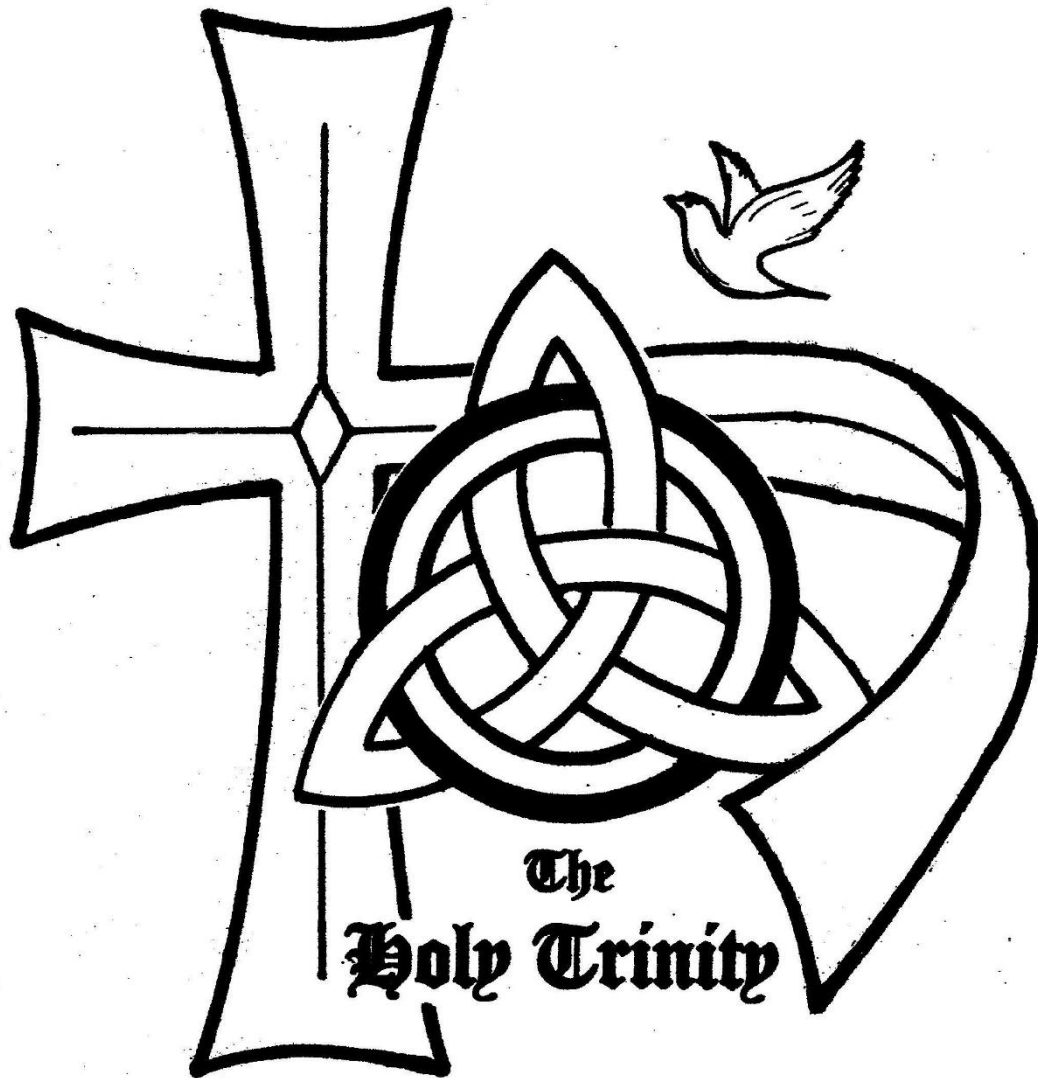


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Wednesday	<b>3rd</b>	08.30	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
Saturday	<b>6th</b>		Warton Carnival

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th</b>		<b>Trinity 1</b>
09.30			Parish Eucharist
4pm			Confirmation

Tuesday	<b>9th</b>	14.00	Women's Institute Village Hall
Wednesday	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	08.30	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
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Saturday	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	St. Paul's Café

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Trinity 2</b>
09.30		<b><i>ALL ABOARD</i></b>	Family Service

