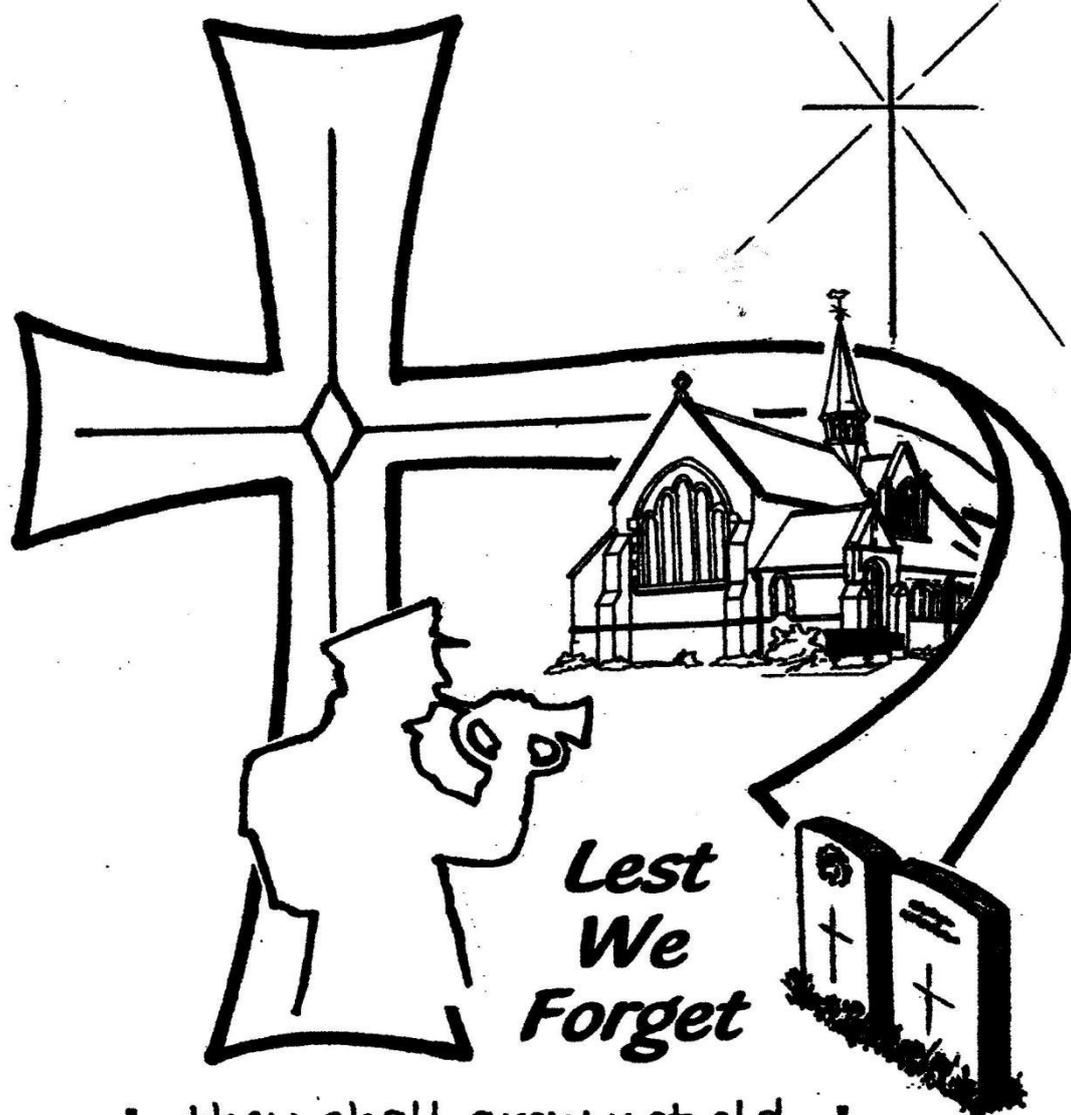


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1st

10-12

St. Paul's Cafe

Sunday 2nd

09.30



ALL SAINTS DAY

Parish Eucharist

Wednesday

5th

09.30

Holy Communion

12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Bonfire Night

Sunday 9th

Assemble: 10.30

Service: 10.45



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Service

Tuesday

11th

13.00

Women's Institute
in the Village Hall

Wednesday

12th

09.30

Holy Communion

12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Sunday 16th

09.30

Second Sunday before Advent

Parish Eucharist

Tuesday

18th

19.30

History Society
in the Village Hall

Wednesday	19 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
Saturday	22 nd	10.00	Coffee & Toasties
			Holy Trinity, Freckleton

Sunday 23rd

09.30



CHRIST THE KING

Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	26 th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
		14.00	Mother's Union
			in the Village Hall
Thursday	27 th	19.30	Pint Night
Saturday	29 th	13.00	St.Paul's Christmas
		-16.00	Market in Church

Sunday 30th

11.00



Advent

ADVENT SUNDAY

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PLEASE NOTE
The DEADLINE for articles
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magazine is
FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER

Dear Friends

By the time you read this, the hour will have gone back and the nights will be getting much longer. The leaves will have mostly fallen off the trees and we start to think about the coming of winter and the end of yet another year. Christmas will soon be with us.



It's a time to reflect what's gone on in the past months. Our Faith and Fun weekend, in September, part of our Parish Renewal Programme, was a great success with nearly 400 people coming to our events over the weekend and hearing about Jesus and how he transforms lives the way only He does. Saying that, if I see another sausage I may turn into one! I cooked over 300 hot dogs at our Family Fun Day. It was great fun and I really enjoyed it and so did those who ate them. Haha.

In the Christian year and in church, as we enter November, we also enter the season of the Kingdom. This is a series of Sundays and Feast Days when we think about Jesus Christ's continued work both here on earth and in heaven.

