

This Week's Notices

St Annes Churches Together - Saturday 24th January
On Saturday 24th, at 2pm there will be a service hosted by Church Road Methodist as part of the week of prayer for Christian unity. All are welcome to join us.

Parish Dinner

The Parish Dinner is at The Glendower Hotel on Friday 30th January. Arrive 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Entertainment by Tony Shakespeare.

If anyone is able to contribute a prize for the raffle at the Parish Dinner please pass them to Susan McMahon. Chocolates, biscuits, wine and toiletries are always appreciated. Many thanks.

Fylde Coast Women's Aid

This is the last Sunday for donations. I have been delighted with such generosity and FCWA now has a welcome stock of essentials for babies and toddlers. I hope that when our new Priest is appointed he will support this very worthy cause. Christine Campbell

Bible Study Group

We meet on Friday, 30th January in the Choir Vestry at 2pm. If you have enjoyed the Diocesan Advent Course, at the end of which our Bishops encouraged us to continue with this daily pattern of reading the Bible, why not come and join our fellowship group when we look at two of the Bible Readings for the following Sunday (1 February).

St John's Bells

A concert will be given on Saturday 31st January at 3pm, at St. Cuthberts Church, Lytham to support the restoration of the bells at St.Johns Church, Lytham. Admission is £8, children are free and tickets can be obtained from www.ticketsource.co.uk or you can pay on the door. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible.

Stainer's Crucifixion - Sunday, 22nd March.

Advance notice, as in recent years there will be a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion. Rehearsal will be in the afternoon, registration from 1.45pm with the performance at 7.00pm. If you wish to participate email crucifixion.aid@gmail.com

Food Bank

Howard & Diane would like to thank all that donated money to Heyhouses foodbank. We raised over £700. The school have asked us to thank you on their behalf. They were grateful for all the goods we provided.

Diane Glister.

If you are unable to go to the altar to receive your Holy Communion or a blessing, then please speak to a sidesperson who will arrange for you to receive in your pew.



NOTICES for next Sunday's Pew Sheet should be with the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY NOON at the latest. Notices handed in after this may not be included.

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Welcome



**St Annes Parish Church
Sunday, 25th January 2026
Conversion of St. Paul**

Our Worship & Diary for this Week

Today	Parish Mass & Holy Baptism Fr David Lyon	10.30 am
	Sunday School Chorale Amici rehearsal	10.15 am 1.30 - 5.15 pm
	<i>Purity</i>	
Monday	No Service PCC Meeting (Choir Vestry)	7.00 pm
	<i>Courage</i>	
Tuesday	Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily Fr Godfrey Hirst	10.30 am
	Bell Practice	7.00 pm
	<i>Charities</i>	
Wednesday	Low Mass Bill Hembrow LLM	9.00 am
	Wednesday Men	9.30 am
	<i>Gentleness</i>	
Thursday	No Service Choir Practice	7.00 pm
	<i>Our leaders</i>	
Friday	Low Mass OLW Cell Mass	9.30 am
	Fr Godfrey Hirst	
	<i>Christian unity</i>	
Saturday	No service	
	<i>Proclaiming the Gospel</i>	

Services & Readings for Next Sunday

Sunday, 1st February 2026

Candlemass

Parish Mass - 10.30 am

Choral Evensong - 4.30pm

Morning: First Reading - 1 Kings 17:8 - 16
Second - 1 Corinthians 1:18 - End
Gospel - John 1: 1 - 11

Evening: First Reading - Samuel 1:19b - End
Second - Hebrews 4:11 - End

You are all very welcome to join us for tea & coffee after the service. This is served at the back of church.

Collections & Donations

A collection is taken during the service, but if you prefer you can make an offering or donation up to £20 via text
Text SAPC (amount) to 70085, eg SAPC05 for £5
For cash on the Collection Plate, taxpayers please use the yellow Gift Aid envelope.

Collect & Readings for Today

Hymn 505, Lead us, heavenly

Kyrie See order of Service

Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your son Our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading *Jeremiah 1:4 - 10*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Second Reading *Acts 9: 1 - 22*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gradual Hymn 304, For all thy saints

Gospel *Matthew 19:27- end*

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Offertory Hymn 605, We have a gospel

Sanctus & Agnus Dei See order of service

Communion Hymns 510, Light of the mind
204, A heavenly splendour

Motet O saviour of the world - John Goss

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, Who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord

The Angelus

Dismissal Hymn 478, Guide me, o thou



We warmly welcome you all here today.

Please do introduce yourself after the service or complete the card in the pew end and hand to one of our sidespersons. Please don't worry if children make a little noise, there are toy bags at the back of church for younger children and you can always use the choir vestry where there are books & toys.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN (4+), THERE ARE LITURGY BAGS. THE BAGS CONTAIN A CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICE BOOKLET WITH ACTIVITIES LINKED TO THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SERVICE

Toilets and changing facilities are available through the choir vestry at the back of church. Our churchwarden or sidespersons are here to help, so please ask.

For Our Prayers

Those who are Sick or in Particular Need

Ben Akrill, Angela Armit, Elizabeth Arnold, Tessa Bebbington, Ashleigh Broadbridge, Alison Cross, Muriel Driscoll, Justine Eadie, Fr Michael Fish, Marian Hopper, Sarah Kinghorn, Margaret Lane, Cathy Picken, Sheila Pinches, Deborah Pincock, Ian Reece, Brian Rose, Rebecca Stuart, Terry Sutton, Brenda Underwood, Jayne Weaver, Christine Whelan, Jan, Thomas, and Maurice

Long Term Sick and Housebound:

Winston Atkinson, Rita Fletcher, Ann Hazard, Paul Hodgson, Jan Hood, Doreen Taylor, Josie Wilkinson.

The recently departed:

Harry David Percival Smith, Alan Swindlehurst

Please also remember

Ella Jean who is being baptised today