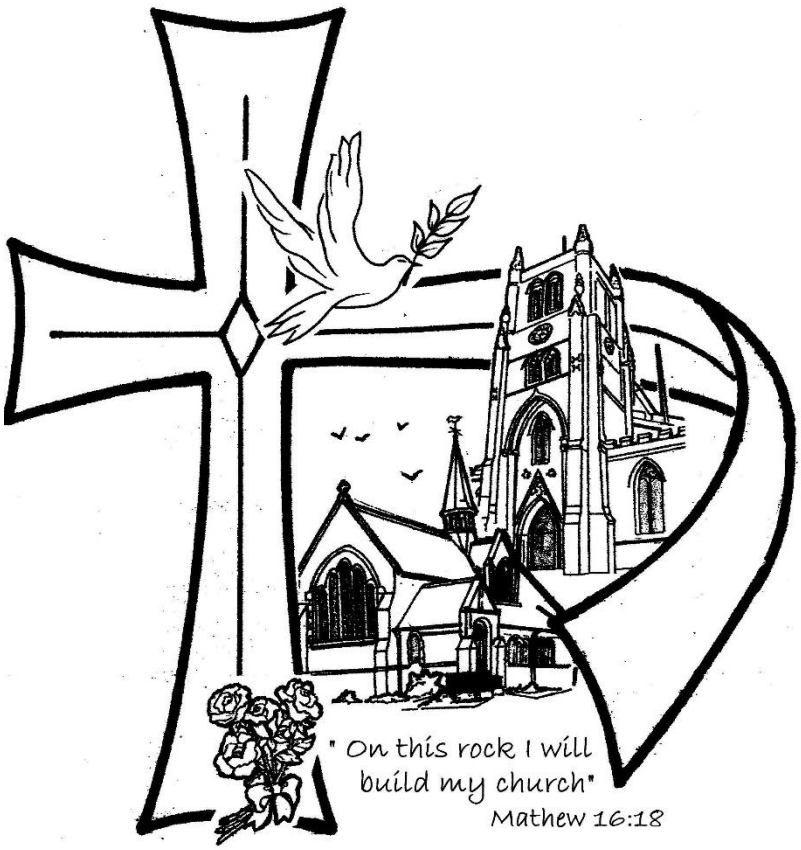
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Wednesday	**1st**	08.30	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Holy Communion
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Saturday	**4th**	10.00	St. Paul's Café

Sunday	**5th**	**Trinity 5**
09.30		Parish Eucharist

Monday	**6 th - 9th**		Diocesan Conference
Wednesday	**8th**	08.30	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday	**12th**		**Trinity 6**
09.30		***ALL ABOARD***	Family Service

Tuesday	**14th**	13.00	Women's Institute
			in the Village Hall
		14.30	St Paul's School Governors
Wednesday	**15th**	08.30	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Thursday **16th**	13.00	St Paul's Year 6 Leaver's Service

Sunday **19th**	**Trinity 7**
09.30	Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	**22nd**	08.30 Morning Prayer 09.30 Holy Communion 12.00-15.00 Foodbank
Saturday	**25th**	12.00 Parish BBQ

Sunday **26th**	**Trinity 8**
09.30	Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	**29th**	09.30 Holy Communion 12.00-15.00 Foodbank
Thursday 30th		19.30 Pint Night

The **DEADLINE** for the

AUGUST magazine

is **FRIDAY JULY 17th**



Dear friends

July is often a month of looking forward. Schools prepare for the summer break, families make holiday plans, gardens are in full bloom, and many of us hope for a little sunshine, warmth and rest after busy months.

As I reflect on this season, I am reminded of the words from Psalm 46: "Be still and know that I am God." In a world that seems to move ever faster, summer can offer a valuable opportunity to slow down, even if only for a few moments each day.

Being still is not about doing nothing. Rather, it is about creating space to notice God's presence in our lives. We may find it in the beauty of creation, in conversations with friends and neighbours, in acts of kindness, or in the quiet moments of prayer that are often squeezed out by the demands of daily life.