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 08.30 Morning Prayer  
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>Trinity 3</b>
09.30		Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 19.30 History Society  
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Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 08.30 Morning Prayer  
09.30 Holy Communion  
12.00-15.00 Foodbank  
14.00 Mother's Union  
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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 19.00 Pint Night

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Holy Trinity Cafe

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 4</b>
09.30		Parish Eucharist

**The DEADLINE for the  
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is FRIDAY JUNE 17th**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

June is a month that seems to arrive carrying light with it. The days stretch longer, gardens begin to flourish, schools prepare for the end of term, and many of us find ourselves spending a little more time outdoors, noticing again the beauty of God's creation that winter can sometimes hide from view.

This month, as summer begins to unfold, perhaps we might each take time to slow down a little. A conversation shared over a brew, the sound of children playing, the quiet of an early morning, a walk beneath green trees or on the beach, these can all become moments of gratitude and prayer if we allow them to.

June also brings us toward the great feast of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Those first followers of Jesus were uncertain and fearful people, unsure of what lay ahead. Yet God met them not with condemnation, but with courage, wisdom, and peace. The same Spirit still strengthens the Church today.

In a world that often feels anxious and divided, Pentecost reminds us that God continues to work through ordinary people who are willing to listen, to serve, and to love generously. We may not feel especially remarkable, but neither did the disciples. Grace has always worked through imperfect people.

As a church community, we continue to give thanks for the many quiet acts of kindness that sustain parish life, those who arrange flowers, prepare refreshments, visit neighbours, care for the building, support local charities, help in school and pray faithfully for others. Much of the work of the Kingdom happens unseen, but none of it is unnoticed by God.

May this coming month bring rest where there is weariness, hope where there is discouragement, and joy in the simple reminders of God's presence among us.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy', written in a cursive style.

Tracy

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

**Funerals**

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30th April 2026	Peter Roberts (St Paul's)
8th May 2026	Victoria Haworth (St Paul's)



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# Churchwarden's Letter

**“Do not fear I am with you: Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41;10**

June is the month when we look forward to the start of both parishes walking in their local carnivals. Warton is first to start with its procession on the 6th of June. This year we will miss Amanda at the front of our procession carrying the Mothers Union banner as we walk through the village Amanda broke her foot whilst on holiday and is now in plaster and unable to weight bear for several months. It is strange to see her in a wheelchair instead of bustling around the church, so we all wish her a speedy recovery. Did you know carnivals were established in England in the late 19th century? The oldest one in England is Bridgewater's Carnival, which was established in 1847. The word carnival originates from the Latin “carne levare” “or carne vale” meaning farewell to meat referring to the end of the fasting period of Lent.

Following on from our carnival celebrations we will be holding our joint church's Confirmation Service on the 7th of June. This year it's St Paul's turn to host the service, and we look forward to welcoming those candidates who wish to commit themselves to taking the next step in their Christian life. This year the service will be performed by Bishop Joe, and our thoughts and blessings go to all those getting confirmed and may the day serve as a reminder of the start of their journey of following Christ's teachings.

Celebrations seem to be in abundance this month as at the end of the month on the 21st we will celebrate Father's Day. Last year Father's Day coincided with my daughter's birthday and our family gathering became a shared affair with her dad and father-in-law, something she prefers not to repeat too often. In many Catholic countries throughout Europe Father's Day is celebrated on the 19th March as this is St Joseph's Day. St Joseph was seen as the model of fatherhood and is the Patron Saint of families. He is seen to embody quiet strength and obedience to God and therefore an ideal role model for all fathers. Whatever your plans for Father's Day are, ensure you show your appreciation for the support and presence of a Dad, grandad, stepfather or someone who has been a father figure to you and make that person's day special.

Blessings to you all

*Jackie*



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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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## St Paul's Mothers' Union



On Wednesday 22nd April we held our Deanery Festival at St. Paul's Church.

The Eucharist service, led by Rev. Tracy Swindells, was a celebration of 150 Years of Mothers' Union. It was a fantastic service with beautiful music, a wonderful sermon and a happy joining together of members and friends of the Deanery. This was just one event of many taking place this year in celebration of our 150 Year Anniversary.

