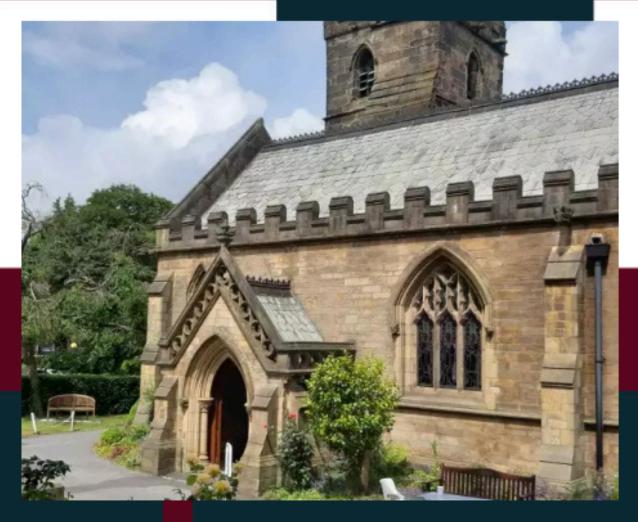
# August & September

# 2025





St. Laurence

## **Weekend Services**

#### Sat 17.00 ALL AGE EUCHARIST

(1st Saturday Parade Eucharist) features an All Age address and contemporary music

#### Sun 09.00 ALL AGE EUCHARIST

features an All Age address

#### **Sun** 11.00 SUNG EUCHARIST

contains a sermon and makes use of more traditional music and the organ

## **Weekday Services**

Mon 18.15 Parish Mission

**Tue** 12.15 The Community and Civic Life of the Town

Thur 12.15\* Prayers for healing

(\*This service takes place at 18.15 on the first Thursday of the month)

Fri 12.15 The 1662 Book of Common Prayer

WE ARE PLEASED THAT ST LAURENCE'S IS REGISTERED AS AN OFFICIAL

#### 'PLACE OF WELCOME'



Places of Welcome is a national scheme of recognised programmes run by local community groups who want everyone in their neighbourhood to have a place to go for a friendly face, a hot drink and a conversation if and when they need it. With over 450 across the UK, each Place of Welcome is unique, but all provide a place for people to connect with one another, find belonging and offer gifts and skills that interest them. Places of Welcome take place in a variety of different venues, including churches, community centres, mosques, temples and other community group buildings across the UK.

## From the Rector....

#### "unless we change we cannot grow"

Many of you will know from the recent public meeting that we are fortunate to now proceed with some repairs to the building and the instillation of a new Kitchen.



To have reached the half a million pounds mark has been no small achievement and I want to place on record all those who have helped in any way with fundraising and obtaining grants. Whilst we have another half million pounds to find, we have shown it is possible and hope that in the coming years we might be able to manage the remainder of the works required if we are to secure St. Laurence's building for future generations of worship and service.

At the time of writing I have no idea yet which parts of the building will be available to us on weekdays or weekends of the 30 week period that the work is being done. We know it will start on 22 September now (not 1st). I hope that by our Patronal Festival we will have a clearer idea. Lots of people are saying various things but until you hear anything definite from me, please take anything you hear with a pinch of salt!

Change and upheaval can always be unsettling for individuals, families and communities. But the whole Christian life is a journey of change and upheaval. One of Blessed John Henry Newman's great adages is "to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." And the late Methodist Minister, Neville Ward, once said "unless we change we cannot grow".

May this period of change and unsettlement be the catalyst by which St. Laurence's changes and segues into the next exciting chapter of its life.

With my love and prayers

Fr Neil

#### SAT/SUN 02/03 AUGUST 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday			No Eucharist in August	
Sunday		09.00	All Age Eucharist	
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist	
Monday	04		No Eucharist in August	
Tuesday	05	12.15	Holy Eucharist	Oswald
Thursday	07		No Eucharist in August	
Friday	08	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)	

SAT/SU	N 09/1	0 AUGUST	PATRONAL FEAST - LAURENCE DEACON AND MARTYR
Saturday			No Eucharist in August
Sunday		09.00	All Age Eucharist
Sunday		11.00	Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist, incense will be used at this service
Monday	11		No Eucharist in August
Tuesday	12	12.15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	14		No Eucharist in August
Friday	15	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP) will include a commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VJ Day

SAT/SUN	l 16/17	AUGUST	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Saturday			No Eucharist in August
Sunday		09.00	All Age Eucharist
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist
Monday	18		No Eucharist in August
Tuesday	19	12.15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	21		No Eucharist in August
Friday	22	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)