The Christian faith reminds us that God is present not only in the extraordinary but also in the ordinary. Jesus spent much of his ministry walking with people, sharing meals, and noticing those whom others overlooked. His example encourages us to be attentive to those around us and to recognise God's work in everyday life.

As we enjoy the longer days of summer, perhaps we can take time to give thanks for the blessings we have received and to consider how we might be a blessing to others. A friendly word, a helping hand, or simply taking time to listen can make a remarkable difference.

Wherever this summer finds you—at home, away on holiday, or continuing with familiar routines—may you know God's peace, God's strength, and God's love. God bless. Anne-Marie x

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Trinity Freckleton & St Paul's Warton

Holy Baptism

24th May 2026	Isla Mary Mullings (St Paul's)
14th June 2026	Louis James Alty (Holy Trinity)



Funerals

28th May 2026	Peter Gill (Burial of Ashes) (St Paul's)
28th May 2026	Hazel Gill (Burial of Ashes) (St Paul's)
29th May 2026	Keith Fletcher (Burial of Ashes) (Holy Trinity)
2nd June 2026	Raymond Benson (St Paul's)
11th June 2026	Vito La Valle (Burial of Ashes) (Holy Trinity)



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Warton Carnival

Despite the weather looking rather dodgy at times, Warton Carnival stayed dry and proved to be another successful community event. Large numbers of people lined the streets to watch the parade and enjoy the festivities. A big thank you goes to everyone from our church who took part in the parade, helping to represent our church within the wider community. We are also grateful to those who worked behind the scenes on the carnival organising team, whose hard work made the event possible. Special thanks as well to those who assisted with the road closures and stewarding duties, helping to keep everyone safe throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many people out supporting the carnival and enjoying time together as a community.



St Paul's Little Café



Saturday 4th July 2026

10.00 – 12.00

All Welcome

Churchwarden's Letter

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done" Proverbs 19:17

Warton held its annual carnival last month and thankfully this time there was no rain, unlike last year when everyone got drenched due to the heavy rainfall that fell as we walked along the route. Over these last few years, the carnival has become a popular event judging by the numbers taking part and those lining the route. Proudly, leading our church group was the Mothers Union banner carried by Amanda. Amanda is recovering from major surgery to her ankle, so a hearty well done and thank you for carrying out your task so bravely this year. During the procession our church group occasionally found members from the Warton Singers dropping in to walk with them. Since most of our church choir belong to this singing group it was good to see our church and community choir combine and support each at this community event.

Last month's celebrations continued when our church was the epicentre of attention as it was the venue for our Parish Confirmation Ceremony. This year we welcomed Bishop Joe to our church to preside over the ceremony and like last year's ceremony the candidates were allowed to choose a hymn for inclusion in the service, adding a meaningful significance to their special day. We pray their journey is a long and fruitful one as our church family guides and oversees their development. The floral displays in church for this event were beautiful, so a special thanks goes to Joyce for her skill and creativity that brings delight to many people.

Those amongst you who like to indulge in a chocolate treat or two as you read, will be pleased to know that on the 7th of July we celebrate "World Chocolate Day"! The celebration is a global celebration to honour the introduction of chocolate into Europe around the 16th Century. Originating from the cacao bean and dating from ancient Mesoamerican cultures, chocolate has evolved from being a bitter beverage to the sweet treat we know today. So, enjoy the day by indulging in your

favourite chocolate treat and ponder on this quote. “All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt”

On the 24th of this month we are encouraged to support “Samaritan Awareness Day” We all know the story of the “Good Samaritan” (Luke 10:25-37) and Samaritan Awareness Day follows this well-known Bible story to help those in need help and not to flinch or turn away because we are uncomfortable with the problem they are facing. The aim of Samaritan Awareness is to highlight the importance of mental health and encourage conversations to promote emotional wellbeing to those in emotional distress or crisis. It is hoped by showing support and listening to sufferers it will reduce the stigma associated with mental health and help sufferers to seek the help and guidance they need to recover. This will prevent the needless suicides that occur if a person’s mental health goes unchecked or unnoticed.
Blessings to you all
Jackie

Rev Tracy Attending Diocesan Conference

Rev Tracy will be attending the Blackburn Diocesan Conference at Liverpool Hope University from 6th to 9th July.

