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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays 11:00 First Sunday: *Worship4U* non-Eucharistic all-age service
All other Sundays: Parish Communion
(5th Sunday as announced)

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to worship God and work together with our fellow Christians in the power of the Holy Spirit to:

- develop the spiritual life of all Christian people;
- share the good news of the Kingdom of God;
- bear witness to His love and forgiveness.

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NEXT MAGAZINE

Please send your articles for the next magazine by the deadline of **Friday 16 February** to parishmagazine@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk.

Sunday Club



An exciting new club is starting on Sundays from 11am-12noon
During the Sunday Morning Service,
Holy Trinity Church, Freckleton

For Primary School Children; Arts, Crafts, Games
Snack and drink provided



If you are interested in attending or would like more information
please contact:

sundayclub@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk

Or return the below slip to school:

Child's Name:..... Age:

Parent/Carer Name and Contact number:.....

I would like my child to attend: YES NO
I would be interested in helping at the Club: YES NO

A LETTER FROM GRACE

My dear friends,

I remember a poem which is apparently about a boy who didn't want to go to school. That is until the last two lines, which go,

“Well, you're forty, you fool.
Besides it's your job, you're the head of the school.”

So I thought I would write a similar one about a vicar, definitely not our vicar, of course, and not our church either. It is called:

I Don't Want to go to Church

“I won't go to church. I'm staying in bed
I'm comfortable here so I'll stay here instead.”

“Come, come,” said his mother, “It's twenty past eight.
You need to get up or you're going to be late.”

“Well, I'm not going. I don't think it's fair.
And nobody really cares if I'm there.

The sidesmen are bossy. They think they're the police.
And nobody's comfortable Sharing the Peace.

The prayers are too long, and the sermons are boring.
I'm quite sure last week I heard somebody snoring.”

“Hurry up,” said his mother. “You need to be quicker.
You've got to be there. After all, you're the vicar.”

After the pleasure of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, things can seem a bit flat when it comes to February, and the congregations tend to be slightly smaller. When the mornings are cold and still rather dark, it takes more effort to get up and go to church.

On Monday afternoons, we have a prayer meeting, for the Ministry Team and anyone else who would like to join us. I must admit that coming off the tennis court at about quarter past three, the thought of a leisurely shower, a cup of tea and a biscuit is more appealing than a rushed shower and a meeting in Freckleton Church. But I have always been glad that I went.

That, I think, is an important point, and it is up to the Ministry Team to make sure that when people do come to church, they feel that it has been worthwhile.

The days when people would go anyway even if the church was cold and draughty and the minister droned on about some minor theological point are

well in the past. Church isn't an entertainment, but people should go away feeling that they were glad they had gone.

Back in December, we had a lovely Advent Carol Service. Unfortunately, it was rather badly attended, quite understandably, as it was wet, windy and icy, so actually quite risky for anyone not too steady on their feet.

However, I remember an Advent carol service in the past, taken by someone who did not prepare services as meticulously as our present vicar, when someone who is usually very complimentary about church services came out and commented, "Well, that was dire," echoing my own thoughts exactly!

So it is important that the Ministry Team make people feel glad that they have come to church.

However, the congregation have their part to play too. The service will go much better if the congregation sing and join in the prayers and responses enthusiastically.

So, I hope to see you in church, even in February, and hope that you go out feeling glad that you had made the effort to go.

Yours in Christ,

Grace Smith

GDPR CONTACT SHEET

Many thanks for those of you who filled in the data protection contact sheets for me. They've been really helpful when I've needed to get in touch with people. I'm hoping at some point going forwards to be able to e mail information out weekly, such as the pew sheet, diocesan news, etc. If you haven't already filled one in, please grab one from the back of church, or ask me or a churchwarden for one and let me have it back so I can keep my records up to date. I'm not allowed to store your personal information without your consent.

Rev. Tracy

KEEPING ME UP TO DATE

Many thanks for letting me know when people have been ill or in hospital or are housebound and in need of sick communion, etc. It's meant I have been able to pray for them, phone, visit them at home or in hospital, or set up visits from the hospital chaplaincy team. Please keep on letting me know, I'd always rather know from two or three people than not at all.

