I am very grateful to Mike Willetts (PCC Secretary) and Craig Eckersley (Churchwarden Holy Trinity) for taking on the task. All PCC members are now encouraged to submit any ideas they may have regarding its preparation.

It became clear that both Parishes are making slow but sure progress and it was stated that the ever-expanding communities of Warton and Freckleton really do need a Vicar who is known and visible in the area. A point that was made very strongly. We followed the formal meeting with a friendly exchange of views and were delighted to discover that the coffee was still hot!

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As I write these notes, it's good to report that we are coping very well, with Clergy being willing to come to take our services and I am truly grateful to them. Also, I am pleased to report that after being deferred by vital work on the roof and the Pandemic, discussions are now progressing on the planned work on the village War Memorial in the church. I think that when completed we shall be very pleased with the results.

*Audrey*

## This hit me...

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

~Nikki Banas

3am **thoughts**

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# Harvest Time

Harvest is a time, to some people, of a favourite season. The food is gathered in from the fields and some people have gathered in the wild fruit of the hedgerows and stored them in the freezer or made jam. Others enjoy the flourishing colours of the trees. To me it's the end of summer. I love the sunshine and the late evenings when we used to caravan at the end of August. It always seemed to be the start of the next season, the start of dark nights, even though the clocks only go forward in October and the nights start to draw in.

The flowers in the garden start to disappear; in fact sometimes the gardens look quite neglected. I suppose it's like thinking it's the end. The end of light nights and seeing people after tea time. The end of the leaves on the trees. The knowledge that the weather will get colder; a preparation time, if you like, for winter.



It's a little like the squirrel  hiding their nuts ready for the cold weather and all the other animals get themselves ready for hibernating. It all sounds a bit doom and gloom and to be quite truthful, even though I love seeing the beautiful colours of the Autumn leaves and shuffling through them with wellies on to get that lovely smell, it's not really the end. The flowers go into the ground; the tree leaves disappear; but they are all just resting. Resting so that next year we can once again have that glorious display over our gardens and fields.

As the nights draw in instead of just sitting glued to the television all night, we could spend a few minutes looking at our bibles or reading some daily notes. There are always copies at the back of church for you to pick up. In them are notes on a small bible reading and some explanations for you to look at and pray about. It only takes ten minutes out of your evening or morning.

But one thing is for certain. You would be spending that time with God. Getting to know God better and learning where different books of the bible are. It would be your resting time with God over the long winter and who knows where that will lead. Maybe like the flowers and trees and all the other things that happen over winter, you may in the springtime develop your relationship with God. And you will blossom like the “flowers that bloom in the spring” [Gilbert & Sullivan]. All for spending ten minutes a day with your bible, and bible notes, learning how much God loves you. Many of you already use the notes but for those who don't why not give it a try. Ten minutes a day with God preparing you ready to blossom the following year.

