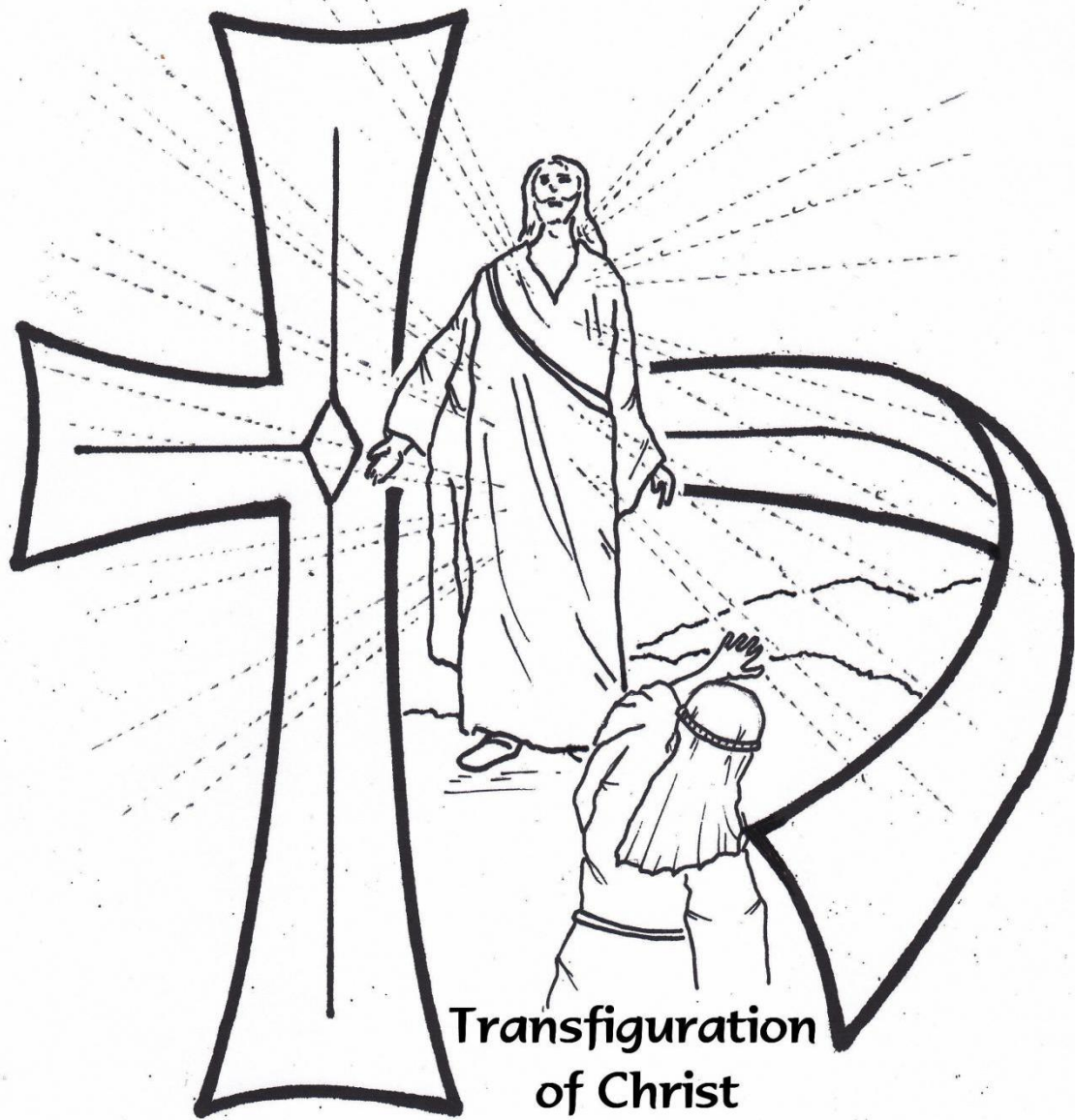


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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

09.30

Trinity 7

Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00	St. Paul's Cafe
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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

09.30

Trinity 8

Parish Eucharist

Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	13.00	Women's Institute in the Village Hall
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Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

09.30

Trinity 9

Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

09.30

*St. Bartholemew*

*Parish Eucharist*

Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Pint Night
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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

09.30

*Trinity 11*

*JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE at ST. PAUL'S*

*Parish Eucharist*

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magazine is

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>**

**My dear friends,**



“The years of our life are threescore and ten.”

There. I had a feeling that I was living on borrowed time. Although the Psalm does go on to add, “or perhaps eighty, if we are strong.”

I find it difficult to believe that I am actually eighty, and I do try not to live what is generally regarded as an eighty year old lifestyle.

A few months ago, (when I was still in my seventies!) I had an unsolicited phone call, in which a young man told me that I might be eligible for a free alarm.

