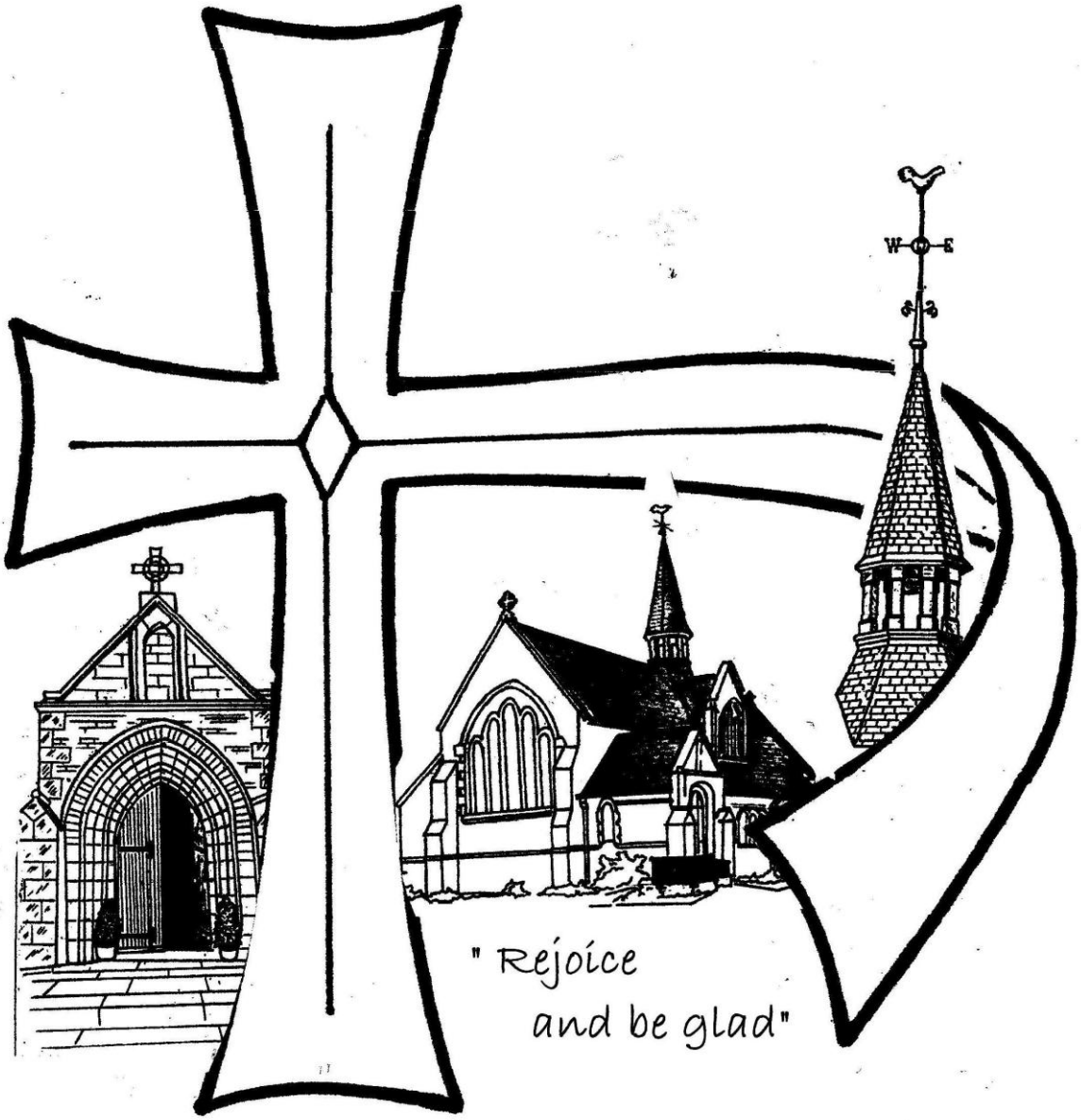
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Wednesday	**2nd**	08.30 Morning Prayer 09.30 Holy Communion 12.00-15.00 Foodbank
Saturday	**5th**	10.00 -12.00 St Paul's Little Café with Diocesan Centenary & St Paul's 140th anniversary celebrations and displays

Sunday	**6th**	**Trinity 14**
09.30		Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	**9th**	08.30 Morning Prayer 09.30 Holy Communion 12.00-15.00 Foodbank