Rev. Tracy

CLEANING TEAM

Thank you to our stalwart team of ladies who have dedicated many years of service to keeping our church looking beautiful. Some of the team are ready to hand the reins over, as age is catching up on them (their words, not ours!). If you are able to help fill the gap in any way, we would be so grateful. Perhaps you can commit to a regular slot on the rota? Maybe you can offer an hour once a month or every couple of months, or possibly you could come to an occasional deep clean of the church?

If you can help in any way with any of these roles, please get in touch with the vicar or either of the churchwardens.

Rev. Tracy

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear friends

Church life has settled somewhat after our rush of wonderful Advent and Christmas services, and at the time of writing this edition of the parish magazine, we have just entered the week of prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January). We are looking forward to participating in next week's joint evening service at Holy Family and joint morning prayer at Freckleton Methodist Church.

Continuing with the Parish Renewal Programme, Rev. Tracy, Anne-Marie and Craig are preparing to attend their second *Leading your church into growth* follow-up meeting at Whalley Abbey on 23 January and then to present the course material at a joint PCC meeting at St Paul's on 21 February. The first session was on *A culture of growth*, and this next session will be on *Missional, spiritual and numerical growth*! Please keep our parishes in your prayers.

Our Social and Fundraising Group recently met, and we are now gathering ideas for a spring social, as well as preparing to plan for this year's Rose Queen social. More details will follow soon.

Meanwhile, our Fabrics Group have been continuing to work through various maintenance tasks, including arranging repairs to the roof and guttering and repairs and improvements to the altar sanctuary lights. We are also preparing for a major audiovisual system upgrade, which is due to arrive later this year.

Yours in Christ, The Wardens

AREA DEAN

Congratulations to Rev. Canon Anne Beverley, who is to become the new Director of Ministry for our diocese in March. Anne is standing down as Area Dean for the Kirkham Deanery in mid-February. Please keep Anne in your prayers as she moves on to her new role and as we thank her for all her support to our benefice, and please pray for the diocese as the process for appointing a new Area Dean begins.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Adapted from our Facebook page...

Thank you to everyone who played, sang, read, or made refreshments at our Christmas carol service on 17 December. It was lovely to have some children from Freckleton C of E Primary School singing for us too.



Another day of making fabulous festive memories at Freckleton C of E Primary School was 19 December: a wonderful nativity in school (in which, somehow, the Coach and Horses pub featured) and a beautiful carol service at church, followed by a delicious Christmas lunch all together in the school hall, thanks to Mrs Currie and her team. This afternoon and evening we were treated to two superb performances of a 'Fireside Nativity', courtesy of our KS1 children.



Bella and Dave were very busy giving out lots of Christmas cuddles. They had a lovely time at Freckleton Lodge Care Home, the Old Vicarage and Croft House Care Home, and even got to join in with a Christmas party.



The autumn term finished with a lovely candlelit carol service around the tree, and a surprise visit from Father Christmas.



Holy Trinity Church glowed in a fiery sunset on 22 December, the shortest day.



Holy Trinity Church, Freckleton

Thank you to all of the children for doing such a great job of building the crib at the first of our Christmas Eve services – and the grown-ups, for joining in with all of the different parts of the story.



Here's another beautiful picture of Holy Trinity Church in the moonlight on Christmas Eve.




Sunday 7 January was a cold but beautifully sunny morning, and on that morning, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, reflecting on the wise men's story. We also prayed using Skittles sweets, to help us think about using the different colours to pray for different needs in the world.



PRAYING WITH SKITTLES

God said, "I have set my **rainbow** in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13



For each **GREEN** sweet, thank God for the good things in your life.
For each **YELLOW** sweet, pray for a friend or neighbour who needs help.
For each **RED** sweet, pray for someone you love.
For each **ORANGE** sweet, pray for someone who is sick or needs to be healed.
For each **PURPLE** sweet, pray for yourself.

Afterwards, celebrate God's power to answer prayer by treating yourself,
"taste the **rainbow**!"

Thank you to our Worship Group at Freckleton C of E Primary School and their special guests for leading us in our Epiphany Praise in church.



