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Thessalonians 5:16-18

"....give thanks in all circumstances"

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Wednesday **3rd** 09.30 Holy Communion
12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Sunday 7th
Easter 2
09.45 Parish Eucharist

Tuesday **9th** 13.00 Women's Institute
in Village Hall

Wednesday **10th** 09.30 Holy Communion
12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Saturday **13th** 10.00 St. Paul's Church Cafe
-12.00

Sunday 14th
Easter 3
09.45 All Aboard

Tuesday **16th** 19.30 History Society in Village Hall

Wednesday **17th** 09.30 Holy Communion
12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Sunday 21st
Easter 4
09.45 Parish Eucharist

Tuesday	23 rd	19.30	History Society in Village Hall
Wednesday	24 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday 28th

Easter 5

09.45 Parish Eucharist

The **DEADLINE**
for articles for the
MAY magazine is
FRIDAY,
APRIL 19th

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Trinity Freckleton & St Paul's Warton



Holy Baptism



Holy Matrimony

Funerals

26th February

7th March

8th March

9th March

Sharon Rooke (St Paul's)

(Edna) May Dalby (Holy Trinity)

Jean Dauncey (Holy Trinity)

Janet Mapple (Burial of ashes) (St Paul's)



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Easter has come and it brings with it the 'Good News'. But why is Easter 'Good News'? Well it shows us that Jesus really was the Son of God. Therefore, we should listen to and follow what he said and did. And finally, that death, violence and destruction do not have the last word.



Right now, that last point is so important. We live in a world seemingly full of worry and fear. We have seen horrendous pictures from the Ukraine, the Holy Land and other war-torn zones of the world. Acts of terrorism don't seem to have receded and individuals commit atrocities.

But the Easter message gives us a new perspective. When we look at the horrors going on in the world we know it's not the end and that evil does not triumph.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection says that what we do with our lives matters, in our world every act of compassion matters, how we witness and show God's love to others matters. Light triumphs over darkness. This is the Easter message. And it is Good News indeed.

At Easter we are offered the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. On May 2 adults and 4 young people from both of our parishes will be confirmed and make those baptismal vows for themselves as they journey in their faith. Please hold them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this very special occasion.

I wish you a very Happy Easter celebrated in the full light of the resurrection.

Yours, in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Gray', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the text 'Yours, in Christ'.

WARDEN'S NOTES

It really was a wonderful surprise a few weeks ago to receive, on behalf the church, a gift from Mike Willetts. Now this requires an explanation! You see, for years we have struggled to satisfactorily set up the three crosses in the solemn "Green Hill" Calvary Garden that is such a lovely and moving Easter feature under the Communion table.

We have tried all sorts of 'solutions', but to no avail. However, Mike's gift to the church, he has fashioned from wood, with a box to keep it safe. Whilst being entirely invisible in use, it will stop the crosses from slanting over. This is just another marvellous example of people using their time and talents to enrich the life of St Paul's. One other in weekly use is the wooden holder made by Stewart Newell which enables us to store the sensitive radio microphones safely. Thank you.

When I was a youngster, it was quite normal for local tradespeople to **give** their services to the church; indeed, many considered it an honour to do so. It must be true that each and every one of us has at least one talent we can offer, so if you have something you can do to help our church - please don't be shy – if you see a need it could well be you who will be able to fix it!

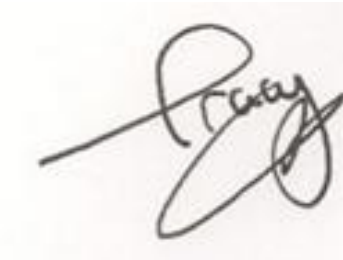
As one who freely admits to being a rather mediocre church chorister many moons ago, I am saddened to see how stretched our own choir is. When my family came to Warton in the late 1970's it was in a similar state, yet over time the choir stalls filled up and we enjoyed their music.

This wasn't just on Sundays, but also those lovely Summer Musical Evenings organised by Nicholas Bennett during the 'nineties. If Stewart Hankinson's *Warton Singers* can achieve a strength of about forty members, surely we can support him with the Church Choir. Music is a vital part of so much of our worship and it has a long history at St Paul's.

Audrey



I hope that most of you have picked up the cards in church with the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer on it and are praying it daily. The power of prayer is strong and we are seeing signs of growth in both churches as a result of prayer, so thank you. For those who may have missed it here it is.



The Leading your Church into Growth prayer

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give,
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Adrian Long gave us a fascinating talk about the Archives of the late **Mr. Martin Ramsbottom**. He died in 2021.

A County Librarian in his working life, Martin was best known locally as a leading authority on the history of Kirkham and author of many publications.

He was a passionate enthusiast of local history, always keen to share his knowledge and expertise with others.

He loved leading walking tours of Kirkham for local groups, and published several books and pamphlets, including his "town trail"

Martin was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Kirkham-in-Amounderness Museum in the 1990's, but it had to close when its premises were sold.