It starts with All Saints' Day which celebrates people in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the love and grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that love, and for the wonderful ways in which it shapes our life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sacredness may grow in the ordinary things, as well as in the extraordinary things in our lives.

Remembrance Sunday gives us the opportunity to remember and honour those who have given their lives in times of conflict and for those who continue to serve. It allows us to confront issues of war, peace and loss.

The annual cycle of the Church's year ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins in Advent with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, and the cycle begins once more.

Then, it's also the time to remember that it's only 4 weeks to Christmas! Have you bought your Christmas cards yet? You'll be able to buy some at our Christmas Market at St. Paul's on Saturday 29th November from 1pm to 4pm. See you there.

Many blessings

Anne-Marie x

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

Holy Baptism

12th October 2025

Isabella Anne Graham (St Paul's)

19th October 2025

Leonidas Alexander Balding
(Holy Trinity)



Funerals

25th September 2025

Margaret Needley (Holy Trinity)

30th September 2025

Renee Finch (Burial of Ashes)
(Holy Trinity)

10th October 2025

Meg Compton (Holy Trinity)





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Remembrance Sunday 2025

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on November 9th. As usual, our Service of Remembrance will be held in the Church; it will be led by our Licensed Lay Minister, Anne-Marie Aspden, and will commence at 10.45.

We will have our customary procession which will assemble in the Village Hall car park at 10.30 am. This will be composed of the Royal British Legion, uniformed youth organizations and any other organizations / members of the public who wish to participate. The procession will move off to the Church at approximately 10.40 to participate in the service. If you wish to attend, but not participate in the procession, please be seated in the Church by 10.30 am.

As in previous years, the Church will be re-arranged to bring the War Memorial to the front. To cater for the expected numbers, some pews will be reserved for uniformed organizations, Police, School, Councillors etc; extra seating will be provided at the rear of the Church.

Poppy wreaths can be made available, a donation to the Royal British Legion will apply; for those wishing to lay wreaths during the service, extra information is available - please contact Mike Willetts.