Holy Trinity Church, Freckleton

Both St Paul's and Holy Trinity looked pretty when the January snow arrived. Thanks to Les Lawson his photo of Holy Trinity.



The Leading your Church into Growth Prayer

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

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In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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- Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell



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YURCH NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us over the Christmas period. We are delighted that we have already raised £364.98 for Cancer Research UK. The money was raised through my tombola stall and donations for our Christmas crafts.

Back in December, Rev Christine came to a YURCH meeting and had a great money-raising idea: to make table decorations for Christmas. She taught us how to make them, and they sold really well. A special thank you to Rev. Christine for that.

We started our meetings in January by praying the church prayer for growth and then by talking about improvements or changes we would like to see in the world, our church and ourselves.

We talked a lot about wars, crime and bullying, and we hope that they stop and also that there is a lot more respect for everyone, so there is no more racism, homophobia and sexism.

Next, we talked about changes we would like to make in our church, for example, getting more advertising, to make people want to come to our morning services. Other ideas we had were making the services more interactive, more all-age fun worship, and prayers using words we understand better. We also thought more social events that involve the whole family, maybe trying afternoon tea, would be good.

Then we talked about improvements we would like to make in ourselves and in our behaviour. Some of us would like to try to learn something new or try a new hobby, such as rock climbing. We also talked about improving our schoolwork, getting more involved in the school community, being more punctual and eating more healthily.

We hope 2024 is a great year for everyone.

Ella (Rose Queen)

FRECKLETON & WREA GREEN FLOWER CLUB

An entertaining talk of her life with flowers:
Pat Armstrong – 'A slice of life and a cup of tea'

Tuesday 20 February, 14:00

Freckleton Village Hall, 17 School Lane, Freckleton, PR4 1PJ

Come along and listen and enjoy – everyone welcome.

Visitors £6, free refreshments. For information: Sandra, 01772 465510

WI NEWS

The January meeting of Freckleton WI was held in the Memorial Hall on 9 January 2024. There was a large turnout; and Kathy Gemmell, the President, welcomed everyone with greetings for the New Year, and *Jerusalem* was sung.

The speaker this month was Brian Berry; his talk was entitled *Magic with a smile*, and did he live up to that! He started by telling us that records of magic as entertainment went back to Egyptian times, and then went on to more recent history, with familiar names such as Harry Houdini, David Nixon, Ray Alan, Paul Daniels, each performing different types of magic. He then performed some baffling tricks with volunteers from the audience, amid much laughter. Finally, we were alarmed when he realistically appeared to cut off the hand of our president, Kathy Gemmell, with a guillotine, but were relieved that there was no blood and the hand was intact! After a very enjoyable talk, a vote of thanks to Brian was given by Christine Yeoman.

After refreshments and lots of chat, we got down to the serious matter of voting for our choice of resolution to be taken to the WI Annual General Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in June.

This month's competition was for a collage, made from Christmas Cards, and very attractive they were. The winner, judged by Brian, was Lynn Bourn.

After a busy evening, we all went home with a smile on our face, as promised by Brian Berry.

Carole Ainley

MOTHER'S UNION REPORT

In January, we held our Annual General Meeting. We had a review of 2023 and collected subscriptions for 2024. I'm pleased to say that we have three new members and Margaret Salthouse has become an Indoor Member. When the business part of the meeting was over, we enjoyed a "Jacob's Join" afternoon tea.

Our February meeting will be on Wednesday 14 February, and this will be our annual outing to Rigby's Farmhouse Restaurant. We need to be there at 12 noon for the meal to be served at 12:30. We are very grateful to Rigby's, who open especially for us at lunchtime on that day.

If anyone would like to join us, please contact myself or Grace as soon as possible.

