

# archdeacons' visitation news

## Thanks for all you do in our many parishes

I am forever grateful to Mr Kirby. He was my Headteacher at primary school and he made certain we learned the Bible well. He was a Gideon and so he was committed to making the scriptures available to all within his care.

During my time at school, I learned many of the stories of the scriptures and was encouraged to make the Bible my friend.

As we come to this year's Visitation, we will reflect upon the theme of the Bible and particularly the fourth strand of our diocesan vision: 'inspiring children and young people'. This strand is our diocesan focus this year.

I am delighted to be in a diocese that sees this as central to all that we are and are trying to be. The way in which so many of our young people have not been taught the Bible and given access to the scriptures is a source of great sadness.

In saying this, I am conscious that many of the people who read this will be Churchwardens, either past, present, or future. You may be wondering what directly making the Bible available to children and young people is to do with being a Churchwarden?

I would say everything. You, as custodians of your parish churches, can make them the kind of places that will attract young people from which the ministry of teaching them the scriptures can happen. Making space available within the church which children and young people come to know as their own is one practical example. Making space for them in the week to have a time when they can meet and reflect upon life's challenges and what scripture has to say about them is another.

Thank you for all that you do for our parishes, which are the heartbeat of our diocese. Someone taught us the Bible – let us be the generation that commit to helping the next group of children and young people hear all about those stories of faith that we discovered for ourselves some years ago.

**David Picken**  
Archdeacon of Lancaster



### Arrangements during the 'Vacancy-in-See'

**Bishop Philip and Bishop Jill have issued a letter to all parishes in the wake of Bishop Julian's farewell service.**

This letter contains some key information about leadership in the Diocese over the coming months which will be important for churchwardens to be aware of. You can read the letter in full via this page on the Diocesan website: <https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/news/720/arrangements-during-the-vacancy-in-see>

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# Transforming plans for children and young people – with Vision 2026

## Grant funding enables Vision 2026 outreach

Work is well underway on the 'Lighting up New Generations' project across the diocese, and particularly the main project centres:

**St Luke's in Blackburn and St John's in Blackpool.**



Bang on! Bishop Philip takes a turn with the mallet as watching on (l-r) are Rachel and Jason Gardner, Rev. Cath Brooks and Bishop Jill

As announced last year, national church 'strategic development funding' of £3.5m was forthcoming after a project bid from the diocese; with focus on planting two Resourcing Churches in Blackburn and Blackpool.

These plants have emerged out of Preston Resourcing Parish (which itself has been undergoing revitalisation following a successful 2018 SDF application) and we are focussing in this edition on St Luke's.

Currently, building work is helping to transform St Luke's into a space which can be fully utilised for mission purposes. The plans will enable the new resourcing church leaders, Jason and Rachel Gardner, to build on the work of the current incumbent, Rev Cath Brooks; providing renewal in an area of significant deprivation and reaching out to provide witness and discipling to young people.

Mission work with young people has also continued whilst the building work is progressing. Jason and Rachel are working closely with St Wilfrid's High School for example.

"We have outreach to the 1,600 students," Rachel told Archdeacons' Visitation News. "Meanwhile, St Luke's staff team is busy working on the streets of Blackburn, engaging with young people and identifying further opportunities for outreach."

Rachel, a highly experienced youth worker and director of the national organisation 'Youthscape', is also using her skills to support growth across the diocese; helping other churches of all 'churchmanships' to develop youth work in their own parishes.

Meanwhile at St Luke's, essential maintenance will be completed including a new heating system and providing sufficient ancillary space for enhancing youth work. A new church hall will replace the previous hall to enable a greater opportunity for breakout areas and accessible spaces. Bishop Philip and Bishop Jill lent a hand when demolition work began on the old building a few months ago.

All work will be sensitive to the original style, ensuring that it blends into the surrounding local area.

# From Lament to Action



From Lament to Action, the report of the national church Anti-Racism Task Group, makes 47 recommendations to achieve lasting change, and it is required reading for us all.

'Racism exists in the Church of England. We need every person in every church and every school to root it out.' said the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently.

The report sets out five recommended priority areas, with time-bound actions in each, and seven thematic areas of work for the Racial Justice Commission as it examines broader, systemic questions of racism. It paints a vision for the Church and how we might in the future lead our nation on issues of anti-racism and racial justice.

In response, Bishop Julian has appointed Rev'd Dr Sarah Gill, Vicar of Blackburn St Stephen and St James and Bishop's Advisor on UKME issues, to lead his Racial Justice Task and Finish Group.

