



On location with Bishop Joe at St Leonard's

On Tuesday morning we were delighted to welcome Bishop Joe, the Bishop of Burnley, to St Leonard's. His visit was part of the filming for Fruitful, the Diocese of Blackburn's mobile app.

The Bishop, pictured at a recent visit to Penwortham, recorded a short video in church for the third episode in a four-part series exploring the Apostles' Creed. This episode, which pointed to the cross, is expected to be released in November on the Diocesan Mobile App, Fruitful.

Fruitful is a resource created by the Diocese to help people of all backgrounds and ages grow in confidence in their faith. The app is free to download from Apple's App Store or Google Play and opens up a digital space that is always available.

Once installed, Fruitful offers users the chance to read the Bible wherever they are; to be inspired in prayer and be encouraged in worship in fresh and creative ways

It's exciting to think that people right across Lancashire (and beyond!)



will be able to learn more about the Creed with the help of Bishop Joe, and that the cross at St Leonard's will help form a visual link to his reflection.

Do look out for the video in November, and in the meantime why not download Fruitful yourself and explore this new way of connecting with God's word?



PENWORTHAM FARMERS MARKET

will be held at
St Teresa's Car Park,
Queensway, Penwortham,
PR1 0DS, on Saturday 6th
September from 9am to 1pm

The Market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fresh Fish, Jams, Plants, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Fudge plus a variety of craft stalls. Stalls are both inside and outside the Scout Hut, with tea and coffee served inside with breakfast barmes and cakes available from the stalls.



All aboard at St Leonards...

Right now it may be more four by two than two by two, but if you've passed by St Leonard's recently, you may have noticed something rather unusual taking shape outside the church. No, your eyes aren't deceiving you – it really is an Ark!



It's part of this year's Penwortham Scarecrow Festival, and our chosen theme is Noah's Ark. Thanks to the generosity of Rev Janet's brother, Roger and his company North West Timber, who kindly donated and delivered the wood on Wednesday, the build has begun



in earnest. Since then, Philip W, Dennis, Rev Janet, Rebecca, Imogen and James have been hard at work with saws, hammers and plenty of enthusiasm. The result is already looking fantastic as the Ark slowly rises in front of the church.

The reaction from passers-by has been mixed – some hurry past, others smile and shake their heads, a few have wondered whether we

are ever so slightly bonkers, and one or two have asked, a little nervously, if we know anything about an impending flood!

Of course, no Ark would be complete without its animals. Wonderful creatures of all shapes and sizes are already being made, ready to take their place on board. More will be finished at our Scarecrow Workshop on Saturday 13th



September – everyone is welcome to come along and lend a hand.

We want to say a huge thank you to all who have already donated materials, and to those who have been busy at home cutting, stitching, and crafting the first of our scarecrow animals. Your creativity and generosity are bringing this project to life!

The Scarecrow Festival itself runs from 20th to 28th September, and we're excited to be part of it again this year. Do come and see the Ark in all its glory – and the

many animals – and enjoy the creativity and community spirit that make this event such a highlight in Penwortham.

And of course, Noah's Ark is more than just a good story. It is a reminder of God's promise to his people – a promise of hope and new beginnings. As the rainbow shone after the flood, so we remember that God's love and faithfulness endure through every season of life.



Talking Tables — and — Chatting Chairs

from 1.30pm
on Tuesday 1 September.



Always first Tuesday
of the month.

CHURCH DIARY

Sunday 31 August - Trinity 11

8.30am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 3 September

10am Eucharist

Friday 5 September

8am Morning prayer in church
for growth and renewal.

Sunday 7 Sept - Trinity 12

8.30am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10 September

10am Eucharist

Friday 12 September

8am Morning prayer in church
for growth and renewal.

Sunday 14 Sept - Trinity 13

8.30am Said Eucharist
10am All Age Service of the
Word, followed by the Baptism
of Isaac Owens at 11:30am

ST LEONARD'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 27 September at 7pm

"Magic Voices Choir"
A Concert for Preston Arts Week
sponsored by Preston Arts.
(Church)

Sunday 28 September at 12 noon

"Harvest Lunch" (Hall)

Sunday 5 October at 7pm

"An Evening of Music from Stage
and Screen" Preston Symphony
Orchestra (Church)

Sunday 2 November at 12 noon

"Patronal Lunch" (Hall)

Sunday 16 November at 2pm

Concert by St. Leonard's Gilbert
& Sullivan Group (Church)

Saturday 22 November at 1pm

"Christmas Fair" — A Purrfect
Friend Group

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 November

"Christmas Tree Festival"
(Church & Halls)

Saturday 6 December 10am

"Arts and Crafts Fair" Ian
Hamilton (Halls)

Sunday 7 December at 2pm

Preston Opera presents "Opera
Classics from the Small and
Silver Screen" (Church)

Sidespersons, Readers & Coffee Rota

Sunday 31 August - Trinity 11

8.30am Irene Farrimond and
Elizabeth Bunyan. *Reader:* Philip
Range.

10.00am Brian Bamber. *Reader:*
Andrea Waine. *Prayers:* Revd.
Simon. *Coffee:* Lorraine and Ann.

Sunday 7 September - Trinity 12

8.30am Franklin Bello and Peter
Milner. *Reader:* Susan Range.

10.00am Joyce Helm and Andrea
Cartwright. *Reader:* Melvyn Gardner.
Prayers: Diane Raynor. *Coffee:* Linda
and Alistair.

Sunday 14 September - Trinity 13

8.30am Irene Farrimond and
Elizabeth Bunyan. *Reader:* Rev.
Simon.

10.00am - All Age Service of the
Word Linda and Alistair Woollard.
Reader: Ann Butterworth *Prayers:*
Set Prayers. *Coffee:* Barbara and
Christine.

Pine cone-tributions are complete!

A huge thank you to everyone who gathered, bagged and brought in pine cones. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, Rev Janet now has plenty for this year's displays — no more contributions needed! She's very grateful for all your help.

If you have any prayer requests that you would like to share in this news-letter, please email revsimonking@gmail.com

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