The conference brings together clergy and lay representatives from across the diocese for worship, teaching, fellowship and reflection. It is a valuable opportunity to share in the wider life and mission of the Church.

Craig, Churchwarden from Holy Trinity, will also be attending.

Please keep Rev Tracy and Craig in your prayers as they take part in the conference and travel to Liverpool Hope University.



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WARTON HISTORY SOCIETY

APRIL MEETING

We will be back again at the Village Hall on September 15th (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.

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St Paul's Mothers' Union

Our meeting in June was really well attended by members and friends from Church. We began with prayers and this was followed by a talk by myself about 40 years of Nursing.



I began my training at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Training was for 3 years 3 months and apart from the initial eight weeks in school, we had eight weeks on the wards followed by 2 weeks in school. The majority of our training was hands on nursing care.

The wards were the old Nightingale wards, with 30 beds lining the walls, a table in the middle and a sluice at the bottom. They were mixed wards and the only thing separating male and female patients was a moveable screen. We had no lifting aids but spent hours being taught the correct way to lift, techniques that are now deemed dangerous and no longer used. Matrons used to patrol the wards, checking hospital corners and making sure wards were tidy and running smoothly. The role of the nurse has changed dramatically over the years, along with advances in medication and equipment available to use. I have always enjoyed being a nurse and making a difference, even in just a small way. Many times over the years I have prayed and asked for God's help in a situation, for strength, guidance, empathy and love.



Nursing has been a major part of my life. I have met many amazing people along the way and couldn't imagine myself doing anything else. On the 24th June we have a talk about Veterinary Nursing by Rachel Taylor-Watson. Over the summer we will be having a garden party with afternoon tea and going on an organized coach trip. If you would like to join us at any of the meetings, please do so, you would be made very welcome. God Bless, Amanda

CHURCH WARDENS ADMITTED TO OFFICE

On 2nd June, a special service of Admission of Churchwardens was held at Christ Church, bringing together churchwardens from across our deanery and beyond. Among those admitted were Jackie from St Paul's, together with Heather and Craig from Holy Trinity, and many others who have answered God's call to serve their churches in this important role. We are grateful for all that Jackie does for our church community. Her dedication, hard work, and faithful service are greatly appreciated, and we thank her for the time and energy she gives so generously. There is currently a vacancy for a second Churchwarden. If you feel called to support Jackie in this ministry or would like to find out more about what the role involves, please speak to Jackie or Rev Tracy. Please keep Jackie in your prayers as she undertakes her duties and continues to serve God here.



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Our guest speaker in June was no stranger to most Warton WI members. Indeed, David Hoyle would probably be instantly recognised wherever he goes in the Fylde and seemed totally at home with us, chatting to all the members, participating in the raffle, enjoying one of Barbara's delicious cream scones and even joining in the singing of Jerusalem, before entertaining us all in his own inimitable way and going on to judge the entries in our competition for a June posy. For our meeting, David chose to take us all back to the years 1971-72 with a unique semi-professional movie commissioned to cover the mayoral year of Alfred Jealous, quite a character too in his own way and still remembered by several members who are locally born and bred.

Even for members relatively new to the area, the film was a fascinating insight into the way things were fifty plus years ago. Before he began, David warned us that the film would perhaps not be considered politically correct nowadays, but there was nothing so very shocking in any of it. I'm betting that there were probably quite a few of our "mature" ladies who were quietly reminiscing about the mini-skirts and hot-pants that used to hang in their own wardrobes. It was an engaging time capsule that David shared with us, with some aspects of civic life that have gone forever while others appeared reassuringly familiar. Similarly, some of the events like the speed-boat racing looked quite modern, but then a view of the old Pontins holiday camp reminded us that a lot has changed. As Vice-President, Pauline, said in her vote of thanks to David, it was a very appealing dip into our memory bank.