#### SAT/SUN 23/24 AUGUST ST. BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE

Saturday			No Eucharist in August	
Sunday		09.00	All Age Eucharist	
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist	
Monday	25		No Eucharist in August	
Tuesday	26	12.15	Holy Eucharist	
Thursday	28		No Eucharist in August	Augustine of Hippo
Friday	29	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)	The beheading of John the Baptist

SAT/SU	JN3C	D/31 AUGUST	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday			No Eucharist in August
Saturday		09.00	All Age Eucharist
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist
Monday	01	12.15	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	02	12.15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	04	18.15	Healing Eucharist
Friday	05	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)

#### SAT/SUN 06/07 SEPT 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday		17.00	All Age Eucharist	
Saturday		09.00	All Age Eucharist	
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist	
Monday	80	12.15	Holy Eucharist	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	09	12.15	Holy Eucharist	
Thursday	11	12.15	Healing Eucharist	
Friday	12	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)	

#### SAT/SUN 13/14 SEPT THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday		17.00	All Age Eucharist	
Saturday		09.00	All Age Eucharist	
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist	
Monday	15	12.15	Holy Eucharist	Cyprian
Tuesday	16	12.15	Holy Eucharist	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway
Thursday	18	12.15	Healing Eucharist	Hildergard Abbess of Binghen trans.
Friday	19	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)	Theodore of Tarsus

#### SAT/SUN 20/21 SEPT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday		17.00	All Age Eucharist	followed by hot chocolate
Saturday		09.00	All Age Eucharist	followed by breakfast
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist	followed by Jacobs Join
Monday	22	12.15	Holy Eucharist	Matthew Apostle and Evangelist trans.
Tuesday	23	12.15	Holy Eucharist	
Thursday	25	12.15	Healing Eucharist	Lancelot Andrews
Friday	26	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)	

#### SAT/SUN 27/28 SEPT ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

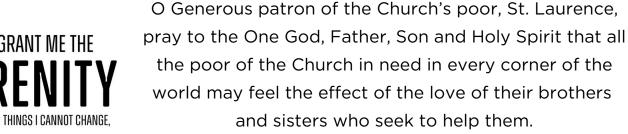
Saturday		17.00	All Age Eucharist
Saturday		09.00	All Age Eucharist
Sunday		11.00	Sung Eucharist
Monday	29	12.15	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	30	12.15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	02	12.15	Healing Eucharist
Friday	03	12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)

# Readings for Sundays & Holy Days Year C

Day	Sunday/Feast	Readings
Sunday 03 August	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21
Sunday 10 August	Patronal Festival	Corinthians 9.6-10 Matthew 16.24-26 or John 12.24-26
Sunday 17 August	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Revelation 11.19-12.6,10 Luke 1.46-55
Sunday 24 August	St Bartholomew	Acts 5.12-16 Luke 22.24-30
Sunday 24 August	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17
Sunday 31 August	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14
Sunday 07 Spetmber	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33
Sunday 14 September	The Holy Cross	Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17
Sunday 21 September	Harvest Festival	Philippians 4.4-9 John 6.25-35
Sunday 28 September	St. Michael and All Angels	Revelation 12.7-12 John 1.47-51

## Prayer

#### A prayer to St. Laurence



Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body.

May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house and the company of the Saviour who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen** 

# GOD, GRANT ME THE SERENTY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIEEE DENICE

#### **Magnificat**

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."

If anyone would like to request for a specific person or intention, in the first instance please contact Joan Hayward (details below) who will arrange for this to happen. Members of the Healing Prayer Group will respond to these prayer requests in strict confidence.

Please contact Joan Hayward on 07500 776195



## JOIN US FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER

# Parishes are invited to make 2025 a Year of Prayer for Growth and Renewal across the Diocese.

The intention for the year is for parishes to pray for new and deeper disciples for Jesus Christ, and to pray for themselves that they may be cleansed and renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit for a season of mission in our centenary year 2026.

#### How can our church get involved?

We are inviting you to join us in three things:

- Praying together the 'Prayer for growth and renewal' prayer in our meetings, services and personal prayer rhythms. The prayer is below.
- Join our Monday Evening Mass for Mission at 18.15.
- Pray around our parish: rediscover the ancient spiritual disciplines walking and praying the bounds of the parish led by Fr Cornelius.

