I give thanks for the amazing relationship we have with Tatham Fells School. It is such a privilege to be able to work with such wonderful teachers, support staff and children. As well as going in regularly to lead Collective Worship I also help in lessons and am a governor. The school was invited to take part in Experience Advent which took place in church with stations explaining different aspects of the Advent season. Although these experience activities take a lot of planning and preparation the children really enjoyed coming to the sessions. The Open the Book and Loaves and Fishes team regularly go into school providing fun and exciting ways for the children to connect with Bible Stories. Thank you to all those involved in preparing and leading these activities.

In September we said thank you to Ann Dawson as she stepped down from active ministry in the Benefice. The ministry team is struggling to be able to lead all the services throughout the benefice every month and I am really grateful for those who are willing to lead the congregation led service. Please do pray for more leaders to come forward.

Thank you to all who help with the organising, administration and worship across the parish. Helen and John, Sara, Edward, Peter all PCC members, the sides people, those who do the refreshments, flowers and all those who work behind the scenes.

I would like to thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support over this past year. There are many things that we can look forward to as we focus on praying for growth and renewal not only in the churches in the benefice but for the whole of Blackburn Diocese. In the last three years it has been wonderful to see shoots growing in all sorts of different places and I give thanks to God for that. Please do continue to pray this year especially on a Monday mornings for continuing growth – not only for people to attend church but also that we grow spiritually into a deeper relationship with God.

God bless,

Jane

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.
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