We were very pleased to welcome back our past-president of many years standing, Jenny Bennett, who travelled from over the border (Yorkshire) to be with us again. And we also had the pleasure of the company of

visitors Brenda and Gwen, who attended as guests of Yvonne. A few familiar faces were absent owing to holidays and a rather nasty “bug” that seems to be doing the rounds. In particular we all regretted the absence of Hazel who is unfortunately back in hospital for another operation on the hip and femur bones broken in a bad fall two years ago. The “Get Well” wishes of all were expressed on a card to be sent to Hazel, hoping that it won’t be too long before she is back manning her usual position at the raffle table.

In July, we look forward to welcoming Cate Brassington who is going to tell us all about the “Art of Spinning”. That will be on Tuesday 14th starting, as always at 1p.m. A warm welcome is waiting for any ladies who would like to join us.
Gwen

Freckleton Brass Band Concert at St Paul's Church, Warton

Enjoy an evening of wonderful music with the Freckleton Brass Band on **Saturday 13th September** at **St Paul's Church, Warton**.

Tickets purchased in advance are **£10**, which includes a delicious supper box. Tickets will also be available on the door for **£7** (without food).

A bar will be available throughout the evening.

This promises to be an enjoyable community event, so book early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to welcoming you for an evening of music, fellowship and entertainment. Tickets available via church

Benefice Service and Freckleton Air Crash Memorial

Please note that there will be **no service** at St Paul's, Warton, on **Sunday 23rd August**, as we will be joining together for a Benefice Service at Holy Trinity**.** At **10.30am**, a Memorial Service will be held at the Children's Grave to remember those who lost their lives in the Freckleton Air Crash Disaster**.** Following the memorial service, all are welcome to attend a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in church. We hope many people will join us as we remember this significant event in our local history and gather together in worship and fellowship.

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Firstly, I would like to say a big "Thank you" to those who returned their Children's Society house boxes last year, the money from which has helped to keep the vital connection between project workers and the young people they support intact. To quote: "without you there is no Children's Society". This raised an amazing £271.71!

In addition, the envelopes given out at last year's Christingle service at St Paul's Church raised another £63.43 making a total for the year of £335.14.

If you would like to become involved as a House Box Holder, or require more information, please contact me on the number below. Also, the Children's Society website has information on all the work they have been doing to support young people. https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/

During July, I will collect house boxes from church. There will be a plastic box, clearly labelled, at the rear of church where you can place your boxes. I will return them to church the following week.

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Date	Readers
July 5th	Colin Charnley Margaret Jacob
July 12th	**Family Service**
July 19th	Alison Eccleston Simon Eccleston
July 26th	Stewart Hankinson Sue Parkin
Date	**Coffee**
July 5th	Lin & Mike Willetts
July 12th	Deborah Cherry & Lorraine Higginson
July 19th	Joan Liptrott & Sally Lockhart
July 26th	Barbara Fenton & Stewart Newell



JULY SUNDAY ROTAS

Churchwarden Duties

JULY	**4th**	Audrey Charnley
	12th	Colin Lake
	19th	Simon Eccleston
	26th	Jackie Ridealgh

Confirmation Service

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Joe to our church for a joyful and uplifting Confirmation Service. It was a special occasion as Alesha, Jack and Oliver were confirmed, affirming their faith before family, friends and the church congregation. The service was warm and celebratory, with lively music chosen by the young people themselves helping to create a vibrant atmosphere throughout. Their choices reflected both their personalities and their faith journey, adding a personal touch to the worship. It was encouraging to see people from both churches supporting our confirmation candidates as they took this important step in their Christian lives. We continue to pray for Alesha, Jack and Oliver as they grow in faith and discipleship. Many thanks to Bishop Joe and all who helped make the service such a memorable and meaningful occasion.



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In the meantime, Mike, Paul and Simon have kindly agreed to share the responsibilities of the role. We are very thankful to them for stepping in, but as they already undertake many other duties within the church, this arrangement cannot continue indefinitely. They will continue to support and assist a new Treasurer, and plenty of help will be available during the handover.

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- Can explain financial issues clearly, both within the PCC and to the wider church membership.
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Wednesday Rainbows (5-7yrs) 5.45-6.45pm Brownies (7-10yrs) 6.30-8pm	Catherine Potter	01772 493475
Thursday 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