This small group will consider the report's recommendations and work out how best these can be translated in our diocesan context. The group will report back to the Vision and Strategy Team in September.

'In the meantime, I urge every Churchwarden to bring this report for discussion to its PCC,' said Sarah. You can download 'From Lament to Action' here: [www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/FromLamentToAction-report.pdf](http://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/FromLamentToAction-report.pdf) and visit our new information page here on the Diocesan website: [www.blackburn.anglican.org/from-lament-to-action-information-page](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org/from-lament-to-action-information-page)







## Congratulations to our national winner!

Last year, we launched our 'Good News' competition – and now we're proud to announce the national winner.

We asked for stories about your church community – written in the style of a newspaper article, and accompanied by a photograph and a suitable headline. We were looking for uplifting tales – of battling to achieve something special for the parish, perhaps, or tireless volunteering, or dedication to your congregation or wider locality. And we were inundated with amazing entries.

Our judges worked hard to select five regional winners from the huge list, and we announced this at the end of last year, giving each regional winner £1,500 towards church funds as part of Ecclesiastical's aim to donate profits to transform lives and communities.

Now – with the help of the public, through a show of support for their online story – the overall winner, who will receive a further £6,000, has been chosen.

### A big congratulations to the national winner

**Penlee Cluster Churches**, down in the far west of Cornwall – St John's and St Mary's in Penzance, St Peter's in Newlyn, and St Pol de Leon in the village of Paul.

Determined to bring their community together during those difficult months, they launched a fantastic 'Never Alone' initiative. This multi-faceted campaign saw church members team up with local businesses to take pub meals, Cornish pasties, and fish and chip suppers to elderly and vulnerable people. Read their story and those of the other regional winners at:

[www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp)



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From a simple explanation of the basics of your policy, to guidance on how to combat thieves and vandals, guard against fire, and improve general health and safety, they are there for you, free of charge.



**The team** – (from top left) Chris, Rebecca, Heather, Lynne, Peter, Nicky, Kay and Derek – are all deeply passionate about customer service, and our country's amazing churches.

Amongst them are theologians, choristers, regular churchgoers, and people who have worked with Christian charities here and abroad, so they really understand your specific needs. And because they're based at regional locations all over the UK, they're also able to tailor their advice to your local requirements.

They have decades of combined industry experience – and standing behind them is Ecclesiastical's 135 years of unrivalled expertise and insight in dealing with everything life might throw at you.



Where possible, the Church Insurance Consultants love to meet customers and talk face-to-face, and are happy to host networking events where you can get to know people from other parishes and share experiences, ideas – and smiles.

If you are unable to meet them in person, they're still there, offering exactly the same services online or over the telephone.

To find out more about the team, and how they could help you and your church, please visit: [www.ecclesiastical.com/cic](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/cic) or email [meetus@ecclesiastical.com](mailto:meetus@ecclesiastical.com) (please include your contact details, the name of your church and parish, and policy number if possible), or call them on **0345 777 3322**.

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## Café raises funds – and spirits

When lockdowns led to a dramatic fall in revenue, one church came up with a way to raise funds and create a much needed local community space.



Christ Church in Lofthouse (near Leeds) was struggling for funding, and the village itself had been cut in half by the arrival of the M26 motorway many years ago, leaving its people without a proper place to meet. So the Reverend Mandy Rhodes and others put their heads together and decided to open the TLC Café in the basement of their church.

“Villagers still talk fondly about the old cricket club which was lost when the motorway came through,” said Mandy. “That was where people would meet up for parties and get-togethers. But since it went there hasn’t been anywhere suitable. Like most churches, we were hit really hard by the lockdowns – and we still are, with quite a few of our elderly parishioners now in the habit of joining services online. So we wondered if there was a way we could address both problems, and the café was born.”

They teamed up with CLO Coffee – a Leeds-based Christian coffee shop and roastery – to source a machine and barista training, and redecorated the basement hall, which is the former crypt. In November 2021, they opened the café – and it has gone from strength to strength.

“There’s a lovely, relaxed atmosphere,” said Mandy. “We’re seeing a real group of regulars building – people just like having somewhere to meet up again. After paying off our original outlay we’re now turning a profit, which means we can be more confident about paying our Parish Share. “We have local artists displaying their work here – our current exhibition is of art produced by a local head injury charity – and we take a small 5% cut of any sales, which helps. We have a charity shop and our food bank too. We’re running mother-and-baby drop-ins, and I’m looking at starting baby massage sessions. I’d say the future is bright!”