God Bless

Anne Kay

MU MEETINGS UNTIL THE END OF 2024

14 February	Meal at Rigby's; Ash Wednesday
13 March	Rev. Tracy Swindells
10 April	Dorothy Hindley, <i>Colours</i>
08 May	Dave Mowson, <i>Music</i>
June	Afternoon tea, Courtyard Café, Clifton
July and August	Holiday months
11 September	Rev. Steve Haskett
09 October	George Cookson, <i>Community work</i>
13 November	Stan's Quiz
December	Panto

SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2024

Sun. 04 Feb.	11:00	<i>Worship4U</i>
Thu. 08 Feb.	09:15	CE School Eucharist
Sat. 10 Feb.	10:00	St Paul's Little Café
Sun. 11 Feb.	11:00	Parish Communion
Wed. 14 Feb.	09:30	Ash Wednesday morning service <u>at St Paul's</u>
	12:00	Mothers' Union meal at Rigby's
		Ash Wednesday evening service <u>details to be announced</u>
Sun. 18 Feb.	11:00	Parish Communion
Sat. 24 Feb.	10:00	Coffee morning
Sun. 25 Feb.	11:00	Parish Communion

Evening Prayer every Monday at 16:00

SOUNDBITES FROM THE BIBLE

Listen: I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Revelation 3.20

In this verse, Jesus is saying that he will come into our hearts and lives if invited, he is not going to barge in where he will not be welcome. Will you invite him in?

Lynn

‘MEMORY LANE’ DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CAFÉ

Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month for coffee, chat, advice, friendship and more. ALL WELCOME. For further information, call in at Freckleton Library.

CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS

We have a box at the back of church for NEW clothes, specifically for the homeless in Preston. As winter is still here, hats, scarves, socks and gloves would be very welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Our confirmation service will be on 26 May 2024 at 19:30 at St Paul's. If you know of anyone Year 6 upwards who wishes to be confirmed, please get them to speak to Rev. Tracy so she can discuss preparation with them.

Rev. Tracy

CLUB DAY 2024

The Three-Church Committee (Freckleton Methodist, Holy Family, and Holy Trinity with St Paul's, Warton) began the planning in mid-January for our Freckleton Club Day procession and crowning ceremony, on 15 June 2024. All are welcome to join in organizing our annual community celebration event.

MY VISITS TO OLD CHURCHES



St Paul's, Warton

Europe has so many old churches that you'll never run out of subjects to photograph. In fact, you're spoiled for choice as there aren't enough years in a lifetime to visit (and to photograph) all of them, even in your own country, unless you're from a particularly small country such as Lichtenstein or Andorra. England has more than 16,000 parish churches and thousands more that belong to other denominations and religions. You may even find a few interesting modern churches, but they rarely have the same 'character' as old buildings.

I have always been fascinated by old churches. In fact, the first photographs I ever had published were of Holy Trinity Church in Poyning, Sussex. This would have been at least fifty years ago, and I was delighted to receive payment from '*Sussex Life*' magazine for reproducing two of my photographs – one a full-page spread. At the time I was living in Haywards Heath, the town where I was born, and had only recently started 'serious' photography – as a poorly paid young apprentice at the time. To get to Poyning necessitated a bicycle ride over the South Downs with one of my friends. In those days, churches were always unlocked, so access was never a problem – the main problem was trying to find the switches to turn on the lights!

Photography in those days was a luxury few of us working lads, or even many adults, could afford, as the costs of film and processing were a never-ending expense and I sacrificed a great deal to be able to take my hobby seriously, despite never having top-notch equipment, so the fee I received from '*Sussex Life*' was a great boost to my wallet as well as my confidence.

As a boy at school, I went on a school trip over a few days and we visited a tiny Sussex church perched on the South Downs – I believe it was Lullington church, not far from Alfriston. I'd taken my dad's plastic 'box' camera with me and took quite a pleasant shot of the exterior of this lovely old church – in black and white in those days. Many years later I printed it in the darkroom of the '*evening class in photography*' I attended for two years and, despite the poor quality of the lens in this camera, I always loved that photograph.

A few years after my visit to Lullington, still a schoolboy, I went on a trip with a group of folk from the church I attended in Haywards Heath to St. Martha-on-the-Hill, on the North Downs, near Guildford, where my dad took a few photographs with his 'plastic box' camera.

Still a teenager – an apprentice, my first adjustable camera was bought second-hand for £9 and I paid for it on hire-purchase (a loan) – I think the repayments were 4/6d per week (pre-decimalisation, now equivalent to 22.5p). How times have changed.

