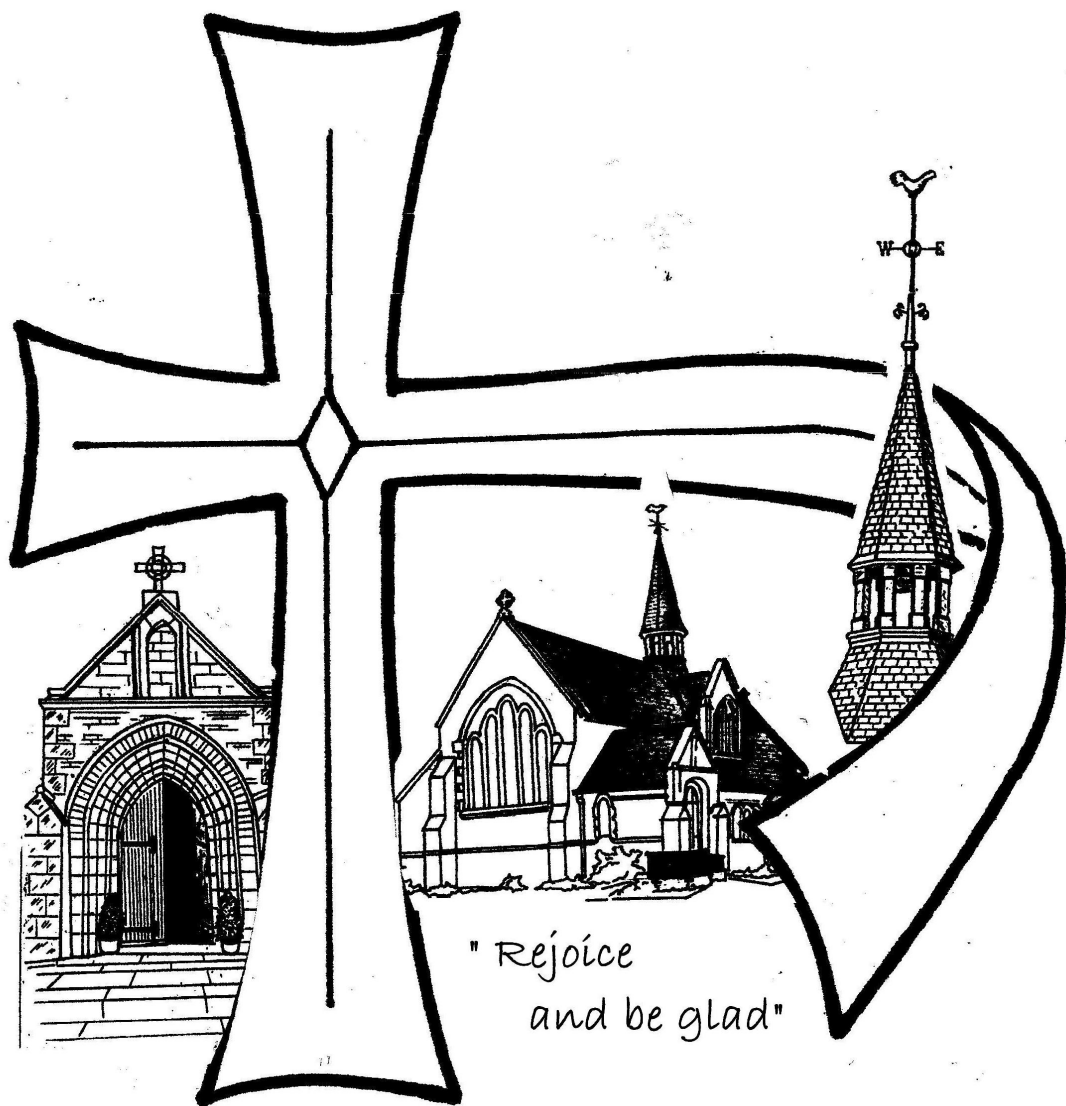


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Wednesday	3 rd	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday 7th

09.30

Trinity 12

Parish Eucharist

Tuesday	9 th	13.00	Women's Institute in the Village Hall
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Wednesday	10 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Saturday	13 th	10.00- 12.00	St. Paul's Cafe
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Sunday 14th