The usual 'Remembrance Garden' will be set out by the seating area outside the west window of the Church, for those wishing to plant poppy crosses.



Churchwarden's Letter

“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to those in the family of faith” Galatians 6:10

Our churches and schools have been put in the spotlight recently, following the success of our Mission weekend. We were overwhelmed by the number of families attending the events. With over 240 hotdogs served on Fun Day, 80 pizzas served at chocolate bingo and a mountain of jam scones served following the Songs of Praise Service. It was evident the food we served was the stimulus to encourage people to talk and socialise amongst others during our weekend. Thank you” to everyone who helped make the event so successful and memorable, especially Bishop Jill and members of the Diocese who gave their support and spent time talking with our guests. A special thanks goes to Rev Tracy for the hard work she put into making the event possible.

Both our churches gathered after our Harvest Festival in October to enjoy a hearty harvest lunch at Rigby's Farmhouse. The restaurant is a favourite venue for our church gatherings due to its location near church and its friendly staff. As usual the Restaurant lived up to our expectations and we all enjoyed a hearty lunch. Anne Marie brought the Harvest Wheatsheaf from our church service, and it made a delicious accompaniment to our meal. Tempted by the choice of desserts, many couldn't resist placing an order and we left our gathering feeling rather full.

A big “thank you” to Lynne and Mike Willetts for organising our meal and to Anne Marie for providing bread and saying grace before our meal.

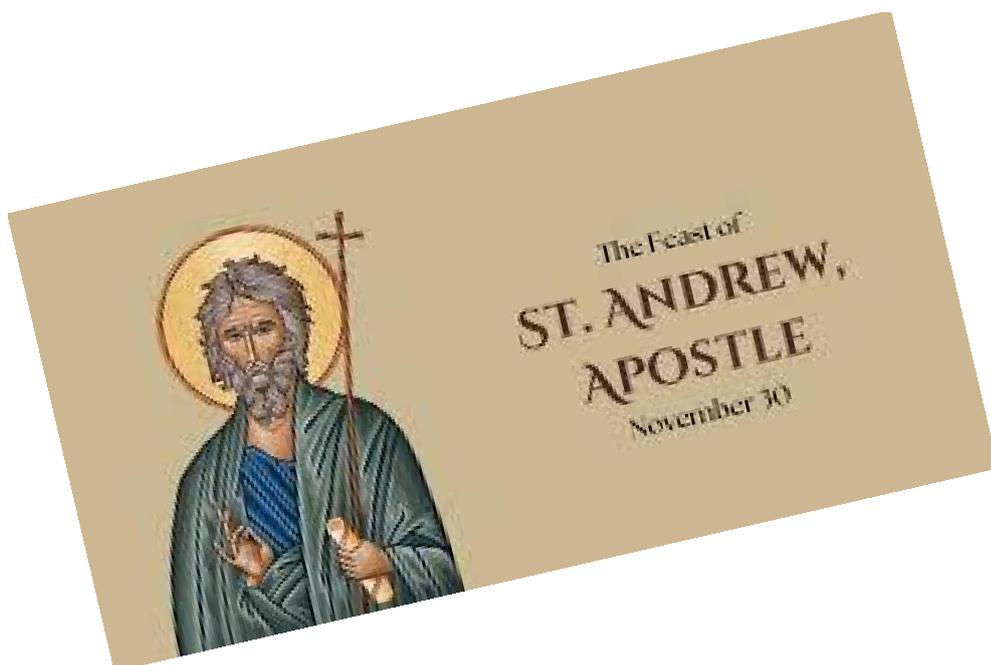
The month of November acts as a trigger that makes us realise that Christmas is just around the corner and if you've not already done so then it's time to prepare for the big day. To help you do this, our Christmas market featuring stalls selling festive crafts, food and spirits (blackberry gin comes to mind) will be held in church on Saturday the 29th November (save the date).