Once I'd advanced a little in age and bought my second adjustable camera, this time a very basic SLR, I walked to Lindfield in the snow and took a photograph of All Saints church at the top of the High Street, looking wonderful with its coating of snow. I printed this photograph to quite a large size and presented it to my maternal grandmother as a Christmas present.

As a young man, I once spent a few days travelling around in my tiny 1967 Morris Mini Van with my beloved yellow labrador – sleeping in the back of the van with my wonderful doggy companion to keep me warm. This would have been around 1970/71 – more than 50 years ago, which I find hard to believe. During this particular trip, I visited Durham Cathedral, Ripon Cathedral and York Minster and took photographs of each – both exterior and interior views.

Now, I'm not a historian, neither am I an expert in old churches, but I do love taking photographs of these wonderful old buildings that are so much part of our heritage. One comment I often receive from viewers of my photographs is that they depict the parts of the church I photograph better than they see it in real life. I try to explain to them the reason is that they are looking at the whole of the church and miss much of the detail, whereas in many of my photographs I try to show a specific detail to the exclusion of whatever else is around it. By taking a large number of photographs of the details they can view the church much more intimately instead of just trying to take in the whole scene – and yes, I do take photographs of the whole scene too – sometimes even panoramic views.

I've sometimes been asked "*Why do you love visiting churches and cathedrals?*"

Of course, I could rattle on about their history or their gorgeous stained-glass windows, but the truthful answer is that I really don't know. It's just something I've always done. I can only say that they have always attracted me in the same way that a magnet attracts iron filings. As you can now understand, taking photographs of churches has always been one of my passions, although I still have no idea why.

More recently, I've started to build a small, non-commercial website, <http://mylancashire.org/>, which has caused me to visit numerous old churches in Lancashire – and a lot more to visit in the future. I do hope you'll have a look at my photographs and maybe you'll get the same bug as me!

By Alan J Cook, GCGI, IEng, MIET, MISTC, MABSW, MSUT

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FRECKLETON HISTORY GROUP



We are a new group in the village, started last year, and we meet on the last Wednesday of the month at Freckleton Library 13:30 to 15:00.



FEBRUARY PUZZLE

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The Old Vicarage Care Home



The Old Vicarage Care Home is situated in an attractive residential area in the quaint village of Freckleton in Lancashire. The home is under new management and has had a recent Care Quality Commission Inspection with a rating of **GOOD** in all areas. The home provides high quality, short, respite and long-term care including day care with bathing service to older people.

The accommodation is provided over two floors, with a variety of daily living spaces for people and their guests to enjoy. Bedrooms are nicely furnished with TV points, a call system and sensor mats. People are encouraged to bring their own furniture to personalise their bedroom. There are communal garden and secure patio areas. People are encouraged to sit outdoors and enjoy the fresh air.

The home is close to local amenities such as chemist, churches – Methodist and Anglican, library, post office, pub, restaurant, shops, and two GP surgeries. There is a bus stop nearby which goes to Preston, Lytham and Blackpool.

Food is freshly prepared at the home and people are offered a choice menu throughout the day. People are encouraged to spend quality time with relatives which includes having a freshly prepared meal together. Staff are trained to a high standard and provide person-centred care to people living at the home with dignity and respect.

People are encouraged to make choices and decisions with regard to daily living to promote empowerment and enhance their sense of wellbeing and fulfilment.

The home employs an activity care assistant who takes a person-centred approach to creating the weekly activity program. Regular consultations are held with people to discuss what they like to do in order for people to have positive outcomes and live their life the way they choose at the Old Vicarage.

The home operates an open-door policy, visitors are welcome to join in with planned events. People are welcome to come and view the home without an appointment.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

22 December	Victoria Wynn
28 December	Perl Marshall
04 January	Helga Harrison
12 January	Valerie Ingham
18 January	Alfred Hall

100 CLUB WINNERS

17 December	Linda Gardner
24 December	Graham and Anne Turner
31 December	David Fare
07 January	Harry and Doreen Whiteside
14 January	Derek Lund

The 100 Club pays out a £25 prize each week, with special draws of £50 at Easter and £100 at Christmas. If you would like to join, for just £1 a week, please contact Heather Nuttall (468071).

ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

All events/services are subject to amendment or cancellation. Please look out for notices on social media and noticeboards at church.