Especially in rural communities, church buildings are much more than just bricks and mortar. They offer vital spaces for quiet time, reflection and connection, as the TLC Café demonstrates.

From listening to customer feedback, we know that it’s not always easy to pay for the upkeep and care of rural churches, or for the ministry that happens in them.

We asked for your feedback on our printed toolkit – Fundraising in a Box – that was sent to all church customers in January 2021. You told us you liked the toolkit style, but guidance especially for rural parishes would be a helpful addition to our support. That’s why we’ve created a fundraising toolkit for rural churches, full of useful links and expert advice. **You can find it on our Church Fundraising Hub at [www.ecclesiastical.com/rural-parishes](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/rural-parishes)**

### More fundraising support

There are plenty of useful resources and handy templates for all types of churches on our Church Fundraising Hub at [www.ecclesiastical.com/churchfundraising](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/churchfundraising)

## Our Movement for Good Awards open for entry



Charitable giving is at the heart of what we do – and has been for over 135 years. For the past three years, Ecclesiastical Insurance has run the Movement for Good Awards programme, giving away £3 million to great causes.

### Did you know?

In 2021, we were delighted to award £25,000 to church-related charities. Please take a look at our winners’ map to see which charities and churches we have helped in your local area:

[winnersmap.benefactgroup.com](http://winnersmap.benefactgroup.com)

The Awards are back and this year we have over £1 million to donate, but we cannot do it without you. This year, you’ll find information on the awards on our parent company’s website.

**Visit:** [www.benefactgroup.com/movement-for-good](http://www.benefactgroup.com/movement-for-good) to find out more.







## Have you heard the e-news?

E-news is a monthly email full of tips and information and monthly risk reminders for all of our customers and anyone in your church community. To receive it is easy – **all you need to do is register on our website at: [www.ecclesiastical.com/signup](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/signup)** and if at any time you decide you no longer want to receive it, you can click the 'unsubscribe' button at the bottom of the email. Feel free to pass on the sign-up link to anyone you think might like it.

## 'Made Simple' guides



**We know that understanding the insurance responsibilities for your church can be complicated, that's why we've created our 'Made Simple' guides.**

These guides take you through potential risks and insurance implications of the day-to-day running of churches, as well as activities and projects that PCCs are often involved in.

They cover topics such as administration, events, community outreach, people on church premises, church property, building works and legal expenses. **You can find them all on our website at: [www.ecclesiastical.com/church](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/church)**

## Information at your fingertips

The Ecclesiastical website is largely an online library of guidance and support for you and your church community. You'll find information about church and home insurance, risk management, fundraising and grants and lots more. 'Church Matters' newsletter is also on the website, making it really easy to share with others.

**Visit: [www.ecclesiastical.com/church](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/church)**

## Ministry Bursary Awards

### Financial support for 2023 sabbaticals

The experience of a sabbatical can be life-changing and have a long-lasting impact on your church and community. Ecclesiastical's Ministry Bursary Awards (MBAs) provide financial support to members of the clergy planning to take extended study leave. Applications are open now until the end of September.

Established in 1987 to celebrate Ecclesiastical's centenary year, the Awards have supported almost 1,400 clergy members from Anglican Christian faiths. The sabbatical breaks and projects have varied greatly over the years – from traditional and modern-day pilgrimages to study visits, spiritual retreats and pursuits of lifelong dreams and hobbies.

Like Rev'd James Radcliffe from Lincoln, who worked in sports-based ministry in South Africa, or Rev'd Rachel Dale, who studied dementia and also worked with vulnerable children. One of our most recent MBA recipients, Rev'd Canon Imogen Nay, spent her sabbatical in 2021 looking at rewilding and green churches.

Ecclesiastical's Ministry Bursary Awards are open for applications until 30 September 2022. Judging of the applications will take place in November and awards will be made during December 2022.

If you would like to read more about James, Rachel or Imogen's experiences and find out more about the Awards including eligibility criteria and application details, **please visit our website: [www.ecclesiastical.com/mba](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/mba)**



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Originally launched in 2017 to celebrate our 130th anniversary, we have since donated more than £460,000, helping to support over 2,500 churches. A donation of £130 may not sound much, but churches and congregations have used the donations in many creative ways to fund all sorts of things:

**St Mary and Bartholomew Solihull** are using their grant to introduce contactless donations to support the church and raise valuable funds for charitable causes.