“Oh, yes,” I responded, unenthusiastically. I know how these things work. The alarm is free but you have to pay regularly to have it activated.

“Can you dress yourself?” he asked.

“Yes,” I assured him. I could dress myself.

“Do you use a Zimmer frame?” was his next question.

“No,” I replied.

“I do use a tennis racquet,” I volunteered.

There was a pause, and then he asked me to repeat what I had just said.

“I use a tennis racquet,” I answered. “For playing tennis,” I explained.

“I play tennis four times a week. I think that might put things in perspective.”

“Thank you for your time. Have a nice day,” he said and hung up.

People are very readily classified by age, and yet we are all very different.

When God calls someone, age doesn’t seem to come into it. Abraham was clearly getting on a bit, although not necessarily the seventy five years it gives in Genesis, as they may have calculated years rather differently in those days, but it was obvious that he was not young.

God said to him, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”

One might have expected Abraham to say, “What! At my age! You have to be joking!”

But no. Abraham went as he was told.

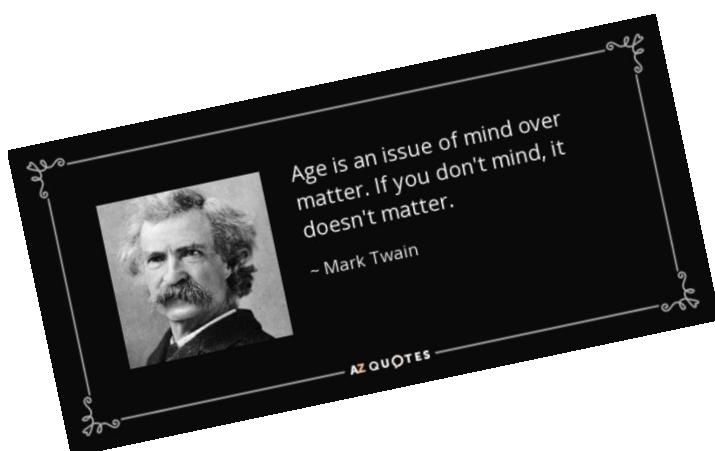
As far as I can remember, the only prophet whom God called who actually protested on account of his age was Jeremiah and that was to object that he was too young.

So it seems that God can use you at any age. So I shall continue to preach at St Paul’s, Warton, and Holy Trinity, Freckleton, until such time as I feel that God is no longer giving me a message to pass on to you good people.

God has use for all Christians. You are never too old or too young. That means that God has a use for you, no matter what age you are.

Yours in Christ,

*Grace*





**FROM THE REGISTERS**  
**Holy Trinity Freckleton & St Paul's Warton**

**Holy Baptism**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2025      George Kirk (Holy Trinity)



**Funerals**

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025      June Hambilton (St Paul's)

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025      Irene Christian (Str Paul's)



## Churchwarden Duties

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>03<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mike Willetts</b>
	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paddy Quinn</b>
	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kate Parker</b>
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# Saint Bartholomew,



one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, is known for his missionary work and his gruesome martyrdom. He is traditionally believed to have preached the Gospel in various regions, including Armenia, where he was ultimately martyred. He is also identified with Nathanael in the Gospel of John.

## Key points about Saint Bartholomew:

### **Biblical Figure:**

He is listed as one of the twelve apostles in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

### **Possible Identity:**

He is often identified with Nathanael in the Gospel of John.

### **Missionary:**

Bartholomew is believed to have travelled extensively, spreading the Gospel to places like Asia Minor, Northwestern India, and Armenia.

### **Martyrdom:**

He is most known for his brutal death in Armenia, where he was reportedly flayed alive by pagan priests.

### **Patron Saint:**

Saint Bartholomew is the patron saint of butchers, shoemakers, and those who work with cutting tools, due to the manner of his martyrdom.

### **Relics:**

Some of his relics are said to be in the Church of St. Bartholomew-in-the-Tiber in Rome.

### **Feast Day:**

His feast day is celebrated on August 24th

*St Paul's Little Café*



*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

*10.00 – 12.00*

*All Welcome*



## Churchwarden's Letter

**“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind towards each other that Christ Jesus had” [Romans 15:5]**

You may have noticed that the church floodlights look a little brighter at night. This is because the church has installed new LED lights to our outdoor floodlights and our Vestry. This helps to make our church more environmentally sustainable and follows the Diocese greener churches aim to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 for churches. A big thank you goes to Jason our electrician and to Paddy for carrying out the work, and also to the diocese for giving us a grant to help us pay for the cost of carrying out the work.