#### God of Mission:

Who alone brings growth to your Church, MTH AND RENEWAL

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



# Parish Quiet Days 2025

Whalley Abbey, The Sands, Whalley, BB7 9SS





#### **Dates and Leaders**

- Saturday 22nd March: Steve Haskett
- Wednesday 2nd April: Anna Walker
- Thursday 5th June: Steve Haskett
- Saturday 23rd August: Joy Rushton
- Tuesday 21st October: Anna Walker

#### **Outline of the Day**

- Opening worship
- Structured and facilitated programme of prayer and reflection
- Lunch
- Prayer walk around the ruins
- Closing Eucharist

#### Cost £30 per person



## Fr. Cornelius

## Ordained Priest 28 June 2025

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priest, **Father Cornelius.** 

Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him; in his sorrows, strengthen him; in his frustrations, guide him.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and may the prayers of Our Blessed Lady and all the Saints be with him this day and always.

Amen.















## Bible Book Club

Last Wednesday of each month 19.00 - 20.30, St. Peter's Vicarage

All are very welcome, no matter how much or little you know about the Bible, so why not pop along for a time of friendship, fellowship and learning?

Our next meetings
will take place on
Wednesday 27 August &
Wednesday 24 September



## **August Services**



St. Laurence's, Union Street, Chorley

## Service times in August

The only services taking place in the month of August will be:

### Sunday

09.00 All Age Eucharist 11.00 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday and Friday
12.15 Holy Eucharist

All other services will resume in September

ALL ARE WELCOME

## **Summer Space & Silence**

St. Laurence, Union Street, Chorley

Weekdays between

04 and 29 August 08.45 - 09.15



# SHORT SUMMER PRAYERS



## Sunday 10 August

## 11.00 Festal Eucharist\*

\*incense will be used at this service

## 15.00 Parish BBQ

in the rectory garden

## Tickets available from the Church Shop £5 for adults (children come free)

This includes a choice of burger or hotdog
(vegetarian options available) followed by fruit pie and cream.
Crisps, lemonade and cordial included. Bring your own drinks.
If you have any particular dietary requirements, please inform the Parish
Office of the precise details in advance as it may not be possible to cater
for these without prior notice.

When ordered to deliver the treasures of the Church, he presented the city's indigent, crippled, blind, and suffering, and declared that these were the true treasures of the Church: "Here are the treasures of the church. You see, the church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor! St. Laurence

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VJ Day 80th Anniversary



Holy Eucharist Friday 15 August - 12.15

(1662 Book of Common Prayer)
will include a commemoration
of the 80th anniversary of VJ Day

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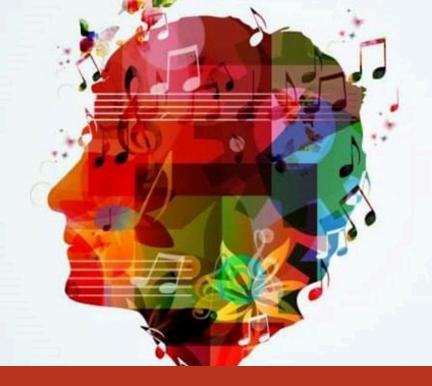
## what's on.....

## August

Tu 05	10.30	Mental Health support
W 06	13.00	CAP Drop in
Th 07	14.30	Mothers Union, Mary Sumner Day Afternoon Tea
C.		Patronal Festival
	Celebra	ting St. Laurence, one of seven deacons who
W		narge of giving help to the poor and the needy.
Sa 09	17.00	All Age Patronal Eucharist
Su 10	09.00	All Age Eucharist
Su 10	11.00	Sung Eucharist 🎍
Su 10	18.00	Youth Club, St. Peter's Club
Tu 12	10.30	Mental Health support
W 13	13.00	CAP Drop in
W 13	14.00	Bereavement Café
		Blessed Virgin Mary
Su 17	11.00	Sung Eucharist celebrating the BVM
Tu 19	10.30	Mental Health support
W 20	13.00	CAP Drop in
M 25	TBC	Parish Walk and BBQ
Tu 26	10.30	Mental Health support
W 27	13.00	CAP Drop in
W 27	19.00	Bible Book Club, St. Peter's Vicarage
S 31	15.00	Light Classics, David Usher (baritone) with Neil Kelley (piano)

