

*St. Paul's Church, Warton*  
*Parish Magazine*



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been risen....."*

*Mathew 28.7*

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*APRIL 2026*

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**Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**– Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

19.00 Eucharist at  
**HOLY TRINITY**, Freckleton

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

09.30 Holy Communion

12.00-15.00 Foodbank

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup>

19.00 Service at St. Paul's

**GOOD FRIDAY** 3<sup>rd</sup>

14.00 Service at St. Paul's

**SATURDAY** 4<sup>th</sup>

**18.45 Easter Vigil** at  
St. Paul's

**Sunday** 5<sup>th</sup>

09.30



**EASTER SUNDAY**

Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

13.00 Women's Institute  
in the Village Hall

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

09.30 Holy Communion

12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

10.00 St. Paul's Café

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Easter 2</b>
09.30		<i><b>ALL ABOARD</b></i>	Family Service

Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Easter 3</b>
09.30			Parish Eucharist

Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	19.30	History Society in the Village Hall
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Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
		14.00	Mothers Union

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Easter 4</b>
09.30			Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

**The DEADLINE for the  
MAY magazine  
is FRIDAY APRIL 17th**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ



Easter stands at the very heart of the Christian faith. It tells the story of an ending that wasn't the end, and of hope that appeared where it was least expected. The resurrection of Jesus isn't simply a historical event remembered once a year, but a living truth that continues to shape how Christians understand God, the world, and one another.

The first Easter morning didn't begin with celebration or certainty. It began in confusion, grief, and fear. Yet it was precisely there that God was at work, bringing life out of death and opening a future that no one could have imagined. This is part of what makes Easter so powerful: it speaks honestly into the realities of life as we experience them, and offers hope that is deep, resilient, and enduring.

In our parish, Easter is a reminder that the Church exists not only for moments of joy, but for the whole of life. Whether you are full of faith, full of questions, or somewhere in between, the Easter story assures us that God meets us where we are. No one is beyond the reach of grace, and no situation is beyond God's redeeming love.

If you are able, I warmly invite you to join us for our Holy Week and Easter services and encourage you to invite a friend to come along with you. They offer a chance to pause, to listen, and to reflect on what resurrection might mean in our own lives and in our shared life as a community. You would be very welcome.

As we celebrate Easter this year, may the risen Christ bring you peace, strength, and hope for the days ahead.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Holy Easter.

Yours, in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Gray', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in the Church of England consists of two separate meetings, both of which are legally required to be held each year (normally before 31 May). Although distinct, they are usually held one after the other on the same occasion.

### 1. The Meeting of Parishioners (Annual Vestry Meeting)

*Purpose:* To elect the churchwardens for the parish.

*Who may attend:* Anyone on the church electoral roll, together with residents of the parish who are on the civil electoral register.

### 2. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

*Purpose:* To review the life and work of the church over the past year, receive the Annual Report and financial statements, and elect members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod.

*Who may attend:* Those whose names are on the church electoral roll.

## Meeting Dates

- **St Paul's** – Sunday 25th April at 9:00am (before the morning service).  
This earlier time is necessary as Rev Tracy has been unable to arrange cover for Holy Trinity.
- **Holy Trinity** – Sunday 10th May at 12:00pm (immediately after the service).

These meetings are an important part of our shared church life, offering an opportunity to reflect on the past year, give thanks for all that has been achieved, and look ahead together in faith and hope.



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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Holy Trinity Freckleton & St Paul's Warton

#### Holy Baptism

22nd February 2026 Maddison Rose Holt (St Paul's)

22nd February 2026 Vincent Colin Muscat (St Paul's)



#### Funerals

20th February 2026 Joan Harper (Holy Trinity)

25th February 2026 Mark Hetherington (Burial of Ashes)  
(St Paul's)

26th February 2026 Michael Murray (Holy Trinity)

2nd March 2026 Barbara Bonney (Holy Trinity)

4th March 2026 Peter Gill (St Paul's)



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because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV

*St Paul's Little Café*



*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

*10.00 - 12.00*

*All Welcome*

# Churchwarden's Letter

**“ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” *[Psalm 34:18]***

As we entered the Lenten period we were invited to attend a five week lent course. The course was titled “Knowing Jesus” and the videos accompanying the sessions were presented by Bishop Philip. The aim of the course was to explore our understanding of who Jesus is, and what the Bible tells us about him during his time on earth amongst us. The course was well attended and since Bishop Philip's videos explained difficult passages in the Bible simply, we were able to have lively and meaningful discussions on each topic during our meetings. Thanks to everyone who attended this course, especially Rev Tracy for guiding our meetings and Anne Marie for organising refreshments, and leading our singing at Compline after each session. She sang so beautifully.

Our Mothers Day service is always one we all look forward to each year. Our Mothers Union organises for bunches of flowers to be given to our congregation to take home to their mother or Grandmother. As well as these flowers, the Mothers Union baked a variety of delicious cakes for us to enjoy following the service too. Many thanks to Amanda and the Mothers Union for providing these treats they were appreciated by everyone. Sadly, Mothers Day can be a particularly difficult time for some people. For this reason Rev Tracy arranged for a tea bag to be attached to a cut out of a cup and saucer to be given out to our congregation at the start of the service, a symbol of the Lancashire tradition of putting the kettle on to make a cup of tea when in times of sadness. This act somehow makes things better. So with flowers, cakes and tea we celebrated Mother's Day thoughtfully.