He was the author of a published "History of the Church", and of his family's long-standing connection to the Church. He bequeathed the extensive personal archives and memorabilia which formed the core of the Kirkham Museum's content to the care of St Michael's, the town's Parish Church.

The presentation Adrian gave was entirely the work of Martin Ramsbottom. It told of a Domesday Book settlement and a medieval borough; Kirkham was for centuries the focal point of the surrounding villages. The centre of a large ecclesiastical parish of fifteen townships, a market town and, later, the railway gateway to the Fylde's coastal resorts.



Changes have, however, done much to reduce its position in the area and its role is now largely that of a dormitory town. We saw a lot of photos of the surrounding settlements namely Freckleton, Lund, Warton, Treales, Wesham and Wrea Green, which were also recorded in the Domesday Book.

We also learnt about the Roman Fortification which stood on top of Carr Hill, just a little way from Kirkham's town. Adrian ended the talk by showing his own presentation of the changes taking place in Kirkham.

These are meant to create a much-improved Market Square that will allow greater use for markets and events, as well as the narrowing of roads and widening pavements to increase pedestrian space and creation of outdoor seating/dining areas.

Thank you to members who made the lovely cakes for our Mothering Sunday Cake stall. And to everyone who bought the cakes. The money raised will be sent to the Mothers' Union Make a Mothers' Day Wish appeal.

Pam

A PEEP AT PAST WARTON

Our wander down memory lane takes us this month to West End Lane, photographed here before the three-centuries-old “cruck” cottages were demolished as the modern builder arrived. These were typical Fylde houses built on timber supports having walls of clay and cobbles from the shore.

Sadly, by the time this photograph was taken the thatch had long since gone under corrugated iron, the trouble and expense of its replacement being too great for many in the 20th century. The last resident of the cottage shown here was one John Hogarth who had lived in only two houses from his birth in 1879.

He was born in a thatched cottage next to the Clifton Arms, (actually, two knocked into one) with its clay floor and timber crucks. At age 24 with the princely sum of £13 in the bank he married Emmeline Hankinson and moved to West End Lane. His bride worked at Balderstone Mill in Freckleton, starting work at 6.00am and, as he also had to be at work at a very early hour, the young couple saw their home in daylight, for months on end, only on Sundays!



C.P.C.

Editor's Note: Emmeline Hankinson was my Great Aunt, my Grandad Ralph's older sister. She and John were married at St. Paul's in 1902. The whole family lived on West End Lane before they moved to Lytham Road and then my Grandfather [who was baptised at St. Paul's and attended the school] worked and lodged at Bryning Hall Farm. Interesting connections!

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History Society's Annual General Meeting 2024

Our Chairman David Hoyle welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting , Hot Pot Supper, Quiz and famous raffle .

**History
Society**

David thanked the treasurer and secretary for keeping things in good order each month. He also gave a big thank to the tea ladies who keep us refreshed each month , and a very big thank you to everyone for coming out in all weathers and road works to support Warton History Society.

He told us had enjoyed being the Chairman for the last nine years. There was a really good turnout of members during 2023 and we had welcomed 50 visitors. Maybe there will be an interest to join from the new people in the new houses and he might send a flyer after May when we have a break.

Unfortunately, we only had one walk round St Annes last year. So this year David is planning more outings. Possibly an evening at the Opera via the cinema in Preston, which is a really good experience The Royal Opera 2023/24 Season: Madam Butterfly: Carmen and many more. The members also agreed we check G-Line & Waltons for trips out.



David has started to get some speakers for the new season which starts in September. Without doubt speakers are harder to find and their fees have increased considerably. He said we had been a great group and he does get feedback from the speakers telling him so. This makes him proud to be a member of such a great society and even prouder being your Chairman for another year. Without doubt David really makes us laugh and our meetings very enjoyable.

The support for the (famous) raffle was wonderful so there was a big thank you for everyone who bought tickets and especially to those who donated the prizes. We finished the meeting with a Hot Pot supper and then David's quiz.