Sunday	**13th**	**Education Sunday**
09.30		Parish Eucharist
19.30		Freckleton Brass Band Concert

Tuesday	**15th**	13.00 Women's Institute in the Village Hall 19.30 History Society in the Village Hall

Wednesday	**16th**	08.30	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

Sunday	**20th**	**Trinity 16**
09.30		Parish Eucharist

Wednesday	**23rd**	08.30	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank
		13.30	Mother's Union
Thursday	**24th**	19.30	Pint Night
Saturday	**26th**	10.00-12.00	Holy Trinity Coffee & Toasties

Sunday	**27th**	**Trinity 17**
09.30		Parish Eucharist
18.00		Songs of Praise Holy Trinity

Wednesday	**30th**	09.30	Holy Communion
		12.00-15.00	Foodbank

The **DEADLINE** for the **OCTOBER** magazine

is **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18th**

Dear friends,



I pray that you have all had a good summer, taken time to rest and recuperate, and are now feeling refreshed for that familiar "back to school" season.

We hope that Rev. Tracy Swindells and her husband, Richard, are enjoying a well-earned break during Tracy's sabbatical. We wish them both well and pray for a safe and refreshing time away before they return in late November.

The beginning of September heralds the start of a new academic year. Children, parents and teachers across the country will be settling back into familiar routines.

Returning to work or school brings its usual challenges, whether it's negotiating the increased school traffic once again, managing childcare responsibilities, supporting a young person leaving for university, or restarting the groups and clubs that have been paused over the summer holidays.

During summer, I have been watching the news and seeing the devastating wildfires raging across parts of Europe. Lives have been lost and communities destroyed. Climate change and its effects are very real for us all and continue to present significant challenges. As we move into autumn and winter, many homes and communities here in the UK may once again face flooding and storm damage.

In recent years, the Church has observed September and early October as **Creationtide**. This season originated in the Eastern Orthodox Church, running from the Orthodox New Year on 1 September until St Francis' Day on 4 October. United by our shared calling to be stewards of God's creation, Christians around the world join together in prayer and action to care for our common home.

I think many of us now recognise that our own wellbeing is closely interwoven with the wellbeing of our planet. The opportunity to reflect, pray and take practical action in response to climate change and our impact on the environment seems more important now than ever.

Our services at St Paul's and Holy Trinity will reflect this theme during our Harvest Festival celebrations in October: Holy Trinity on **4 October** and St Paul's on **11 October**.

In the meantime, may God the Creator bless us and keep us throughout this September.

God bless, Anne-Marie x 😊

INVITATION TO 1926 CENTENARY CELEBRATION

AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH, WARTON PR4 1BD

We are celebrating 100 years since the Diocese of Blackburn was established and this is an invitation to come to our events.

SATURDAY September 5: Centenary cafe in church. 10.00 – 12.00 Delicious snacks, hot & cold drinks. Come along, meet some new people and also have a look at our 1926 exhibition.

SUNDAY September 6 to **THURSDAY September 10:** Church open for our FREE exhibition

10.00 am to 2.00 pm:

- How & why was the new Diocese set up in 1926?
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SUNDAY September 13: 7.30 pm Freckleton Brass Band concert in church.

Includes delicious supper box, £10 in advance & £7 on the night (without food) Bar available. We welcome you to an evening of music, friendship & entertainment. Tickets on sale now from church.