Banners from the seven groups within were displayed at the front of the the Kirkham Deanery banner was forward during the first hymn. This will displayed in our Church until the next



the Deanery Church and brought now be festival.

During the service Brenda Squires, the Deanery Presiding Member, presented the long service awards.

Our own Enrolling Member, Rosemary Gilbert, received her 60 year certificate and a gift, Lorraine received a 40 year certificate and Amanda a 20 year certificate.



All the members from St. Paul's had made plenty of gorgeous cakes and biscuits and these were served with an endless supply of tea and coffee. This was a real treat for all our guests.

Christine was also there with the giving people the opportunity to and cards, and everyone who given a memento in the form of a designed bookmark.

Our retiring collection was Caravan Fund, which provides those that may not otherwise opportunity.



literature stall, purchase gifts attended was specially

donated to the holidays for have the

Everyone enjoyed the service and we have had lots of messages of thanks. It was made especially lovely by everyone joining together and helping to make it such a memorable day.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> May there will be a talk by Amanda Barfoot - 40 Years of Nursing in the NHS.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> June we have a talk about Veterinary Nursing by Rachel Taylor-Watson.

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

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# WARTON HISTORY SOCIETY

## MAY MEETING

Our last meeting of the season was led by Chairman David Hoyle who told us many and wonderful things in his ***AtoZ of Saint Anne's*** -and he predictably did not disappoint!

Subjects as diverse as Aked's Garage to Led Zeppelin with film clips by way of illustration revealed many facts few are aware of. For instance, did you know the landmark 'White Church' was painted black for the duration of the Second World War, or that Ashton Gardens were formerly St. George's Gardens?

It was especially interesting to learn of the early history of the town 151 years ago and the inauspicious start it had. The audience of forty enjoyed a real lucky dip of nuggets of information that will enable us to see our local town with fresh eyes when next we are there.

We will be back again at the Village Hall on September 15<sup>th</sup> (which is a free evening) at 7.30pm. Once more the annual membership fee is £10 with visitors paying only £2.50 and it only remains for the committee to wish you a super summer.

# theWI

## INSPIRING WOMEN

We've all heard of (and maybe even tasted!) G&T, some might remember Gin and It, but who would ever have dreamt of mixing Gin and the WI? And if anybody did commit to such a flight of fancy, would they ever imagine that the combination turned out to be truly excellent? But this month's meeting of Warton WI demonstrated that even an unlikely formula can have winning results. Our speaker, Simon Sharp, expertly guided us through the "history of disrepute" that has been the story of gin for centuries. Going back to even prehistoric times to acquaint us with the "drunken monkey" theory, Simon guided us through fascinating ups and downs of gin throughout the ages, from an elegant courtly beverage when William of Orange introduced it from Holland where it was already firmly established, to darker days when it was swilled in gin palaces and earned itself the name of "mother's ruin", and on to swanky cocktails of the early half of the twentieth century. Seven ladies volunteered for tasting duties and were guided through four very different gins, starting with one from the ancient Dutch Bols company that offered an earthiness not dissimilar to that of some single malt whiskies, progressing through fruitier flavoured varieties and touching on the plethora of locally produced gins that have become so popular in recent years. Of course, this was just tasting in the interests of our education and it should be pointed out that none of our volunteers were incapable of driving home after the meeting! Simon was kind enough to judge our usual competition, which this time required a "favourite bottle". In third place, he chose Lin's bottle of blackberry flavoured gin, distilled right here with fruit from St. Paul's churchyard. Second place went to Yvonne's exquisite turquoise bottle that had originally held Sapphire Gin, but for first prize Simon went somewhat off piste and chose Gwen's ship-in-a-bottle which appealed to his own nautical connections. Next month (2nd June at 1p.m. in the Village Hall) we'll once again be calling on well-known home-grown talents when popular local historian, David Hoyle, will be talking to us. Our doors are always open to newcomers and we would be delighted to welcome anyone who would care to join us.