In the run up to Easter our church's easter bunny has been overwhelmed by the number of easter eggs brought to his baskets by kind parishioners. Over four large baskets have been filled to the brim with eggs of all kinds! These eggs will be distributed to the homeless at Easter at Harbour House, YMCA Fleetwood and the Foxtan Centre Preston. We thank Sue Parkin for all her hard work in organising this along with those helpers who have said they will give a hand in distributing them.

I hope you all have a happy, enjoyable Easter.

Love and blessings

*Jackie*



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# CONFIRMATION 2026

The confirmation service for the benefice of Holy Trinity and St Paul's will take place on **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 4pm at St Paul's Warton** with **Bishop Joe**

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which people affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of committed discipleship. At baptism your parents and godparents made promises on your behalf; at confirmation you make these promises for yourself. During the confirmation service the bishop will pray for you and lay hands on your head, and you will receive the bread and wine during the Eucharist. It is open to anyone in year 6 and above, there's no upper age limit! You need to be baptised before you're confirmed, if you haven't been, don't worry, speak to me as it's not a problem.

I would encourage those who want to be confirmed to attend church regularly as part of their preparation.

More information is available at <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/confirmation.aspx>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

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Rev Tracy

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# St Paul's Mothers' Union

On Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February Paul Barfoot came to talk to our group about Fylde Foodbank. It is part of The Trussell Trust which was started in 1997 by Paddy and Carol Henderson, after they received a call for help from a mother who couldn't afford to feed her family.



Fylde Foodbank have three sites within the Fylde, St Annes, Kirkham and Warton. These are run by an army of volunteers and make a huge difference to the lives of people in crisis. Paul is one of these volunteers, helping and supporting families.

Trussell Trust foodbanks were set up to meet a need in these areas, with the ethos that "Hunger is fundamentally an income crisis caused by poverty, low wages, and inadequate social support, not a shortage of food production."



The foodbank in Warton started in 2015 from St Paul's Church, later moving to the Village Hall.

During 2025 3380 food parcels were given out by Fylde Foodbank, helping 1043 unique households, consisting of 5377 adults and 2299 children.



Our members gave Paul over 47kg of food and toiletries as a donation to the foodbank to thank him for his talk.

Food and money, used to buy food and toiletries, is kindly donated by local businesses and families in the area. No one should ever be hungry or worried where their next meal will come from.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, during our Church service we enrolled three new members, welcoming Jackie, Brenda and Pam into our Mother's Union group. This was a really special event for the new and existing members to affirm and reaffirm their commitments to the Mothers' Union and the work of Jesus Christ.

On Wednesday the 25th March there will be a talk by Fylde Coast Friends in aid of Guide Dogs, by Gill Studden, Carol Gradwell and Guide Dog Wenna. In April we will be hosting the annual Deanery Festival for members and guests from our Kirkham Deanery and the wider Blackburn Diocese, where we will be celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union.

If you would like to join us at any of the meetings, please do so, you would be made very welcome.

God Bless,

*Amanda*

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# WARTON HISTORY SOCIETY

## March Meeting

We certainly couldn't be in any doubt concerning what Cate Brassington had come to enlighten us with as she came to Warton armed with a selection of beautifully constructed spinning wheels and quietly worked away as we assembled for her talk. Our county must be the historic home of spinning when whole family enterprises worked in their own cottages usually spinning flax or wool to be followed in later years with cotton imported from America.



Cate told us that it was impossible for this method of spinning to keep up with demand and inventor Richard Arkwright set about mechanising the process, leading to even that being vastly improved by Hargreaves. All this came at great cost and Charles Dickens shone a light in “Hard Times” on the terrible

conditions to be found in factories, most not many miles from Warton.

Cate showed us (and we handled) the raw materials of wool and flax and she described how the wool remains greasy when raw and therefore waterproof or soft and fluffy after washing saying that fisherfolk don't wash their sweaters! She showed us how the fibres are painstakingly “carded” to ensure they run in the same direction and that foreign items are removed. Also, we talked a little about the old term “spinster” and how the spinning ladies signified their marital status with different-coloured ribbons.

There is today still progress and we were intrigued with a portable/ folding wheel which fits neatly in the boot of a car. We examined hanks of wool, made up on a Niddy-Noddy which were dyed in a variety of natural hues and she told us that she keeps her large extended family well supplied with socks.