*"This is important for both the church to enable us to continue to raise funds, for the parishioners to enable them to continue to donate in church without having to touch cash/the collection plate and finally to the local (and national) charities we support each year through our charitable giving which is only possible from the kind donations our parishioners make." **Duncan Watson**, Treasurer*

**St Albans West Leigh**, which is located in a growing community, with a new housing development opposite the church and a further development close by in the planning stages, are using the money to welcome the new residents.

*"We have decided to use the money to assist in funding welcome packs – which will be a booklet about our church and the locale along with some nice biscuits. The booklet and biscuits enable us to make personal contact with people as they move into our community, and to offer them a warm welcome." **The Rev'd Canon Karina Green**, Priest in Charge St Alban's West Leigh*

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## Enabling mission through the DAC



Parishes across our diocese will want to welcome Jen Read as Senior Church Buildings Officer.

Jen has made a transition to us across the Pennines from Yorkshire to Lancashire following a number of years with Leeds Diocese.

Her role with us combines Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Secretary responsibilities while also being available to visit and liaise with parishes to discuss ideas for building development; helping make those ideas come to life in the best ways possible.

Jen already has a wealth of knowledge and experience that will hugely benefit our parishes; particularly around development and maintenance of church buildings, as well as DAC processes and procedures.

'It's been an absolute joy to join the Diocese of Blackburn as the Senior Church Buildings Officer, but I expect some of you are confused about what this role actually entails,' said Jen Read. 'Part of my role is that of DAC Secretary. You may not all think fond thoughts about the DAC but I hope that over the next few months and years that opinion will change as Andrew Holliday, the DAC Chair, and I work with parishes on changes to buildings.'

Jen told Archdeacons' Visitation News: 'The main function of the DAC is first and foremost to 'have due regard to the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission' as set out in the Ecclesiastical Exemption and Care of Churches Measure 2018.

'Working with the Archdeacons and Rev. Andrew Holliday, the DAC Chair, my role is to ensure that all parishes who come to the DAC get good advice on the care of their buildings whilst always listening to the missional needs of the PCC.'



The second part of Jen's role is linked to Vision 2026.

Many PCCs are currently working out practical ways in which they can realise the vision for their churches and that can impact on buildings. For example, how can a parish reach out to young people when there is no dedicated space for children's work?

Jen continued: 'I enjoy visiting churches and offering advice on changes to buildings and funding so the PCC can meet its missional needs. If your PCC is considering changing the building or it has no idea how or where to start, get in touch. I'll be very happy to visit and discuss it with you.'

Contact Jen on email at [jen.read@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:jen.read@blackburn.anglican.org) or by phone: 07899 348952.



## A personal experience of flagstone theft



In the past year there have been several thefts of flagstones from parish grounds – not just in our diocese, but in neighbouring dioceses. We asked Rev'd Mark Williams to tell the story of his own parishes of Bolton by Bowland and Gisburn.

Mark said: 'It was with some horror that the school secretary came across to the Rectory one day and asked, somewhat innocently, what had happened to our church path!

'The careful removal of some exceedingly substantial York Stone flags had happened overnight whilst I was asleep in the adjacent Rectory.

'We were told the operation involved a reinforced truck suspension and some considerable muscle power; it was cleverly orchestrated and carried out in what can only be described as almost silence.'

Faced with the worry of what to do in the future, the village community raised enough money for CCTV to be installed. When the new stones eventually arrive, sometime in late summer, the church hope to SmartWater mark the flagstones too.

Mark added: 'Although these incidents can be very upsetting, what has been so reassuring in our case is the kindness of the whole village towards the church and the generosity of so many people.'

A conference on Heritage Crime is being planned for 28 September by Lancashire Police and Ecclesiastical Insurance. See the Diocesan website [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org) and the Parish Update ebulletin for further details nearer the time.



## Commitment to 'net zero' by The Church of England

**Collectively, we are now all committed to reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2030.**

Churches can play their part by completing the 'Energy Footprint Tool', which enables you to calculate your carbon footprint.

The EFT is open until 31 July this year for you to enter your 2021 utility bills. You can find it on the **Online Parish Returns System: <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/login>**. A user guide can be found **here: [www.blackburn.anglican.org/test-one-two-three#heading-h2-3](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org/test-one-two-three#heading-h2-3)** and there is also useful information about Eco Church and the Great Big Green Week in September.

At its February meeting, General Synod approved changes to the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules to make the process easier for churches to reach carbon net zero by 2030.