*Love and Prayers*

*Reverend Chris*

## **Harvest Lunch**

on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>  
at The Clifton Arms

*Harvest*



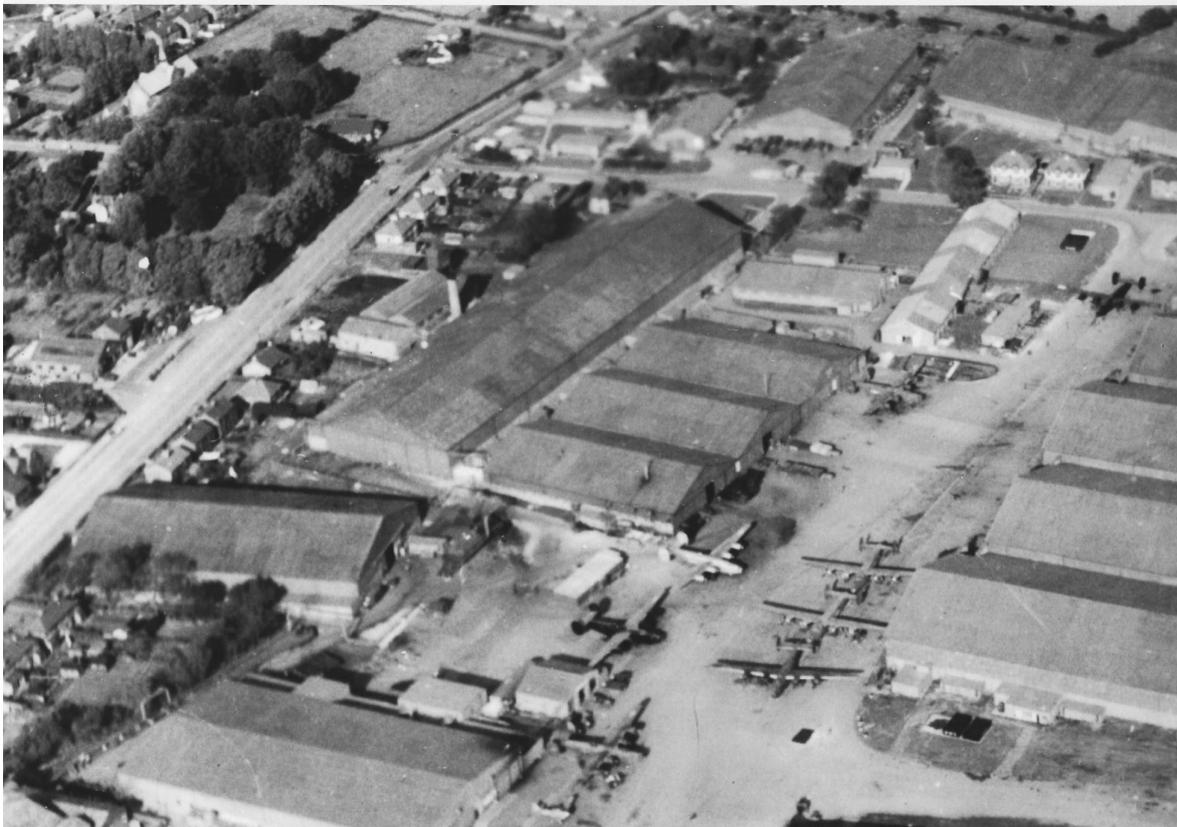
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# WARTIME WARTON

Last month, we read Jean Ward's account of her life as a primary schoolgirl and the terrible catastrophe of the Freckleton air disaster. This time, in an excerpt from the W.I. booklet "It can be done" another Warton lady once familiar to many, the late Lilian Farrar, recalled something about the young Americans who suddenly found themselves in a tiny English village in a strange land. (C.P.C.)

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During the war long-standing friendships were forged between the villagers and the American airmen. After the war, families wrote to each other for years and many a photo album contained photographs of our "American cousins". Missing their families, they were keen to show us photos of their wives and children, and sometimes their letters were sealed with a lipstick kiss from their sweethearts.



We used to watch the Americans march from their billets to work. What a difference to our RAF *Brillcream* boys marching so smartly with a swagger. The Americans didn't seem as disciplined and always sang to keep in step. One song that sticks in my mind and reminds me of that time was:

*We're in the army. We're in the army.  
We're not behind the plough  
We'll never get rich by digging a ditch  
We're in the army now*

But there were dangers too, a landmine came down on a parachute in Hillock Lane and exploded. The house at the end of Sunshine Villas was also hit with a bomb. To make things difficult for the German Bombers, barrage balloons floated above Warton. When the siren went, warning of a raid, you could hear the droning of the Bombers as they followed the river inland. We were all grateful when the "all-clear" went and we were safe for another day.

A FLOWER CLUB DEMONSTRATION  
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It was lovely to see so many members and visitors join us on Tuesday, 23 August for our cheese and wine evening.

We enjoyed a delicious selection of cheeses, snacks, a choice of wines, soft drinks and off course tea and coffee. While we enjoyed our food and drinks, Audrey led a tribute to one of our own, the late Mary Benson. Mary, was a much loved and respected member of St Paul's Church and the Mother's Union, as well as in the community of Warton. Mary and her late husband, Peter devoted so much of their time helping and supporting the people of Warton. It was lovely to welcome two former members, Sheila Swindells and Pam Britton, both joining us in sharing memories of their long standing friendship with the Bensons.

