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Sunday	3rd^h	Easter 5
09.30		Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	6th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
Saturday	9th	10.00	St. Paul's Café

Sunday	10th	Easter 6
09.30	<i>ALL ABOARD</i>	Family Service

Tuesday	12th	13.00	Women's Institute in the Village Hall
Wednesday	13th	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
Saturday	16th	11.00	Diocesan Big Day Out

Sunday	17th	Easter 7
09.30		Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 19th 19.30 History Society
in the Village Hall

Wednesday 20th 09.30 Holy Communion
12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Saturday 23rd 10.00 Holy Trinity Cafe

Sunday 24th	Pentecost
09.30	Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 27th 09.30 Holy Communion
12.00-15.00 Foodbank
14.00 MU Village Hall

Sunday 31st	Trinity Sunday
09.30	Parish Eucharist

<p>The DEADLINE for the JUNE magazine is FRIDAY MAY 15th</p>

My dear friends,



I remember a cartoon I saw some time ago of a vicar stopping outside the house where a man was tending his garden. The vicar said approvingly, "A fine job you and the Lord are making of that garden." "Aye," replied the man. "You should have seen the mess He was making of it on His own."

Most of us like to see a well set out garden, beautiful colours in orderly array. When my husband and I call in on a National Trust property as a stopping place on a long journey, what we are interested in is usually the garden (plus the food, of course!) rather than the house.

However, there is a trend now towards re-wilding, feeling that that is better for wildlife and the environment.

As I walked round the village a few days ago there were plenty of splendid gardens, but I couldn't help admiring the dandelions, even though many gardeners hate them. But they were glorious. If you look closely at a dandelion, you will see that it isn't just plain yellow. Towards the centre most of them are almost orange.

It has been suggested that we should leave dandelions because they are in flower early, before most other flowers are out so they provide nectar for bees and other pollinators.

You might think that Jesus would have been too busy to notice nature, but He wasn't. "Consider the lilies of the field," He said. He told His Disciples to consider them which implies that He had considered them, not just glanced at them casually.

Then He also spoke of sparrows and ravens. So He wasn't disinterested in nature.

Spring is an especially good time to notice God's creation. It is amazing how the apparently dead world springs back to life so rapidly, even if the winter has been cold and wet.

This year, in particular, with the state of the world around us, we need something to cheer us up.

There are so many problems in the world and I have so many people that I know I ought to pray for that, if I am not careful, my prayer time ends up like a shopping list. But we should remember to praise God, not just to ask Him for things.

So let us remember to praise God for the wonderful world which He has created.

Yours in Christ, Grace

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Trinity Freckleton & St Paul's Warton

Holy Baptism

22nd March 2026 Henry Arthur McKay (Holy Trinity)



Funerals

25th March 2026 John Pearson (Holy Trinity)

26th March 2026 Lee Ashworth (St Paul's)



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THURSDAYS

AM

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PM

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Freckleton & Wrea Green Flower Club

Demonstrator: Don Billington

Title: 'My Journey with Plants'

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St Paul's Little Café



*Saturday 9th May
2026*

*10.00 - 12.00
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Churchwarden's Letter

“For the Spirit God gave us does make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline” (2 Timothy 1:7) Our journey towards the Easter celebrations began with an emotional “Stations of the Cross” service. Once again, we thank Colin Charnley for providing the music that accompanies this service so beautifully. As we moved around the church following Christ's path to his crucifixion and remembering his suffering we were also reminded of the late Una Bird whose kind legacy allowed for them to be purchased therefore blessing us with a constant reminder of both her and our Saviour.

Our Palm Sunday service was a less solemn affair and started with a procession from the village hall. Mike Willetts led the procession with the cross, followed by our choir, clergy and some of our congregation for the short walk into church. Those walking in the procession sang hymns and held a palm cross in their hand in remembrance of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey (by entering on a donkey rather than a warhorse Jesus shows he enters the city in peace). Palm crosses represent the “juxtaposition of joy and sorrow” marking the transition from the triumphant entry to the Good Friday crucifixion.

On Maundy Thursday several of our congregation made the journey to Blackburn Cathedral to participate in the Diocesan Eucharist and Renewal of vows by Clergy. The service also blessed oils our churches in the Diocese will use over the next year for baptisms and confirmations, healing and anointing and consecration. Blackburn Cathedral is a beautiful place to visit, and our visit was made more memorable by a display called “fabric of faith” with archival vestments designed by artist Margo Selby. This display showed some amazing pieces of work. Everyone in the congregation was captivated by the colours and unique designs of each garment along with the fine skills used by craftspeople responsible for making them. Alongside this display there was another exhibition showing a replica of the Turin shroud. Amongst the items on

display were reproductions of the nails used to nail Jesus to the cross and the whips used to flog him. Armour worn by Roman soldiers at that time was also on display

As we waited patiently for the service to begin, we were able to gaze at the striking, modern paintings by the artist Penny Walkden called "The Journey" (Stations of the Cross) which were amazing. Following the service everyone was provided with lunch and if needed, the congregation could ask for ministry in the form of the laying of hands or prayers for healing. It certainly was a day to remember for those attending.