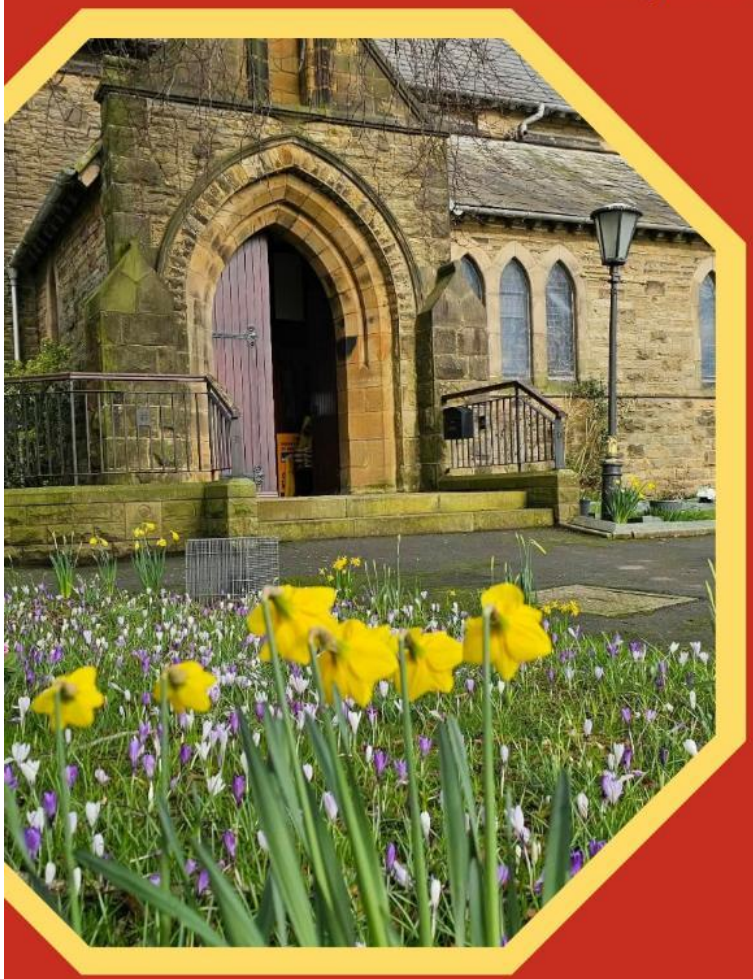
Please make a note in your diaries & calendars & we look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events!

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BLACKBURN DIOCESE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

5th - 13th September 2026

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Exhibition of Life in 2026

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St Paul's Cafe

5th September
10.00 -12.00

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13th September 19.00

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



Holy Baptism

26th July 2026	Arlo Payne (St Paul's)
2nd August 2026	Cecilia Iris Cherry-Hardy (St Paul's)

Funerals

4th August 2026	Joyce Burnett Harrison (Burial of Ashes) (Holy Trinity)
14th August 2026	(William) Alan Penaluna (Holy Trinity)
22nd August 2026	(Margaret) Jean Makinson (St Paul's)

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THURSDAYS

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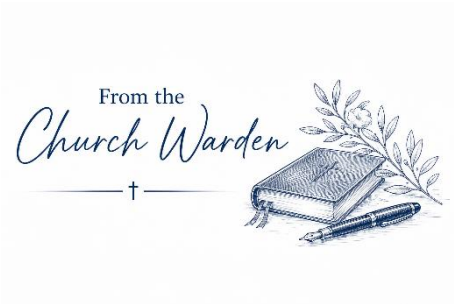
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Churchwarden's Letter



"But if we walk in the light,as he is in the light,we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son purifies us from all sin" **1John 1:7**

In July our church held the funeral for our beloved sister Betty Aspden, mother of Anne Marie. Betty will above all else be remembered for her beautiful smile that lit up not only her face but the room and everyone else around her. Anne Marie paid a final farewell to her Mum by leading the service and delivering an emotional eulogy that brought tears to most of the congregation's eyes too. Our choir was supported by Rev Tracy on the day as we sang Betty's favourite hymns.We take comfort in knowing God has released Betty from her suffering and she is resting in eternal peace.

Our annual barbeque was held at the vicarage a little earlier this year as Rev Tracy will soon be on Sabbatical until November. As usual Rev Tracy bought her sausages, and burgers from her "special" butcher in the Ribble Valley, and we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the vicarage. Sadly, the weather wasn't as kind as it normally is and instead of sitting and talking in the garden we had to move indoors as the rain came down! A special thanks goes to Anne Marie and Richard for being wonderful Chefs for the day and barbecuing our food in the rain (albeit under a large umbrella)! We hope Rev Tracy has a restful holiday and returns refreshed and ready to undertake our church services in the run up to Christmas.

I hope many of you are able to attend our 140th celebrations this month. Our celebration is special as it coincides with our Diocese centenary. Many thanks go to Sue Parkin for the planning and organisation she has carried out to bring us an exhibition of the Diocese of Blackburn 1926 and an exhibition showing the history of our Village around that date. We also will be having a concert to help celebrate this special year for our church featuring the Freckleton Brass Band. Many thanks to Lynn and Mike Willetts for arranging refreshments at the concert and promoting ticket sales. I believe there are some tickets left and if you would like to attend see Mike before they are all gone. Hopefully our trip to Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford at the end of the month for corporate communion will round off our memorable church celebrations.