Warton Singers will be joining us and singing carols to add to the festive atmosphere. This year we hope to welcome some of those who came to our Mission Weekend and we can renew friendship and memories over the Christmas period.

Those who have a claim to Scottish ancestry will know that at the end of this month we celebrate St Andrews Day. He was known to have brought many people to convert to Christ's teachings and faith. St Andrew, a fisherman by trade was told by Jesus he could be a fisher of men if he became a disciple. It's not surprising then that St Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and fishmongers. He's also the patron saint of singers, offering protection against a sore throat! Our church choir and Warton Singers will no doubt be praying to him over the Christmas period whilst they sing their numerous Christmas concerts.

Blessings to you all

Jackie



Christmas Market

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Saturday 29th November
1 - 4 pm

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On Monday the 20th of October, St Paul's Warton and Holy Trinity Freckleton Mothers' Union joined together for the annual Wave of Prayer. It was a lovely service led by Rev. Tracy and wonderful to meet together at St Paul's Church.

The Wave of Prayer linked with Mothers' Union groups in Bhopal, Guinea, High Veld, Nambale, Niger Delta and Blackburn. We lit candles and said a prayer for each of the link Diocese and gave thanks for our global family, uniting us in service as we seek to share God's love. As a symbol of our bonds of friendship and unity together in the family of God we wove ribbons together, one for each of the six Diocese countries. We prayed for all our members around the world that God will encourage them, lead them, shelter and protect them.



We had drinks and cakes after the service. Our meeting in November is on Wednesday 26th November, a talk and demonstration on candle making by Jo Houghton. There will also be the opportunity to purchase gifts. Anyone is welcome to attend.

There is also the Christmas Market in church on Saturday 29th November from 1 till 4pm, where we will be having a Cake Stall. We hope to see you there.

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POPPIES - A STORY FROM 1915



Do we ever wonder why we wear poppies in November and not maybe dandelions or bluebells? Poppies are clearly linked in our minds to Remembrance ceremonies & the signing of the Armistice in November 1918.

This is why:

Poppy seeds have a secret : they will not germinate until the soil around them is deeply disturbed. What deeper disturbance could there have been than that to the soil of Flanders in 1915 with the trenches & craters of the second Battle of Ypres? Ypres is on the French/Belgian border & stood in a salient that needed to be strongly defended from the German army. Men who fell in the battle were hastily buried, with temporary, makeshift wooden crosses. Their name, if known, would be written on the cross in pencil. The resulting earthworks enabled the underlying poppy seeds to germinate. Some seeds may have been dormant there for decades.

Serving in the front trenches in Flanders was a Canadian military surgeon - Lt Colonel John McCrae RAMC. His best friend, Lt Alexis Helmer, had fallen in battle and after the funeral, McCrae sat quietly outdoors, staring over the fields, which by now were awash in the red of the recently germinated poppies.

McCrae was not a poet but the sight of the poppies and the wooden crosses alongside his own grief led him to write a poem. It was never intended for publication.

In his next letter home he included a copy of the poem, which we now know as "In Flanders fields". His mother decided to send it to "Punch" magazine & it was published in December 1915.

Enter two remarkable ladies, one an American, Moina Michael, and the other a French lady, Anna Guerin. The former was a professor in America & deeply involved in the YMCA movement there. She read McCrae's poem and the line "Take up our quarrel with the foe" brought about what she later described as a spiritual moment. She set about buying artificial poppies and started selling them as symbols of remembrance. In 1920 the poppy was officially adopted in America.

Meanwhile Madame Guerin had also been moved by the poem & she travelled round the capitals of Europe, promoting the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. In London she met Field Marshal Douglas Haigh who (regardless of what later commentators may say of him) was already involved in the nascent British Legion, caring for veterans. Haigh set up factories to produce poppies for sale. The early ones were made of silk .

The Royal British Legion uses its November poppy appeal to raise funds for veterans and to raise awareness of the ongoing cost of conflict.