09.30

EDUCATION SUNDAY

All Aboard Family Service

Tuesday	16 th	19.30	History Society in the Village Hall
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Wednesday	17 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Friday	19 th	15.15- 17.30	Chocolate Bingo St. Paul's School, Warton
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Saturday	20 th	11.00- 14.00	Family Fun Day Freckleton CofE School
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Sunday 21st

Trinity 14/St. Matthew

09.30

NO SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S

11.00

JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE

at HOLY TRINITY, FRECKLETON

14.30

SONGS OF PRAISE

and CREAM SCONE TEA in ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Wednesday

24th

09.30

Holy Communion

12.00-15.00

Foodbank

14.00

Mother's Union
in the Village Hall

Thursday

25th

19.30

Pint Night

Saturday

27th

10.00

Coffee and Toasties
Holy Trinity, Freckleton

Sunday 28th

Trinity 15

09.30

Parish Eucharist

PLEASE NOTE:

**The DEADLINE for articles
for the OCTOBER magazine is
FRIDAY, SEPT 19th**

Hello everyone.

I think this year that we can all say it's been a beautiful summer. To me it's been very special and I hope you have found it so. It's particularly special to me after being in hospital so much last year. I thank the Lord that it have not been to hospital recently, but have enjoyed the lovely summer.



It's been a few years since we have seen so many butterflies around and they are so beautiful to see. Brian dashed out one lunch time to rescue one from a spiders web. But I'm afraid he made matters worse by trying to nudge its wings. Unfortunately the spider had well and truly cut it.

As well as the butterflies we also have the caterpillars, enjoying the cauliflower and such things in the green house. It always bring to mind the story of the hungry caterpillar, which makes me smile - not just because my own children liked it, but also from the memories of reading and using it in school. As soon as the children saw the book I set the ground rules. No shouting out - and only shout out at the end when my arm went up to say. "It's a butterfly!"



Butterflies are used in our faith. Their metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly is a sort of coming back to life, just as Jesus, on the third day, came back to us. To read that story is so lovely it can be used in many ways. You only have to look at butterflies to feel calm, and the colours are so beautiful. And yet some of them are very plain, not bright and beautiful at all. But maybe they lay more eggs - we'll never know!

They all have their place in the world, all in different places, all with different but special parts.

That is like we are as people. We mightn't be the brightest bulb on the tree, but we know we also have many different talents. We are all different in personality, different to look at, different mindsets.



If God makes the butterflies so different, but all beautiful in their own way, we must surely recognise those differences in our fellow human beings and appreciate the rich fabric that this brings to society. We are all made in many different ways.

Yet God loves us all with all our differences.

The important thing is that we are all open to meeting Jesus at the end of our lives.

God Bless

Rev Christine



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FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Trinity Freckleton & St Paul's Warton

Holy Baptism

20 th July 2025	Violet Meya Williams (St Paul's)
3 rd August 2025	Teddy Conrad Stirland (Holy Trinity)
10 th August 2025	Lyra Olive Latimer (Holy Trinity)
17 th August 2025	Humphrey Lupton (Holy Trinity)



Holy Matrimony

9 th August 2025	Michael Goodman & Bella Ainscough (Holy Trinity)
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Funerals

24 th July 2025	Frank Howard (Holy Trinity) (Burial of Ashes)
25 th July 2025	Brenda Sidebottom (St Paul's)
27 th July 2025	David Holmes (Holy Trinity) (Burial of Ashes)
31 st July 2025	Pamela Cawthorne (St Paul's)
6 th August 2025	Brenda Gretton (St Paul's)



Churchwarden Duties

SEPTEMBER	07 th	Colin Lake
	14 th	Simon Eccleston
	21 st	Alison Eccleston
	28 th	Jackie Ridealgh

❖ "Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light."

❖ "Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation."

FAITH & FUN — A Weekend of Mission!

We are excited to invite you to our **Faith & Fun Mission Weekend** three days filled with laughter, friendship, and the life-changing message of Jesus. This is more than just a weekend of great events... it's a mission opportunity for all of us.

We'll be joined by Bishop Jill and her team, and together we want to reach out to our villages with warmth, welcome, and the Good News. Every game played, every slice of pizza eaten, every hymn sung is a chance to show God's love in action and share the hope we have in Christ.