The month of September is notable because on the 21st we celebrate International Peace Day. This year's theme is “Peace be with us all”. This message will hopefully promote kindness and make us more tolerant to others less fortunate than ourselves. Let us hope humanity can commit to sorting out their differences and build on a culture of peace to benefit us all.

Blessing to you all
Jackie



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St Paul's Mothers' Union

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Mother's Union.

Mary Sumner, a mother herself, believed that 'Mothers had, one of the greatest and most important professions in the world'. In 1876 Mary resolved to create a network of women supporting each other and Mothers Union was formed.

It began very small, a few mothers gathered in her living room, and remained local for about ten years. In 1885 Mary spoke at the Church Congress in Portsmouth about her vision for the future. Over the following years support grew and branches multiplied across the UK and then worldwide. Mothers Union is now a Christian charity with over 4 million members across more than 80 countries.



On Saturday 8th of August hundreds of Mothers Union members, and friends, met together in Blackburn Cathedral for a Eucharist of Commemoration. The service was led by The Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Blackburn, and was a wonderfully moving service of praise, prayer and beautiful music filling the Cathedral.

All of the Mothers Union banners from the Diocese were displayed around the Cathedral and there were stalls, and workshops taking place before the service began. It was a day to remember.





Our summer outing this year was a G-line trip to World of Wedgwood Experience, kindly organised by Chris. Seven ladies thoroughly enjoyed the day, which included afternoon tea.

Our next meeting begins on the 23rd September at 1.30pm in Church. We will be having a communion led by Rev. Alan Byrom, followed by a talk in the village hall.

On the 28th October we have Jennifer Ray coming to talk to us again, this time about "Fylde Women During World War 1"

All are welcome.

God Bless,
Amanda

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Our August speaker was much published author, Rhona Whitford, who explained that writing had become as natural as breathing over the course of a career spanning over 40 years. Rhona started by telling us about her early work, teaching in primary schools. It was the general lack of guidance manuals for teachers at the time that motivated Rhona to first put pen to paper in order to fill that gap. The positive reaction to her first offering led to other commissions in which she developed her themes and provided professional help to an entire generation of young teachers.

But disappointingly, the financial return for all that work was poor and Rhona's busy mind looked for other solutions. Fiction beckoned and training manuals were replaced by novels. Fortuitously, that stage of her career coincided with the arrival of home computers and the rise of self publishing. The noisy old typewriter that kept the neighbours awake at night gave way to a home PC and Rhona's career as a novelist took off. Now, with an impressive range of published work, Rhona was able to stimulate our interest with a fascinating display of posters and a range of books available to purchase. Several ladies did indeed go home with one or more of those novels and no doubt they will be read and enjoyed, perhaps even passed around.

Rhona also brought along a selection of very beautiful (and affordable!) greetings cards for sale. Proceeds from those went to charity and her own W.I. Some with wintery scenes immediately suggested Christmas cards and those were quickly snapped up by those who like to plan ahead.

Rhona was kind enough to judge our monthly competition, which this month was for “Your Favourite Book”. With such an accessible subject, the entry level was higher than usual and it was fascinating to see which books had been selected by our members, although just about everyone agreed that the choice of just one book above all others is virtually impossible. The eventual honours went to Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice” which was Rosemary’s selection.

Staying with our literary theme, Gwen and Rosemary worked in tandem to present a literary-themed quiz, with questions ranging from Noddy to Shakespeare. The satisfying result was the confirmation that Warton W.I. are a well-read bunch and very few questions had our ladies stumped. What about you? Do you know who died first: Romeo or Juliet?

FATHER JOHN’S INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have been asked to introduce myself to you as I shall be covering your Vicar’s forthcoming Sabbatical.

I am formally known as Canon John Hall, although I much prefer Fr. John. I am married to Sandra and have been for 41 years. I grew up on the edge of Chorley and I have been ordained 40 years. We have three grown up daughters, Sarah, Rebecca and Elizabeth and one grandson Francis with another due in three weeks.

I am now retired but I have served in Ribbleton, Carnforth, Nelson, Warton (Nr. Carnforth) and finally Fleetwood. For 25 years I was the Link Officer for the diocese of Blackburn and the Free State South Africa.