The wooden crosses were, of course, eventually replaced by the Imperial War Graves Commission now-familiar granite headstones, engraved with names & dates and military insignia. We have two such IWGC graves in St Paul's churchyard, near to Church Road. One belongs to Private James Cross of the Machine Gun Corps and the other to Pt David Slater of the Loyal North Lancs regiment. Both died back in England of Spanish flu.

John McCrae himself died of Spanish flu in January 1918. He neither witnessed the Armistice nor lived to see the remarkable influence his poem has had. He is buried in France.

This then. is the poem:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae 1915.

(Thank you to Jennifer Clydesdale for original research on the graves & history of the men of Warton in the Great War.)

Sue Parkin.

Pictures of Church life



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Thank you Lin!

Our speaker was Andy Gaskill who grows Bonsai trees and makes ceramic planters and sculptures. He brought along a superb selection of his trees and talked about the origins of Bonsai in China, then Japan and after the Second World War spreading to the West.

After explaining the growing process and care of the trees, Andy answered lots of questions then members were able to buy some of his trees and unique ceramics.

The theme of our monthly competition was “*A famous person born on your birthday.*” This proved to be quite a challenge for our members and for the judge! A very special visitor and ex President Jenny Bennett, was up to the task. Barbara Maguire and Salvador Dali’s shared birthday was the winner.

Next month is our Annual Meeting - Tuesday 11th November at 1pm

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Warton History Society October Meeting

Should you ever try to find a blue plaque in Preston commemorating one of the city's pioneering astronomers, Moses Holden 1777-1864, you would very probably fail. In fact, he is almost unknown in the then 'town' in which he spent nearly all his life.



Late in October we had the very real pleasure of welcoming Stephen Halliwell to our second meeting of the season when he told the well-over-thirty people present, a fascinating story of this Bolton-born and wholly self-educated man whose popular lectures all over the North of England attracted very large audiences.



Without his influence, it is less than likely that the Preston-based University would exist as it grew from the roots of the Preston Scientific Society, of which he was a member. This was based in the Institute for the diffusion of knowledge, then housed in a magnificent edifice on the corner of Fox Street and Winkley Square until it was irresponsibly demolished by the then Town Council.

Moses Holden was also a non-conformist non-ordained Minister who gave up much of his life to missionary journeys in the north of England and especially the Wyre area. His success enabled him to make sufficient earnings to move into a roomy house in Jordan Street and there he seems to have worked ceaselessly on learned papers and where he also practised his skill in producing lenses for optical instruments. (telescopes, microscopes and "the" *Orrery (* *A working model of planets encircling the sun.*)

In all he spent 39 years in lecturing during which time he became an Anglican and friend of the Vicar of Christ Church, Bow Lane, which stood close by his house.

There is no blue plaque to this genius in Preston because Jordan Street was lost decades ago to County Offices expansion; but he now has a local memorial. Nine years ago a very advanced telescope was newly- installed at Alston Hall, named after Moses Holden and a companion instrument is now also in use there, named the Isabella Holden telescope after his wife.

What a great talk this was! Time flew by and Stephen was happy to stay on and chat with us as we enjoyed a welcome cuppa to close. Our next meeting, scheduled for **18th November at the Village Hall, starts at 7.30pm** when Anne Horne will be giving us some ***Reet Gradely Lancashire Stuff!!!***

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9 th November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
16 th Novemeber	Fred Taylor Lorraine Higginson
23 rd November	June Wilkins Rachel Taylor Watson
30 th November	NO SERVICE AT ST. PAULS
Date	Coffee
2 nd November	Lin Willetts Mike Willetts
9 th November	Deborah Cherry Lorraine Higginson
16 th Novemeber	Chris Denham Anne-Marie Marsden
23 rd November	Joan Liptrot Sally Lockhart
30 th November	NO SERVICE AT ST. PAULS



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