This includes adding solar panels and introducing a heating system that does not use fossil fuel into Lists A and B. There is a sting in the tail, as works which produce more carbon will need more restrictive permissions.

For example, replacing a boiler and heating system with one using a fossil fuel such as gas or oil has been moved from List A and B to needing a full faculty. An explanatory note, including the amended rules, can be downloaded from the Church of England website [here](#). The new rules come into effect on the 1 July.

Thinking of replacing your heating system? We can offer advice on the best system for your church, including environmentally friendly options to reduce carbon emissions; **just contact Jen Read for more information: [jen.read@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:jen.read@blackburn.anglican.org)**

## Never a dull day for our Registrar!



Some of you may have seen a useful article in the national newspaper 'The Times' in January in which our Registrar, Lisa Moncur, talks about her role in the dioceses of Blackburn and Chester.

Lisa says: 'As a Diocesan Registrar, I never know what to expect, and there is never a dull day!'

The full original article is behind a paywall but we have got permission to reproduce the article on our diocesan website and you will find it **here: [www.blackburn.anglican.org/registry-including-profile-of-our](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org/registry-including-profile-of-our)**

Lisa is on hand to advise on the legal aspects of running a parish, from churchyard issues to marriages and record-keeping – just about anything on which parishes need support.

'My aim is to ensure church officers of any variety and especially lay officers know they can contact the Registry. No question is too big or small and if we can't answer it then we may be able to pass it to someone who can,' Lisa adds.

**The best way to contact the Registry is always by email, initially to Paddy Brown, the Registrar's Clerk on [paddy.brown@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:paddy.brown@blackburn.anglican.org)**



### For more information

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## Ways to keep in touch



In addition to the Archdeacons' Visitation News you are reading right now, we have many active communications channels parishes can engage with to keep up to date, writes **Ronnie Semley**, Diocesan Communications Manager.

There is the diocesan website [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org); our active **Facebook page** and **Twitter feed**;

while videos are regularly posted to our **YouTube** channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZ\\_3qPsmiiP4-StDmTXrlw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZ_3qPsmiiP4-StDmTXrlw) Please subscribe/like/follow and share material from our channels.

Then there is Parish Update – our very popular internal ebulletin to parishes sent every two weeks. If you don't receive it already, you can **subscribe here: [www.blackburn.anglican.org/subscribe-to-our-ebulletins-including](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org/subscribe-to-our-ebulletins-including)** where you can also subscribe to our other ebulletins: Safeguarding Matters, Lay Ministry News and Money Matters if you want.

Ronnie also co-ordinates all media activity on behalf of the Bishops and Senior Team, including crisis communications, supporting diocesan events, providing communications advice and training, and much more. **Contact Ronnie by email: [ronnie.semley@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:ronnie.semley@blackburn.anglican.org)**



## The Bible Society was chosen for this year's Visitations

Bishop Julian chose The Bible Society to benefit from this year's Visitations. Working in over 200 countries, **The Bible Society** is a charity on a global mission to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman and child. Check out their Bible study courses for both church and personal use. **To donate, use this link: <https://bit.ly/3DEVYFO>**

## The Vine Community

**Launched in the diocese in March this year, The Vine Community is a simple, flexible and accessible framework for living out a Christian life.**

Whatever your situation and age, whether lay or ordained, there are three questions to help you explore what faith means to you already and how to make the most of it.

This isn't necessarily about doing something 'extra', but about giving yourself the space to be the person God has made and to grow in your relationship with Him; with an active, practical response to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Information/resources **here: [www.blackburn.anglican.org/the-vine-community-main-homepage](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org/the-vine-community-main-homepage)**, including video introductions; how to order The Vine Community prayer cards and much more.

## Generous giving between two parishes brings new purpose

**Two Lancashire churches have seen the immediate fruits of generous financial giving as our diocese continues to encourage 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' as part of our Vision 2026 strategy.**

In this edition of Archdeacons' Visitation News, we wanted to share this story as an encouragement.

Over the past three years, St Chad's in Poulton-le-Fylde took its Biblical responsibility to 'love thy neighbour' very seriously (alongside its sister church St Hilda's) by making large contributions to the finances of St Nicholas Church in Fleetwood; a total of £30,000.

You can read the full story told by the vicars, Rev. Martin Keighley and Rev. Carolyn Leitch (pictured with members of their parishes) **here: [www.blackburn.anglican.org/news/670/generous-giving-between-two-parishes](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org/news/670/generous-giving-between-two-parishes)**