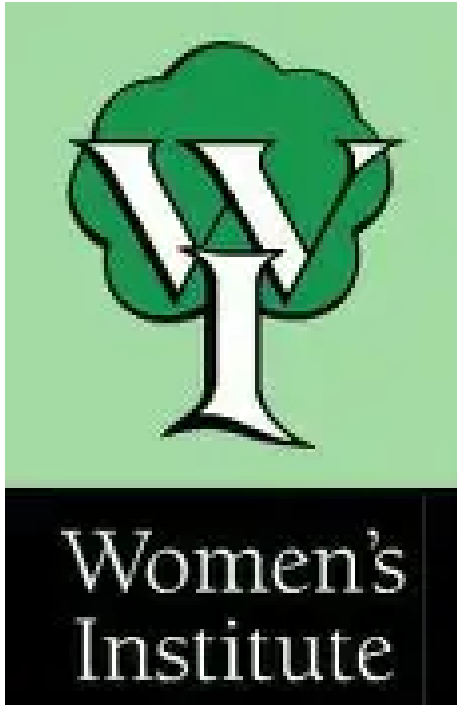
Someday it would be good to learn more about the Lancashire cotton factory era which brought prosperity to some but abject misery to many. It was a most enjoyable evening, and we thank Cate sincerely whilst looking forward to our **April 21st** meeting the subject of which is “The hidden history of the Fylde”. The 2026-2027 Programme has already been circulated to existing members but naturally we will always warmly welcome new ones.

## **CPC**

### **Easter Morning, from Triptych**

#### **Amy Clampitt 1920-1994**

A stone at dawn, cold water in the basin, these walls' rough plaster, imageless after the hammering of so much insistence, on the need for naming after the travesties that passed as faces, grace: the unction of sheer non existence upwelling in the hyacinthine freshet of the unnamed faceless.



This month's meeting was all about flowers. Our speaker was Michelle O'Connor, a trained florist who has spent a lifetime in the business. She told us about her training and experience, which even included a trip to China when she was working for M & S, and described the regular workshops she now runs to show us all how to best decorate our homes with flowers. She brought along a selection of stunning arrangements using both fresh and artificial blooms and foliage, as well as a quantity of small pots which were available to buy.

Our ladies love their gardens and some are involved in flower arranging on a rather grander scale, so it was a rapt audience who watched as Michelle first demonstrated the creation of a rustic woodland arrangement in a long and narrow trough and then showed us how professional florists achieve those beautiful hand-tied round bouquets. In a lovely generous gesture, as she left, Michelle offered the woodland creation as a gift to our hard-working President, Ann Jackson.

The floral theme was carried through to our usual quiz organised by Pauline, with 17 pictures of plants and flowers to identify, and to our monthly competition which required "a small ceramic of flowers", won by the competition organiser, Rosemary Gilbert.

After welcome refreshments, we turned our thoughts to upcoming events: a trip to Fleetwood market and the regular session of the Crafty Ladies who will be returning to ongoing projects after a special effort in February to produce knitted poppies, requested by the charity "Standing with Giants" in order to refresh the memorials to the Fallen in Normandy. Hazel Knight must have a special mention here for her sterling work in preparing materials, hosting the meeting and guidance for those who were knitting poppies for the first time.

In all we were able to send off a total of 45 poppies. We can only imagine that if every W.I. in the UK produced a similar number, the charity would have sufficient supplies to last for decades to come.

For various personal reason, a few of our longstanding members are obliged to leave us at the end of this W.I. year, and so Warton W.I. would particularly welcome new members if anyone would like to join us. Our next meeting will be on April 14th at 1pm in the Village Hall as usual when Ruby Carrol will be talking about the 1944 Freckleton Air Disaster.

## *Gwen*

### Annual Parish Meetings

This year's annual meetings will be held on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9.00am immediately BEFORE the morning service. The unusual timing is because we have been unable to find a Priest to take the morning service at Holy Trinity and Rev'd Tracy will have to leave immediately after morning service at St Paul's.

There will be 2 distinct meetings

- Annual Meeting of Parishioners [APM]. The one item of APM business is election of Churchwardens. St Paul's currently has one Warden, who is prepared to continue in the role; if you feel you could serve St Paul's as a Warden, please contact the Vicar.
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM]. The APCM will address the 2025 Trustees Report, 2025 financial statements, Vicar's report and election of members for the Parochial Church Council [PCC]. If you feel you could serve St Paul's as a PCC member, please contact the Vicar.

Please do try to come before the morning service for these important meetings. If you have any questions about the Annual Meetings or any specific points you wish to raise please feel free to contact me.

Mike Willetts – PCC Secretary

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## APRIL SUNDAY ROTAS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Colin Charnley Margaret Jacob
<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Family Service
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Alison Eccleston Simon Eccleston
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Stewart Hankinson Sue Parkin
<b>Date</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Deborah Cherry Lorraine Higginson
<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Joan Liptrot Sally Lockhart
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Chris Denham Anne-Marie Marsden
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Kathy Baptist Jackie Ridealgh



# Churchwarden Duties

<b>APRIL</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Willetts
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Paddy Quinn
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Parker
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Lin Willetts



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## Coffee and toasties

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Everyone's welcome!



**Saturday 25 April, 10:00 to 12:00**



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<u>Tuesday</u> Cubs (8-10½yrs) 6 -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) 5.45-7pm Scouts (10½ -14yrs) 7.15-8.45pm	Amber Chauhan  Chloe Miller	07468 616692  07388 554048
Group Lead Volunteer	Chloe Miller	07388 554048