Following our Easter celebrations the ladies in church were invited to the vicarage for nibbles and drinks and a chance to look at beauty products by Tropics. It's always nice when a ladies' night is arranged and we ladies get a chance to chat. We all had a great night and thank Rev Tracy for her hospitality. Blessings to you all

Jackie

Freckleton and Wrea Green Flower Club Event.

Tuesday May 19th at 2pm

Freckleton Village Hall PR4 1PJ.

Demonstrator: Lynda Fraser

Title: 'Reflections'

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Sunday morning coffee



The tea and coffee after the Sunday morning service continues to be enjoyed by many of the congregation. It is provided by a wonderful team of volunteers, with the delicious cake being provided by Lin Willetts. Volunteers are needed for us all to continue enjoying this social time. If you would like to join our friendly team, we would love to welcome you. They are a wonderful team of people and provide this service on a rota basis. Our thanks go to all of those involved, with special thanks to Lin Willetts for providing the lovely cakes every week. I will soon be doing a new rota for July 2026 to June 2027 and would welcome anyone who would like to join our team. You can speak to me in church on a Sunday morning for more details or contact me on 01772 635442.
Thank you. Lorraine Higginson



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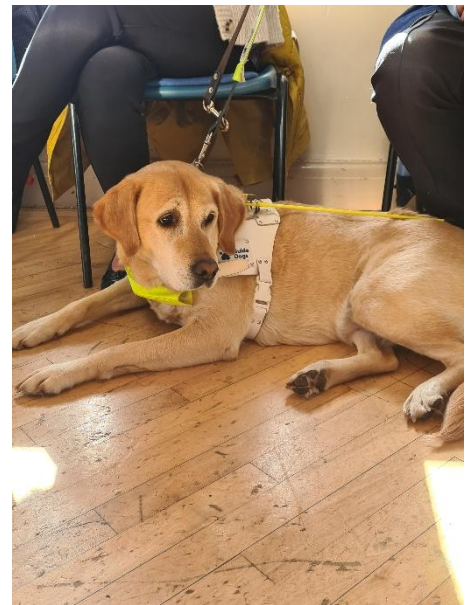
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St Paul's Mothers' Union



In March we had a visit from Fylde Coast Friends in aid of Guide Dogs. Gill Studden and Carol Gradwell came to talk to us about the important work carried out by the Guide Dog Association, and they brought Wenna, a beautiful, working Labrador.

A guide dog becomes a life line, providing support, so the person can become independent and carry out every day tasks with confidence, without having to rely on other people.



A guide dog will learn a person's favourite routes, favourite shops, take their owner to a bus stop, find a lift, help them safely cross the road and becomes a trusted part of the family. As Carol said "They are amazing".

It costs approximately £102,000 to train and provide support for a guide dog during their life time.

A puppy will go to a foster family at 6 weeks old and will begin formal training at 14 months old, until they are skilled, then they are matched with a person.

There is currently an 18 month wait for a guide dog and when matching a dog and person, they look at lifestyle, walking speed, height and how active the person is.

The Guide Dog Association raises money for this vital cause. They attend functions, shopping centres, hold quiz nights and rely on people's generosity and donations.

The Friends of the Guide Dogs are also regulars at our St Paul's Christmas Market, which they love coming to.

It was a lovely talk and it was good to see beautiful Wenna, who was very well behaved.



Graham, the Warton Village Hall Manager, and Heather also brought Rocky, their guide dog puppy in training, who was also pleased to see Wenna.

We all had drinks, cake and a chat before the meeting ended with prayers.

On the 27th May there will be a talk by Amanda Barfoot - 40 years of Nursing in the NHS.

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

APRIL MEETING

Thirty-eight members welcomed Dave Evans for his talk on “The hidden history of the Fylde” on a lovely, if breezy Spring evening.

Time forbade Dave from giving us more than a flavour of the weird and wonderful things this amazing coastline of ours has revealed over the years, not least Horace the Blackpool Elk whose remains were discovered in the 1940’s and dated at c13,000 years old.

Many ask how Blackpool got its name and really it’s comparatively modern, coming from the (now underground) stream black pol which makes its way to the sea following the route of Yeadon Way.

We also heard about Albert and the Lion as related by Stanley Holloway in his famous gramophone record from the early 1930’s and how Blackpool once boasted the world’s largest aircraft hangar at Squires Gate as well as the huge Art Deco Woolworths store.

Back to the early 1920’s, and in a Blackpool back street was situated the Swallow factory which was famous for its very stylish sidecars which once were an essential attachment to a family motorcycle. Dave told us that this factory went on to produce Jaguar motorcars from 1922, a prestige marque that continues to this day.