*Gwen*

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>June 7th</b>	Stewart Hankinson Rosemary Gilbert
<b>June 14th</b>	All Aboard
<b>June 21st</b>	Rachel Taylor-Watson Sue Parkin
<b>June 28th</b>	Margaret Jacob Colin Charnley
<b>Date</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>June 7th</b>	Chris Denham & Anne-Marie Marsden
<b>June 14th</b>	Kathy Baptist & Jackie Ridealgh
<b>June 21st</b>	Alison Eccleston & Simon Eccleston
<b>June 28th</b>	Barbara Fenton & Stewart Newell



## Churchwarden Duties

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>7th</b>	Paddy Quinn
	<b>14th</b>	Lin Willetts
	<b>21st</b>	Kate Parker
	<b>28th</b>	Alison Eccleston

### ECO CHURCH

Our churchyard has been looking especially beautiful this spring, and as many of you know, we were recently delighted to receive our Eco Church Award. The churchyard has played an important part in that recognition, providing a welcoming space not only for people, but also for local wildlife. We've had several enquiries recently about when the churchyard will be mowed again. Over recent weeks we've been enjoying a wonderful display of daffodils, snowdrops, crocuses, primroses and wild garlic flowers. Allowing the bulbs time to flower and set seed helps them return year after year and supports the biodiversity we are encouraging as part of our eco work. Once the bulbs have finished setting, our fabulous team of volunteers will be back mowing and caring for the churchyard. We are incredibly grateful for all they do to keep the grounds looking so lovely. If you would like to join the team and help out, please do get in touch, new volunteers are always very welcome. It has also been lovely to see so much wildlife enjoying the churchyard alongside us, including squirrels, birds and butterflies. Most recently, we even had a pigeon nesting in the church guttering!





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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

## Diocese anniversary 1926/2026

As part of our Diocesan Centenary Celebrations each church in the diocese has been asked to run a mission event to celebrate. At St Paul's we will be having a concert by Freckleton Brass Band and a church café where Sue Parkin is kindly co-ordinating a historical display. Please see below for some information from Sue.

Rev Tracy

The new diocese of Blackburn was created in 1926 by Bishop William Temple because his diocese of Manchester had become too large. Enter the town of Blackburn where a suitable church became the new cathedral building. I rather thought that a small display/exhibition would bring local people into our church as part of our celebration – the main part of it should be about the new diocese, but Warton 100 years ago would give us an idea of what life was like in our village at that time. Research inevitably takes one down additional paths so information has come to light about the wider socio-political context of the time. So far I have had meetings and help from

- Blackburn cathedral archivist
- Lancashire archivists
- Manchester Peoples Museum archivists.

I have been to three local libraries to view their local collections; Warton history society has found local newspapers from 1926; Warton WI have lent me their 1920s minutes book & Chris Denham has given me notes from a local resident. Our celebration will be in September & in the meantime I would value other relevant information or images or artefacts that residents may have.

Security is always a potential headache for events such as this & I am hoping for suggestions as to how we can keep safe the items on loan.

Thank you.

Sue Parkin.

## LADIES' SOCIAL

Ladies from St Paul's and Holy Trinity recently came together for a wonderfully enjoyable social evening hosted by Holly, who brought along a fantastic range of Tropic skincare and beauty products for everyone to try, and, of course, a few purchases may have been made too!

The evening was filled with laughter, friendship and plenty of pampering as we sampled the products and enjoyed spending time together. A few glasses of wine and some delicious nibbles also helped make it a very relaxed and happy occasion.

It was lovely to see people from both churches enjoying each other's company, and we are already looking forward to arranging another social event together in the future.

If you have any ideas for future ladies' events or activities, we would love to hear from you.



## BLACKBURN DIOCESE BIG DAY OUT

Despite the rain clouds hanging over Blackpool, spirits were far from dampened at the Blackburn Diocesan Big Day Out. Families, church groups and visitors gathered in St John's Square for a joyful celebration filled with music, worship and community fellowship, with the iconic Blackpool Tower standing proudly nearby. The weather may have brought showers, but it did little to stop the fun and laughter as people came together to praise and worship Jesus in the heart of the seaside town. Singing echoed across the square as worshippers embraced the occasion with enthusiasm and faith. Photographer Clive Lawrence captured more memorable moments from the afternoon worship celebrations, highlighting smiling faces, colourful umbrellas and a community united in worship despite the rain. The event proved that even grey skies could not overshadow a day filled with faith, friendship and celebration.