This is where you come in: we need each of us to be bringers! Invite your neighbours, friends, and family. Extend the welcome far beyond our church walls. Pray about who you could bring because a simple invitation could be the start of someone's journey of faith.

Here's the plan:

Friday 19th September – 3.15pm to 5.30pm

St Paul's C of E Primary School, Lytham Road, Warton



Chocolate Bingo with Pizza & a Drink

An afternoon of laughter, games, prizes, and chocolate! The perfect relaxed setting to invite families who might not usually come to church.

Saturday 20th September – 11am to 2pm

Freckleton C of E Primary School, School Lane, Freckleton



Free Family Fun Day

Bouncy castle, BBQ, tombola, raffle, stalls, and games. As we share in the fun, we'll also be sharing the love of Christ in practical, welcoming ways.

Sunday 21st September – 2.30pm to 4pm

St Paul's Church, Church Road, Warton



Songs of Praise & Cream Scone Tea

A joyful celebration of music and faith, a moment to pause, reflect, and hear how Jesus is changing lives today.

So please mark the dates in your calendar now, start inviting people, there'll be printed invitations available soon to give them, and pray for open hearts. Together, let's make this a weekend where the Gospel is shared, the community is blessed, and lives are changed.

No booking needed — just come along... and bring someone with you!



CHURCH GROUNDS

I don't know whether any other Parishioners, like me, feel a huge debt of gratitude towards the small and dedicated team which cares for the Church Grounds. We have seen them toiling in the recent hot weather to keep the grass cut and the path edges clear to great effect. So a very big THANK YOU to you for your dedication and hard work

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Churchwarden's Letter

“Let the wise listen and add to their learning and let the discerning get guidance” Proverbs 1:5

Last month the combined choirs of Ainsdale (Southport) and Warton Singers performed concerts in aid of local charities. Due to the distance between them, both choirs rehearsed separately, meeting only an hour before performing live. A degree of nerves was present prior to performing the first concert in Southport, but this aside the audiences were treated to a fantastic concert. Both concerts were well attended and a large amount of money was raised for both choir's causes. (*“Learning Rooms”*, Southport's charity and *“Get Dan Home”* (Warton's charity). A big thank you goes to Stewart and Sally for all the hard work they put into promoting, organising and arranging these events. The choir's efforts indeed helped to “Get Dan home”, and, as thanks for their efforts, they were asked to sing at his homecoming - a truly emotional event. We now look forward to the Warton Singers entertaining us with their Christmas concert in St. Paul's on Saturday, December 13th.