My interests are Young People and their Spirituality, Walsingham, Leeds United and very good Whiskey or Whisky. I like a laugh and I hate pomposity! J

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SEPTEMBER SUNDAY ROTAS

Date	Readers
September 6th	Stewart Hankinson Rosemary Gilbert
September 13th	Education Sunday Service
September 20th	Rachel Taylor-Watson Sue Parkin
September 27th	Margaret Jacob Colin Charnley
Date	**Coffee**
September 6th	Deborah Cherry & Lorraine Higginson
September 13th	Barbara Fenton & Stewart Newell
September 20th	Alison Eccleston & Simon Eccleston
September 27th	Lin Willetts & Mike Willetts



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	20th	Simon Eccleston
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We are looking for a new Treasurer for our church. Firstly, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Robin, who has served as Treasurer with great dedication and skill. He has done a brilliant job but sadly is having to step down due to health issues. We are extremely grateful for all he has done and wish him a full and speedy recuperation.

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.

The Treasurer plays an important role in the life of the church. We are looking for someone who:

- Has reasonable financial competence and can maintain a basic accounts book.
- Is willing to attend PCC meetings, not only to deal with financial matters but also to be aware of the PCC's plans and priorities.
- Can explain financial issues clearly, both within the PCC and to the wider church membership.
- Is able to maintain confidentiality, particularly regarding matters relating to individual church members, such as personal giving.
- Meets the requirements for charity trustees, including not being disqualified through bankruptcy or convictions for financial wrongdoing.

Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in this important ministry. You do not need to be a financial expert, and support will be available from Mike, Paul, Simon and others. If you would like a no-obligation chat to find out more about the role, please do get in touch. We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

A Time for Sabbath Rest

From **24th August until 24th November**, I will be taking a three-month sabbatical. Sabbaticals are a valued part of ordained ministry, providing an opportunity for rest, renewal, reflection, and spiritual refreshment after years of continuous service.

One small practical note: there will be a dog sitter staying in the Vicarage while I am away. So, if you see someone you don't recognise coming and going, please don't panic, they're meant to be there!

Although this is a time for rest and renewal, please don't hesitate to email me if something significant happens in your life, for example, if you are admitted to hospital, if someone close to you dies, or if there is another major pastoral concern. Depending on where I am in the world, I may not be able to reply immediately, but I absolutely can, and will, pray for you and whatever you are facing.

Thank you for your understanding, your support, and your prayers. I look forward to returning in late November refreshed, renewed, and ready for the next chapter of our shared ministry together.