Welcomers (Sidespersons)

For all Sunday services at 11:00

04 February	Sue Dutton	
11 February	Jennifer Gates	Linda Gardner
18 February	Grace Edmondson	Gwen Hughes Freddie Stockton
25 February	Nathan Anderson	Irene Fare

CHURCH LINEN

February Eileen Salmon

Any problems, please contact Grace Edmondson on 634958.

ALTAR FLOWERS

04 February	Mrs M. Outhwaite (14/2)	Dates in brackets are requested dates.
11 February	Mrs S. Gardner (16/2)	
18 February	Lent 1	Extra flowers can be placed in church at any time.
25 February	Lent 2	

For enquiries, please contact Irene Fare, 01772 681054.

Kindly arranged by: Irene Fare

MEMORY VERSE

As I have seen, those who plough iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.

Job 4.8



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or emailing:

freckles@freckleton.lancs.sch.uk

STRIKE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello everybody and a happy New Year to you all,

Here at Strike Lane, we have settled back into our usual routines quickly and are all working hard. Our Year 2 class are now experiencing our Forest School Learning this half term, and pictures can be seen on our Twitter Feed and Facebook Page.

Year 5 have received a delivery of 100 tiny trout eggs as part of their *Trout in the classroom* project. They will be caring for the trout in their tank environment, culminating in a trip to the River Ribble later in the year to release them. Year 5 will also be having a trip to Freckleton Library, which we hope inspires them to use the library regularly, to increase their engagement and enjoyment of reading, and even to join in with the Reading Trails that the library provides. All of our classes visit Freckleton library throughout the year, and Years 4 and 3 will also be visiting this term.

As part of a year-long Science project, funded by The Royal Society, our children have been investigating sustainable ways to grow healthy foods. The children in each class grew a specific type of vegetable or some herbs. By the end of the project, we had some very tasty vegetables, which we cooked in school. The children were encouraged to discover their own healthy recipes, and we would love you to view our recipe book and growing guide, which the children have put together. Please visit our website, <https://strikelane.lancs.sch.uk/latest-news-2/>

The deadline has now passed for applications for Reception Starter places in September 2024, however we will still be offering visits to families new to the area for a possible Reception place next year or for places in other year groups. Please call our school office on 01772 632724 to arrange a visit.

Kindest regards,

Katherine Shuttleworth

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Preston Old Road, Freckleton, PR4 1PB (01772 632318)

New members welcome

New membership – £22, yearly renewals – £10

Club amenities

Teams – snooker, pool, darts, dominoes, fishing.

Concert Room (available for hire for members for a small fee of £70)

Large room with a seating capacity for **120**, large dance floor, large bar area, 3-metre projector screen and large stage.

Ideal for celebrations of any kind, viewings welcome.

Friday night – Meat Bingo. **Saturday night** – Bingo and live entertainment.

TV Lounge (large TV and seating for watching all sports)

Games Room (2 full-size snooker tables, 1 pool table, dartboard, large TV)

February entertainment

Friday Meat Bingo (provided by T. R. Snape family butchers) –

Starts at 20:30

Friday 2 & 9 February, Sunday 18 February, Friday 23 February

Entertainment in the Concert Room – Saturdays from 20:30

Saturday 03 February – Alison D – Female artist

Saturday 10 February – Caine – Male guitar vocalist

Saturday 17 February – Back to Back – Cabaret duo

Saturday 24 February – Jess Jackman Jones – Female vocalist

Extra Events

Tuesday 13 February – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 14 February – Valentine's Day

Friday 16 February – Private party

Sunday 18 February – Line dancers

Meat Bingo is on Sunday 18 February

Sunday 25 February – Private party

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07860 022 846

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For information, contact Mike Ellis or Sarah Houldsworth on 07712-696282, sundayclub@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk.

DAY SCHOOL

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Site Supervision (Sector Security)		01772 764729

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Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Judy Battersby
Parish Safeguarding Officer
07951 516208
safeguarding@freckletonparishchurch.org.uk

Tracy Swindells
Vicar
01772 679515
revtswindells@aol.com

Catherine Smith
Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser
07711 485170 / 01254 502088
catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org

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- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk

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