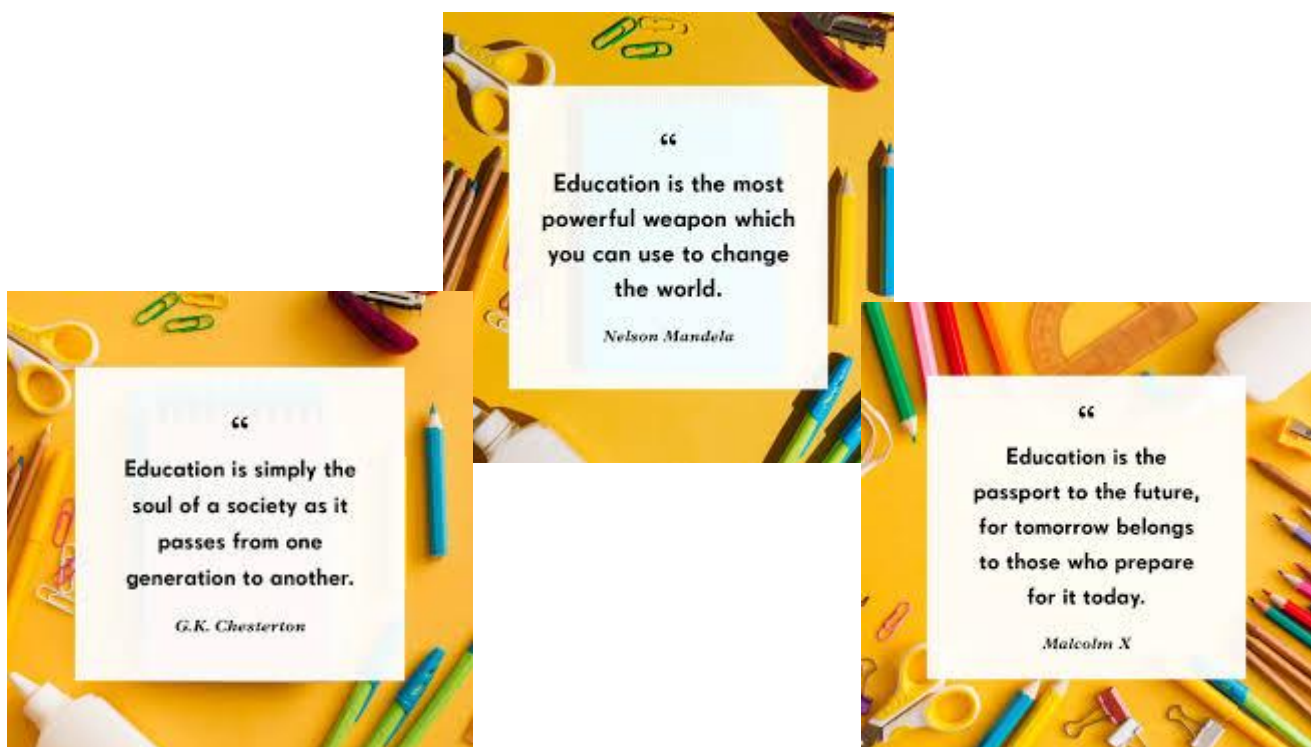
On September 14th we celebrate **Education Sunday**. A day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of teaching. We also reflect on how churches may support education in our schools, colleges and universities. Everyday we all learn something new, no matter how old we are, or what circumstances we are in. This shows that learning and developing is a natural part of everyday life. We use these life skills to encourage, help and share our knowledge with others. With this in mind, next month's *Enquirers Course* could be an opportunity to look afresh at your belief and faith. It promises to be an interesting course with plenty of learning opportunities and a chance to enter into lively discussion.

If you wish to know more, or if you are just curious about the course, speak to either Rev Tracy or Anne Marie who will be happy to explain more about it to you.

Next month the church will hold its **Harvest Festival Service**, followed afterwards by a special Harvest Lunch at Rigby's Restaurant. (please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you wish to come along). Harvest time symbolises the start of the autumn season. During this time we are encouraged to show gratitude to God for all food grown and harvested, and to share this harvest with those who may be struggling to feed their families. The idea of sharing food with those in need brings to mind our local Foodbank, and the work carried out by its volunteers to provide for the needy in our local community. Harvest time therefore acts as an important time for christians to connect with the gift of gratitude and giving and to thank God and nature for all that has been given to us.

Blessings to you all

Jackie



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The main event at most meetings of the Warton W.I. is a talk by a visiting speaker. A vast range of subjects is covered and members always welcome these glimpses into the fascinating experiences of our visitors. However, in each annual calendar there are also meetings without a speaker when we all just enjoy a good chat and chill out together, developing new friendships and cementing existing ones. It is an opportunity for newcomers to get to know members who've been "part of the furniture" for years and conversely a chance for us to discover more about newer recruits.

We all enjoyed such a meeting in August, despite the absence of some familiar faces away on holiday. It was also an afternoon of fun and games, with small groups playing established favourites like dominoes and new-to-some games such as Kalooki. The monthly competition was themed around "My favourite board game" and, in the absence of a speaker to choose the best entries, the winners were selected by drawing lots to give everyone an equal chance.

Two of our members, Yvonne and Hazel, were celebrating their birthdays in Hazel's case one of those special big-0 years, which we marked with a pretty bouquet and to add to the festivities we had delicious cream scones with our tea, thanks to the deft hand of baker Barbara.

At our next meeting on September 9th, we return to our more usual format with a meeting focussed on a talk. In an effort to encourage other members to come forward and share their own life experiences, I'll be taking the floor myself and speaking about the couple of decades when my world was dominated by the breeding and showing of beautiful Burmese and Burmilla cats. As always, if any readers would care to join us in the Village Hall at 1pm, we'd be more than delighted to welcome you.

Best regards

Gwen

At the start of the school year, thoughts often turn to the links that exist between church and schools and Education Sunday is a way of celebrating this.