## September

Tu 02	10.30	Mental Health support
W 03	13.00	CAP Drop in, each Wednesday in September
W 03	13.00	Standish Stitchers
Th 04	14.30	Mothers Union, Meet, pray, chat
		Education Sunday
Sa 06	17.00	All Age Eucharist with Blessing of School Bags
Su 07	09.00	All Age Eucharist with Blessing of School Bags
Su 07	11.00	Sung Eucharist
Su 07	18.00	Youth Club, St. Peter's Club
Tu 09	10.30	Mental Health support
W 10	14.00	Bereavement Café
F 12	11.30	Launch of the Wellness Hub Winter Programme
F12 -	Su 21	Heritage Open Week
Tu 16	10.30	Mental Health support
Th 18	14.30	Mothers Union, A Curate's Journey, Fr Cornelius Asghar
		Harvest Festival
Sa 20	17.00	All Age Eucharist followed by hot chocolate
Su 21	09.00	All Age Eucharist followed by breakfast
Su 21	11.00	Sung Eucharist followed by Jacobs Join
Su 21	18.00	Youth Club, St. Peter's Club
Tu 23	10.30	Mental Health support
W 24	19.00	Bible Book Club, St. Peter's Vicarage
Th 25	11.00	Macmillan Coffee morning
Th 25	18.00	Ministry Forum
Su 28	15.00	Light Classics Concert, Neil Kelley & friends
Tu 30	10.30	Mental Health support
Art Exhib	oition	Paintbox



## With harmony in mind

A series of monthly light classical recitals using music to support mental health and wellbeing.

There is no admission charge for these recitals but a donation of £5.00 (for those who can afford it) would be welcome.

Concerts start at 15.00 with refreshments available from 14.15

31 August David Usher, baritone with Neil Kelley, piano

28 September

Neil Kelley and friends

26 October 'Brassed Off' an afternoon of Brass Band music



A monthly exhibition featuring works by local artists.

## Shop, Cafe & Exhibition Open; Tuesday - Friday 11.00 - 13.30

August

No display in August

September

**Paintbox** 

October

Harsha/Taysha



Saturday 06 September
17.00 All Age Eucharist

Sunday 07 September 09.00 All Age Eucharist

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## **Harvest Festival**

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Saturday 20 September
17.00 All Age Eucharist
followed by hot chocolate

Sunday 21 September 09.00 All Age Eucharist

followed by breakfast

11.00 Sung Eucharist

followed by Jacobs join

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## REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE



In June 2025 we received an additional £186,691 in funding for our redevelopment project:

- £125,000 Albert Gubay Foundation
- £61,691 Council CIL Funding

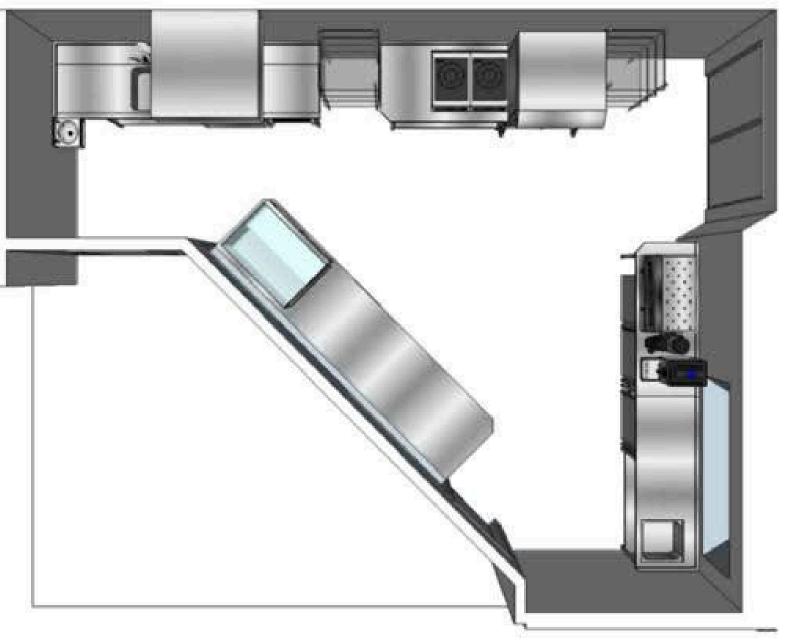
## Our total funding now stands at approximately £500,000

The project has been rescoped to allow works to commence in September 2025 with the funding secured and will address the major areas of water ingress within the church.

### Works will include:

- full refit and upgrade of Taste Cafe kitchen (see overleaf)
- repairs to valley gutters/lead work and new box gutter to north aisle roof slope







## THE MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name, Amen

## Diocese of Blackburn

THE ST. LAURENCE'S
MOTHERS UNION GROUP
MEET ON THE FIRST AND
THIRD THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH
(EXCEPT AUGUST),
14.30 IN THE REFECTORY.