With every blessing, Rev Tracy

WARTON HISTORY SOCIETY

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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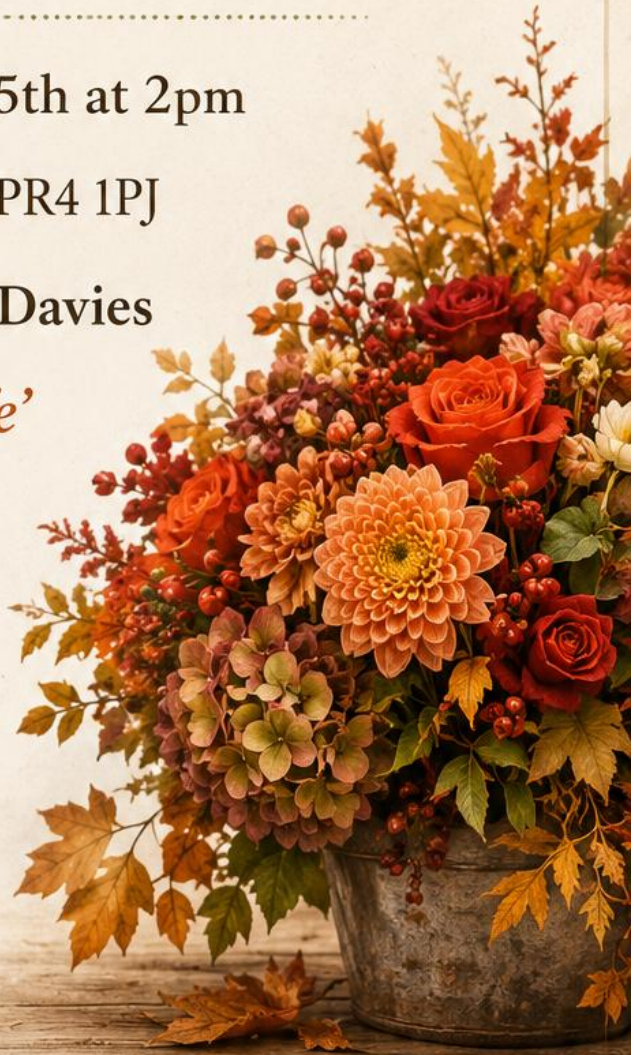
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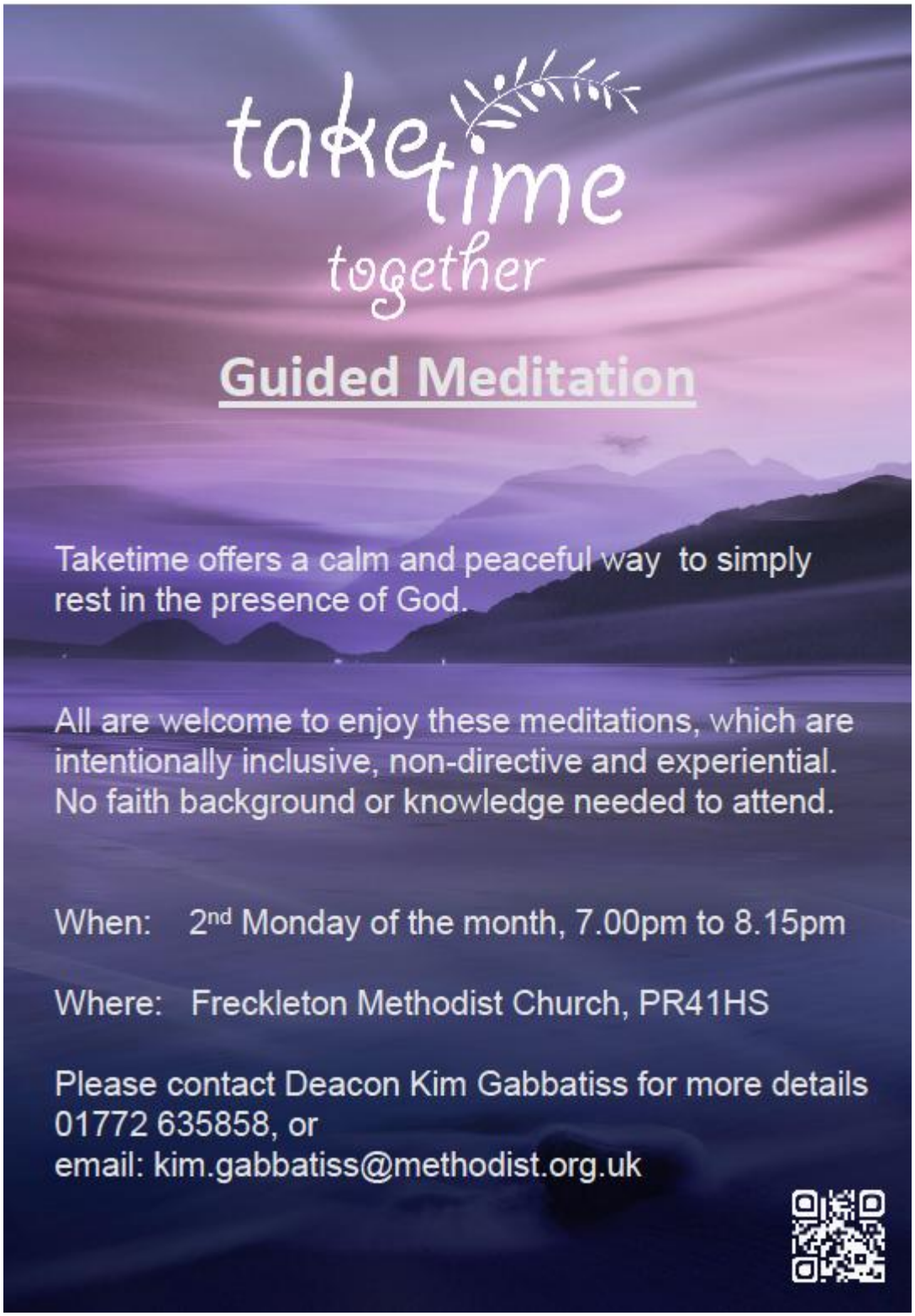
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