If, like me, you enjoy reading, then this month you will be pleased to learn that on the 9th it's “Book Lovers Day”. On this day we are encouraged to put down our smartphones, and read a book instead. Before 1439 all books were handwritten by Monks, (Scribes to give them their proper title). Books in this period were beautiful to look at, but slow and costly to produce. Johannes Gutenberg changed this when he invented a mechanized printing press, allowing a large number of books to be produced at one time. Books as a result became more accessible. The Bible was one of the first books printed on his machine, and today it is the best selling book of all time with an estimated five billion copies in print. So when you hear the Gospel being preached in church on Sunday you are hearing a story from an all-time best selling book, one that is printed in multiple languages and sold worldwide.

At the end of this month we remember the Freckleton Air Disaster and our thoughts go out to families who lost loved ones in this tragic event. I met Ruby, one of the few survivors of the crash, when she was giving a talk about the disaster to our Mothers Union.

Her story is amazing, especially when she mentions seeking shelter under her school desk as the plane crashed into the classroom, a very practical action for someone so young to take. Ruby remembers being reluctant to move away from its safety, until an American airman found her amongst the debris and coaxed her out.

Seeing the pictures of school friends, teachers and news articles from August 1944 you can begin to understand the devastating effect the crash had on the village and why strong ties still exist between America and Freckleton to this day.

We look forward to next month's **"Benefice Mission Weekend"** and the events to be held in both parishes. If you are unsure where and what is taking place then these dates need to be put in your diary:-

Friday September 19th, there will be **"Chocolate Bingo"** and **Pizza Tea** at St. Pauls School.

Saturday the 20th is **Fun Day** at Holy Trinity School Freckleton, with numerous events taking place.

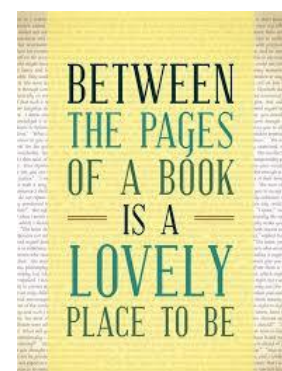
Sunday the 21st our celebrations end with **"Songs of Praise"** with a **Cream Tea** afterwards at St Paul's Church.

All these events are free and I hope many of you will come along and join us to share a weekend full of laughter, games and food.

A hearty thank you goes to Rev Tracy, our PCC and the Blackburn Diocese for their support and for the hard work that has gone into planning and making this weekend possible.

Blessings to you all

**Jackie**





Gill Maelzer, one of our Mother's Union members, kindly agreed to speak at our meeting in June. She decided to call her talk "Care Home Capers" reflecting the fun and adventures during her time in Wales.

In 1993 Gill and her husband Norman decided to have a complete change of career and ended up taking on a private care home in Powys, Wales. Gill, Norman, their cat CJ and dogs Patsy, Jo and Meg moved across country to the home which was one mile outside the village, surrounded by farmland and hundreds of sheep. It had three floors, nine bedrooms and along with the house, they inherited three gentlemen, Tom, Emery and Gordon. They had been placed there from institutions, as wards of court, and the farmhouse was their home.



They had many challenges to meet and overcome but much fun and laughter. Emery even used to wait up for Gill to come in, before he would go to bed. They also looked after gentlemen on respite, for a few days at a time. They were people from all walks of life and, after they had gone, they would sometimes drop by for a coffee and a chat.

They also rescued injured and orphaned animals. They had ducks, ducklings, swallows, a woodpecker, goslings, which they helped and returned to the mother goose, baby owls and rabbits which they bottle fed and released. It was a very happy time for Gill and Norman and after 13 wonderful years in Wales they moved to France, before moving back to the UK in 2020 and finding a home in Warton.

It was very kind of Gill to talk to us about her inspirational life and show us some fabulous photographs. It was a lovely, relaxed meeting, a great speaker, wonderful company, prayer, fellowship, lots of chatter, tea and cake.

We have our two summer trips coming up, thanks to Chris for organising these.

In July -Northwich Artisan Market and National Trust Castle.

In August – A trip to Barnard Castle and Bowes Museum.

Please note that September's meeting has been brought forward to the **17<sup>th</sup> of September.**

We have recently had some visitors to our group, which is wonderful. If you would like to come and join us, even if you would just like to give it a go, you would be very welcome.

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It was with great sadness that we received the news that Pamela Cawthorne passed away on Thursday 10th July.

She was a parishioner at St.Paul's Church, Warton and a member of the Mothers' Union there for many years. She was also the secretary for over ten years and did a fantastic job whilst in that particular role. She was a very wise, knowledgeable and clever lady that gave help and encouragement to me and other members that took on unfamiliar roles within Mothers' Union.