Education and churches are linked through church schools that integrate faith into their curriculum and community, joint events and activities that bring both institutions together, and supportive roles where church members assist schools with worship, resources, and personnel. Churches also serve as a learning resource for schools, providing physical space and historical context for subjects like religious education.

Shared Identity:

Churches establish schools that promote Christian values and provide education with a spiritual foundation.

Curriculum Integration:

Religious education is a core part of these schools, with curriculum designed to explore faith, Christian values, and the teachings of Christ.

Collective Worship:

Church schools often hold joint services with their local church, integrating their worship practices to foster a sense of community.

Community Projects:

Churches and schools can partner on community projects like supporting the elderly or decorating the church.

Festivals and Celebrations:

Schools can participate in church festivals, such as bringing harvest gifts to church for a joint celebration, and school choirs can share in Christmas and Easter services.

Joint Productions:

Churches can host school events like concerts, plays, and Christmas productions, expanding the reach of these school activities into the wider community.

So, let us hope and pray that our own links with our church school will develop in the future in ways that benefit our young people and help them to grow, spiritually and emotionally, as they journey through their lives.



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Double-decker buses groaned through city streets, while on market days the air filled with the cries of traders and the scent of fresh bread. Pubs were bustling hubs of local life — where laughter, debates, and stories flowed as freely as the ale. People dressed smartly, even for ordinary outings. Whether in the misty lanes of Yorkshire or the cobbled corners of the East End, there was an unmistakable sense of Britishness — rooted in courtesy, community, and a shared post-war resilience that stitched the nation together.



Though much has changed, the memories remain: of lamplight on wet stone, of chimney smoke curling into grey skies, and of a country that, for all its faults, held its head high. The Britain of back then wasn't perfect — but it had a charm, a character, and a collective spirit that still tugs at the heartstrings today.

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24 th	All Aboard
21 st	Margaret Jacob Sue Parkin
28 th	Stewart Hankinson Rosemary Gilbert

Date	Coffee
3 rd	Lynn Willetts Mike Willetts
10 th	Deborah Cherry Lorraine Higginson
17 th	Joan Liptrot Sally Lockhart
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Long before Cat Stevens made it a global hit, the words to **Morning Has Broken** were quietly penned by a woman who believed in the beauty of simple things.

Eleanor Farjeon was born in 1881 in London to a family of writers, musicians, and dreamers. She had a way with words that felt like sunlight on paper—gentle, lyrical, full of hope. Known for her children’s books and poems, she created enchanted worlds for young minds to explore. But it was one short hymn, tucked into a 1931 church songbook, that would leave her most lasting legacy.

Set to a haunting old Scottish melody called “*Bunessan*”, her poem, Morning Has Broken was a celebration of dawn, rebirth, and gratitude. It quietly made its way into the hearts of schoolchildren and churchgoers in England—but it was still far from fame.

Then, in 1971, something extraordinary happened. A young singer named Cat Stevens discovered the hymn and was captivated by its message of peace and new beginnings. He recorded it with tender vocals and a memorable piano arrangement, and the world listened.

The song soared to the top of the charts and became a spiritual anthem for generations.

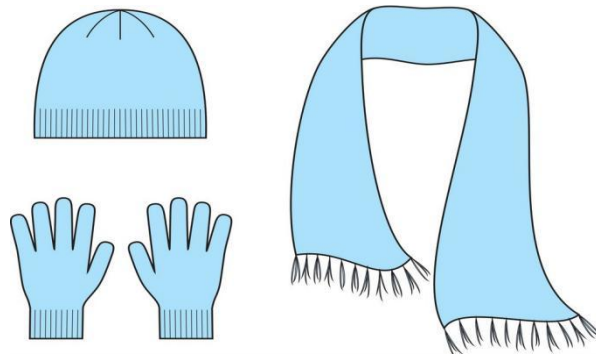
Eleanor Farjeon passed away in 1965, never knowing that the words she once wrote to honor the freshness of morning would one day rise again—sung around the world, cherished by millions, and carried like a prayer on the wind.



She wrote the words—but never knew they’d become one of the most beloved songs of the 20th century.

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<u>Thursday</u> Beavers (6-8yrs) 5.45-7pm Scouts (10½ -14yrs) 7.15-8.45pm	Amber Chauhan Chloe Miller	07468 616692 07388 554048
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