Ninety minutes flew by and we thank Dave for his interesting, informative and entertaining evening. Our next meeting on May 19th will star our very own Chairman, Dave Hoyle who will relate “The AtoZ of Saint Anne’s- Things you did not know” Can’t wait!

We always welcome new members especially on that evening which is the last of the 2025-2026 season. Our 2026-2027 starts on September 15th at 7.30pm.

C.P.C.



At their April meeting, Warton W.I. members were transported back in time to the dark days of 1944. And the darkest day of all for local residents was August 23rd when appalling freak weather conditions caused a USAAF aircraft to crash during a test flight falling into the

centre of Freckleton village, in the deadliest aviation accident to occur in Britain during World War II. The wreckage engulfed the infants wing of the Holy Trinity School and claimed the lives of all but three of the children present that tragic morning, along with their teachers.

One of those three children who survived – despite horrific burns and injuries – was Ruby Currell (née Whittle) and it was this indomitable lady, now well into her 80's, who shared her experiences with us. She told us that the war-time training given to even the youngest of school children saved her life, as she dived under her desk to escape the carnage. Despite the evident pain of her recollections, she faithfully recounted the full horror of all she had to endure that day and went on to entertain us with anecdotes from her later life which she dedicated to the memory of her doomed classmates.

With such sad memories uppermost in everyone's minds, it cannot be denied that our meeting had a rather sombre feel, but we nevertheless enjoyed our usual relaxations after the talk, with refreshments provided by Sue and Lin. Everyone admired Sandra's beautiful wall-hanging of black and white Victorian needlework which was a clear winner in our competition to produce an item of local interest, while Yvonne (back with us after a 3-month winter break in Spain) as usual could be relied on to provide a lighter interpretation of the theme by submitting a packet of Lancashire cheese!

Looking ahead, our speaker for next month's meeting should also prove fascinating: Simon Sharp will be talking about "The History of Gin Dispute" and the competition will be for "Your Favourite Bottle", although there are no directions as to whether that bottle should be full or empty! If any ladies would care to join us at 1pm on Tuesday 12th May, just remember "Bring a bottle!"

Gwen

HAPPY EASTER BUNNY

Thank you so much to everyone who gave Easter eggs this year. We had donations from St Paul's church in Warton; Holy Trinity in Freckleton; St Paul's church Fairhaven & Warton Jellybeans. Thank you to Paul & Amanda for transport again.

Totals were:

Harbour House & Fleetwood YMCA 40 eggs

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MAY SUNDAY ROTAS

Date	Readers
May 3rd	Sally Lockhart Alison Eccleston
May 10th	Family Service
May 17th	Fred Taylor June Wilkins
May 24th	Rachael Taylor-Watson Sally Lockhart
May 31st	Rosemary Gilbert Fred Taylor
Date	Coffee
May 3rd	Barbara Fenton Stewart Newell
May 10th	Alison Eccleston Simon Eccleston
May 17th	Lin Willetts Mike Willetts
May 24th	Joan Liptrot Sally Lockhart
May 31st	Deborah Cherry Lorraine Higginson



Churchwarden Duties

MAY	3rd	Audrey Charnley
	10th	Colin Lake
	17th	Simon Eccleston
	24th	Jackie Ridealgh
	31st	Mike Willetts

Rising Light

Forty days of walking close,
Of broken bread and quiet grace,
Of questions asked and hearts made new,
Of love that would not leave its place.

Then lifted high beyond the hill,
Not gone, but crowned in glory bright,
A promise sealed in open sky,
A hidden presence, living light.

No distant King beyond our reach,
But nearer now than breath or flame,
In every heart that dares to trust,
In every voice that calls His name.

So we look up and then we go,
To live the truth the heavens show:
That Christ ascends, yet walks beside,
And fills the world with hope alive.



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Coffee and toasties

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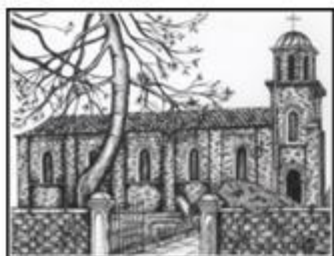
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<u>Tuesday</u> Cubs (8-10½yrs) 6 -7.30pm	Kate Parker	01772 635514 07788 551100
<u>Wednesday</u> Rainbows (5-7yrs) 5.45- 6.45pm Brownies (7-10yrs) 6.30- 8pm	Catherine Potter	01772 493475
<u>Thursday</u> Beavers (6-8yrs) 5.45-7pm Scouts (10½ -14yrs) 7.15-8.45pm	Amber Chauhan Chloe Miller	07468 616692 07388 554048
Group Lead Volunteer	Chloe Miller	07388 554048



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