She will be greatly missed by all of us and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

God bless

***Amanda***





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# “CELEBRATION IN SONG”

The marvellous “*Get Dan Home*” appeal had a great boost during July when a joint concert was held in the lovely surroundings of Park Street Methodist Church in Lytham. Under the direction of Stewart Hankinson, the combined forces of Warton singers and Ainsdale Village Singers combined to make a wonderful sound and kept the near sell-out audience, along with members of Dan’s family, delighted with a range of music to cater for all tastes.

This being the eightieth anniversary of the end of hostilities in the Second World War, we were invited to join in and sing along with favourites from shows and popular songs of that era, and Stewart delighted us with a selection of solo numbers from musicals - with the distant sound of thunder overhead.

At the two pianos were David Windle, Warton Singers’ resident accompanist and Mrs Brenda Redmond who, for an unforgettable item, ‘*Pizzicato Polka*’ (Strauss), were joined at **ONE** piano by Stewart for a truly dizzying performance.

In an evening of pleasant surprises, one we must particularly mention is the provision of delicious refreshments at the Interval when Dave Sagar and his **DJS Catering** provided a selection of confectionary and welcome cool drinks before we returned for more music.

It was a superb evening and must have helped greatly to swell the “*Get Dan Home*” fundraising which has been so wonderfully supported locally and the hard work of both Choral groups is to be congratulated. The programme ended with a truly impressive medley of numbers from the hit musical “*Les Miserables*” which was a clear demonstration, if any were needed, of the excellent training and dedication of all concerned.

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July's meeting of the Warton W.I. could best be described as a star-studded event, though regrettably no Hollywood actors were able to join us. With our tea we enjoyed delicious star-shaped biscuits baked by Barbara Maguire.

A stars and planets themed competition was won by Pam Smith with her chart of the planets which earned her a prize of a silver stars and moon pendant. Finally, a quiz was put together by Gwen D'Arcy and delivered by Pauline Mayland on all things heavenly.

But the main event was of course the talk by astrologer, Philip Heaton, who has been studying his subject for over 40 years.

There can be very few of us who don't occasionally read their horoscopes in a newspaper, but at the other end of the scale, there are perhaps even fewer who actually take such things seriously. Philip was quick to tell us that the mass-produced forecasts in the newspapers are mostly rubbish.

However, serious astrology is a different thing altogether and Philip was able to give us an extremely helpful and enlightening initiation into this ancient art .... or should that be science?..... which dates back well over 4,000 years.

His well-crafted talk split into three parts: the first and last sections considered each house of the Zodiac in turn, with entertaining thumbnail sketches of the characteristics associated with each sign, while the middle section was devoted to a very informative description of the "mechanics" of astrology, with details of how a birth chart is raised for individuals.

It was a fascinating experience for us all and several members seemed keen to take up Philip's promise to help those of us who wanted to take it further and learn more. Altogether a stellar afternoon.

Kind regards

**Gwen**



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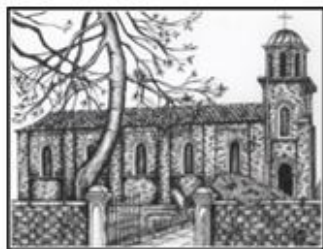
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10 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Taylor Watson June Wilkins
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Taylor Lorraine Higginson
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Lockhart Rachel Taylor Watson
31 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Eccleston Colin Charnley
Date	Coffee
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deborah CHerry Lorraine Higginson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Denham Anne-Marie Marsden
17 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Baptist Jackie Ridealgh
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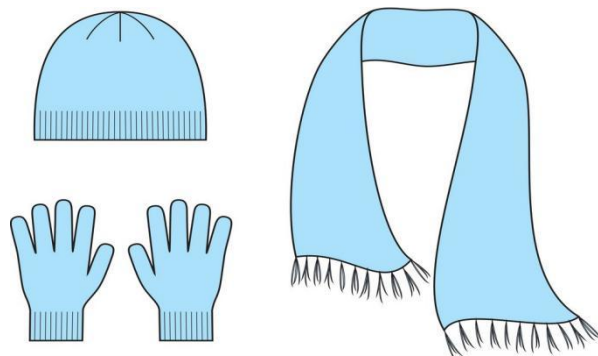
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<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> <b><i>Cubs</i></b> (8-10½yrs) 6 -7.30pm	Kate Parker	01772 635514 07788 551100
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> <b><i>Rainbows</i></b> (5-7yrs) 5.45-6.45pm <b><i>Brownies</i></b> (7-10yrs) 6.30-8pm	Catherine Potter	01772 493475
<b><u>Thursday</u></b> <b><i>Beavers</i></b> (6-8yrs) 5.45-7pm <b><i>Scouts</i></b> (10½ -14yrs) 7.15-8.45pm	Amber Chauhan  Chloe Miller	07468 616692  07388 554048
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