07 August	Mary Sumner Day Afternoon Tea
21 August	MU holiday
04 September	Meet, pray, chat
18 September	A Curate's Journey – Cornelius
02 October	The environment in local water catchment areas, Andrew Ryding
16 October	Wave of Prayer
06 November	Meet, pray, chat
20 November	Christmas Crafts
04 December	Christmas Meal

# Mens Fellowship Group THE BROTHER HUB



# Meetings held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month 7:30pm - 9:00pm

A Takeaway meal will be shared.

People pay what they can afford. (Luke 21 1-4)

The meeting is designed to be fun with a relaxed style of conversation.

The meeting is to aid men's Spiritual health, mental health and general wellbeing.

Interesting and thought-provoking topics will be discussed in each meeting sometimes with a guest speaker.

There will be a healthy mix of faith and secular subjects where the person of Jesus is never excluded.

All conversation will be held in at a respectful manner.

For more information please contact: Neal Bennet-Williams: 07368 410982

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs Ch17. V17

## HOSPITALITY



## TASTE CAFE

During August the cafe, shop and art gallery will be closed.



## CAP Drop-in

Meet Rachel, have a brew and find out how CAP can help lift the weight of debt

## Wednesdays

1pm-2pm No appointment necessary



St Laurence's Church, Union St, Chorley



## Bereavement



with others and find comfort.

St Catherine's

Second Wednesday of the month, 2pm-3.30pm

St Laurence's Church, Union Street, Chorley, PR7 1EB





For more information, please get in touch with the Compassionate Communities team on 01777 629171 or small communities a stratherines could



Scan the QR code to visit our new Wellness Hub website where you can find up to date details of forthcoming events



#### ST LAURENCE'S WELLNESS HUB

## Two Year Anniversary

**APRIL 2023-25** 

The St Laurence's Wellness Hub started officially in April 2023, and marked the launch of a range of courses, groups and services to support mental health and wellbeing. Since then, a range of activity has taken place......



"I'm not scared to go out and meet people any more

"Debt help has changed my life"

#### **SNAPSHOT**

44

Courses delivered within the Wellness Hub

439

People enrolled on courses and sessions

**52%** 

People attending sessions state they have a disability

13

Volunteer 'Wellness Hub Connectors' on duty throughout the week with specialist local knowledge of support

27

Between April '24 and April '25, 27 Volunteers accessed courses, including 'mental health awareness' and 'First Aid', supporting them in their roles and wellbeing

Christians Against Poverty

**Debt Centre** 

Life Skills # Funded by UK Government

**Money Coaching** 

- 47 clients were supported to tackle their debt situation, accessing 297hrs of specialist support from trained CAP volunteer befrienders
- 21 clients presented with a solution to become debt free from CAP head office with 16 people now DEBT FREE!
- 41 people benefitted from CAP Life Skills course, and the Award-winning CAP Moneycoaching courses - learning skills to improve budgets, relationships, shopping habits, cookery skills and much more....

Lancashire Adult Learning

Courses delivered cover a wide range of topics, including wellbeing, employability and educational

- 44 courses delivered
- 340 hours of learning time provided
- Referrals from local partners including Social Prescribers and the Family & Wellbeing service have provided quality learning and wellbeing support for local people

Support

**Bereavement Cafe** 

**Community Wellbeing Coaching** SPRING Mind Lancashire

- **External groups**
- Peer-led support groups have a growing monthly attendance and repeat visits from regulars who value the 'warm and friendly atmosphere'
- Wellbeing Coaching from Lancashire MIND has provided 87 hours of free mental health support to people, including 29hrs for volunteer access
- External groups include Al-Anon, Age UK Lancashire 'Memory Meet', and Age UK Dementia Cafe

## FROM THE REGISTERS

## **BAPTISMS**

05 July	Joseph Derick Lynch Evelyn Lily Gardener

27 July Evelyn Elizabeth Ann Moore



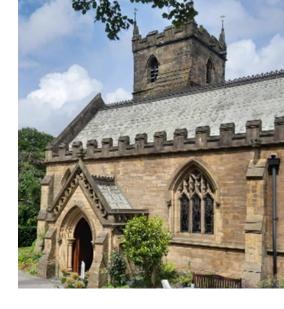
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Church Historian	David Thistlethwaite		
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Hon PCC Secretary	Tracy Earl		
Hon PCC Treasurer	James Laider		

Organist and Director of Music		Alan Winstanley		
Parish Safeguarding Offic	cer	Nicola Pilkin	gton	
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Reader Emeritus	Joan Hayward			
Rector's PA	Mandy Stanton			
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Ringing Manager (Emerit	David Thistlethwaite			
Site Manager	Rob Kelly			
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Tower Captain	Alex Barrack			
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Fiona Pattison			
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