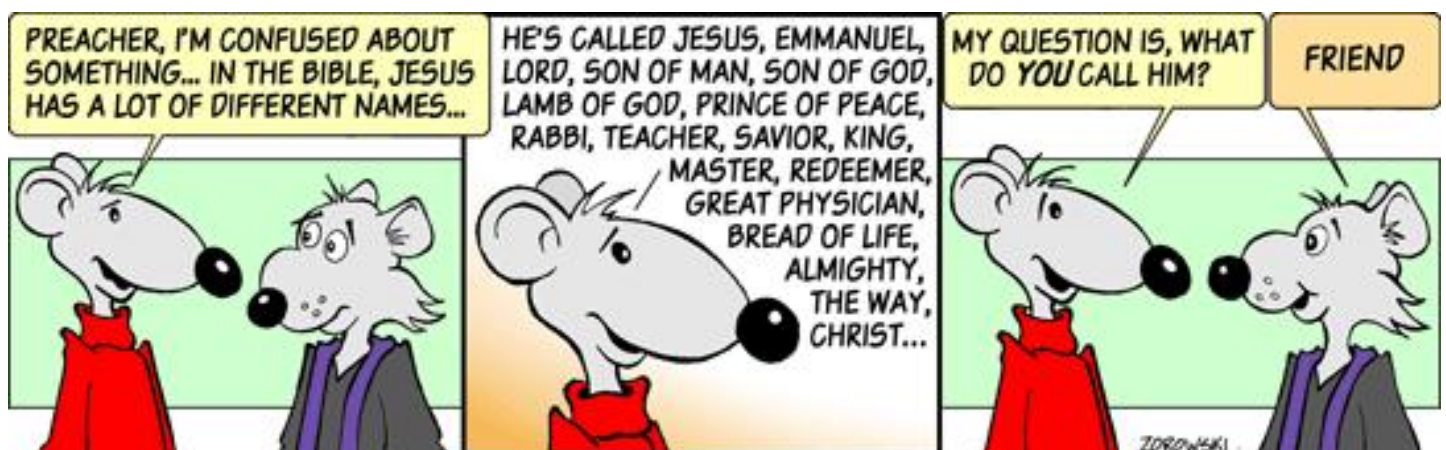
The Hot Pot was very enjoyable.

Our year runs from September to May.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. September to May.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Pam





Towards the end of February six of our members enjoyed a visit to see the snowdrops at Lytham Hall. We do this trip each year in memory of Judy Fletcher who was a past President of our W.I. As it was rather a wet day we had coffee and cake first in the Hall cafe.

We then had a wander around the grounds in the rain to look at some of the very pretty snowdrops. As it was rather a wet day we decided to cut the walk short in favour of lunch at the Station Pub & Grill in Lytham.

Our February craft group was well attended by ten of our members and much enjoyed by all.

Our March meeting was attended by many of our members, when our speaker was Nicola Hughes who gave us a talk entitled 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys'. Nicola gave us some very useful and good advice about Inheritance Tax, making a will and lasting power of attorney. This led to lots of questions from our members. A very informative meeting. Our competition was to bring along a favourite money box from home, Rosemary Gilbert was the winner with her lovely money box in the shape of an owl.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th April at 1pm in the village hall when the speaker will be Sharon with a talk entitled '**Laughter Lines**'. The competition is 'A Cartoon'. New members are always welcome.

Ann Jackson
Warton WI President



APRIL SUNDAY ROTAS

(9.45am services only until further notice)

Date	Sidespeople	Readers
7 th April	June Wilkins John Leadbeater	Fred Taylor June Wilkins
14 th April	Amanda Barfoot Paul Barfoot	
21 st April	Lynne Lake Colin Lake	Sue Parkin Margaret Jacob
28 th April	Sue Parkin Simon Eccleston	Colin Charnley Stewart Hankinson

Date	Coffee
7 th April	Chris Denham Anne Marsden
14 th April	Alison Eccleston Simon Eccleston
21 st April	Lorraine Higginson Deborah Cherry
28 th April	Barbara Fenton Stewart Newall



***For since by man came death, by Man also came the
resurrection of the dead.***

***For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made
alive.***

(1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

Charities we love # 3

The Foxton Centre, Preston.

Number 3, Fox Street in Preston has an inconspicuous front door and belongs to an old building - quite unlike the YMCA home in Lytham that was purpose-built in 2007. Go down some steep steps inside and you are in the basement of Preston Central Methodist Church (built 1817) and you are in the Foxton Centre. That church has supported the poor since as long ago as the cotton famine & more recently, from about the 1980s, had a soup kitchen and an overnight shelter for homeless people. Funding was given by the government to the charity "Methodist Action NW" which enabled the Centre to expand & be successful up to 2020. Covid then hit them, as it did all of us, and the space stood vacant .

In the meantime, another homelessness charity (Foxton) was looking for premises and the church was more than happy to let them have the basement. Church members still volunteer at the Foxton Centre and we have also supported the Centre for the last 18 months.

We do this in 3 ways:

- Linked with Graham from Freckleton Methodists we donate new items such as knitted hats and scarves; T-shirts; socks; underwear; gloves.
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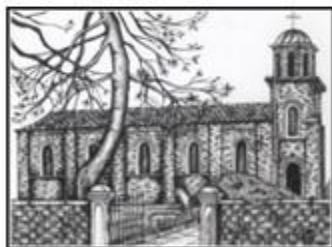
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at Freckleton Sports and Social Club on
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There will be live music from the TABU
duo, a licensed bar and a raffle.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for
children, available in advance only.

Please contact Heather or Craig for tickets
(see website or magazine for contacts).

Everyone is welcome!



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