We also remembered the tragic loss of so many lives in the air disaster in Freckleton on the 23 August, 1944.

Now, as I write this article my thoughts go to the passing of our Queen.

### ***A tribute from Mary Sumner House :-***

*“ Her Majesty served our nation and the commonwealth for 70 years with grace, dignity and unwavering commitment. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal family at this time of national and personal grief. She was a passionate supporter and patron of Mothers' Union for 70 years. Through these decades her invaluable encouragement and dedication towards our cause has been an indispensable part of all we have achieved. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.”*

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 25 October** in the Village Hall. Jenny Bennett will take us through her Californian highlights, from San Francisco to San Diego. Please join us for a great evening.

Love

*Urmilla*

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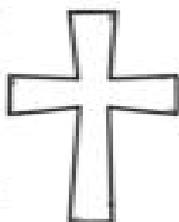
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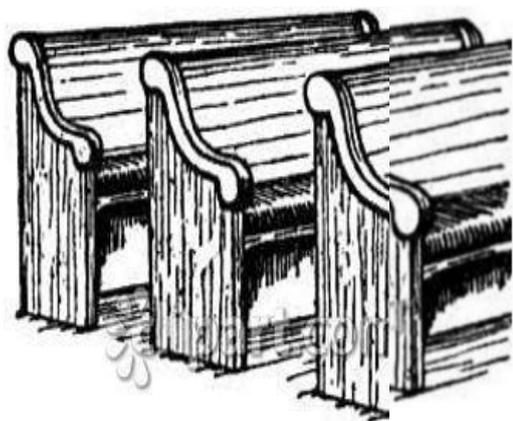
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### *All Saints' Day Prayer*



*Dear God, today we rejoice  
in the holy men and women  
of every time and place.  
May their prayers bring us  
your forgiveness and love.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



## A VIEW FROM THE PEW

I would guess that from now on we are going to have to get used to hearing (and possibly doing) some grumbling as winter approaches and the difficulties the experts have promised start to hit home. Many people will perhaps never have envisaged the lifestyle we old 'uns knew as the norm when we were very tiny, with one coal-fire heated room in the house and the rest like Siberia!

Over many years now we have lived in a land of plenty, and although there have always been lots of truly sad exceptions, we have had it pretty good. So perhaps if we are amongst the more fortunate in our local community, we should be on the lookout for those who are not coping so well.

There are, of course already promises of help from the Government, but we of the Christian church are commanded to be ready to offer help to those in need with, maybe, cooked meals or even by inviting somebody less fortunate to share time in our warm living room to save their expenditure on heating. Does this sound like whimsey? No, it's very likely to be something many of us could face and as the dog-days of Summer become a fading memory we all need **now** to take stock and be prepared to be followers of Christ **in action**.

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	John Leadbeater Colin Bent	Rachel Taylor Watson Colin Charnley
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Brian Smith Lorraine Higginson	Stewart Hankinson
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	June Wilkins Sue Parkin	Margaret Jacob Rosemary Gilbert
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Amanda Barfoot Paul Barfoot	Alison Eccleston Simon Eccleston
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Kathy Baptist Simon Eccleston	Rachel Taylor Watson Lorraine Higginson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Vicky Willetts Rob Willetts
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Alison Eccleston Simon Eccleston
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Kathy Baptist Kate Parker
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Deborah Cherry Lorraine Higginson
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Barbara Fenton Stewart Newall



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<u><b>Tuesday</b></u> <b>Cubs</b> (8-10½yrs) 6 pm- 7.30pm	Kate Parker	01772 635514 07788 551100
<u><b>Wednesday</b></u> <b>Rainbows</b> (5-7yrs) 5.45-6.45pm <b>Brownies</b> (7-10yrs) 6.30-8pm	Catherine Potter	01772 493475
<u><b>Thursday</b></u> <b>Beavers</b> (6-8yrs) 5.45pm -7pm <b>Scouts</b> (10½ -14yrs) 7.15pm - 8.45pm	Amber Chauhan  Darren Clayton	07468 616692  07876 445919
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