



# The ark went up, and the rains came down!

Last Friday afternoon (19th September) a cheerful band of volunteers gathered at St Leonard's to put the finishing touches to our Noah's Ark entry for the Penwortham Scarecrow Festival. Under bright skies and in an equally bright spirit we soon had the cabin firmly fixed on the Ark and began adding our menagerie: elephants, horses, giraffes, monkeys and crocodiles all found their place aboard. The rainbow went up too, completing the scene in a burst of colour. By the time we stepped back to admire our work, the Ark looked fabulous.

The afternoon itself was as heart-warming as the finished display. People brought tools and endless good humour. Straw and fabric scraps flew, scissors snipped, knots were

tied and retied. Everyone lent a hand, and the cabin and animals took shape far more quickly than we expected. It was a wonderful example of what can happen when a whole church family pitches in together.

All through the afternoon passers-by stopped to watch the progress. It was especially popular with children walking home from school, who pointed out the animals and smiled as they passed. It has been lovely to see our church grounds become a place of curiosity and delight for the local community.

On the Saturday, in true Noah style, the heavens opened and we experienced a downpour of almost biblical proportions! *Continued over...*



## PENWORTHAM FARMERS MARKET

will be held at  
St Teresa's Car Park,  
Queensway, Penwortham, PR1  
0DS, on Saturday 4th October  
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.*



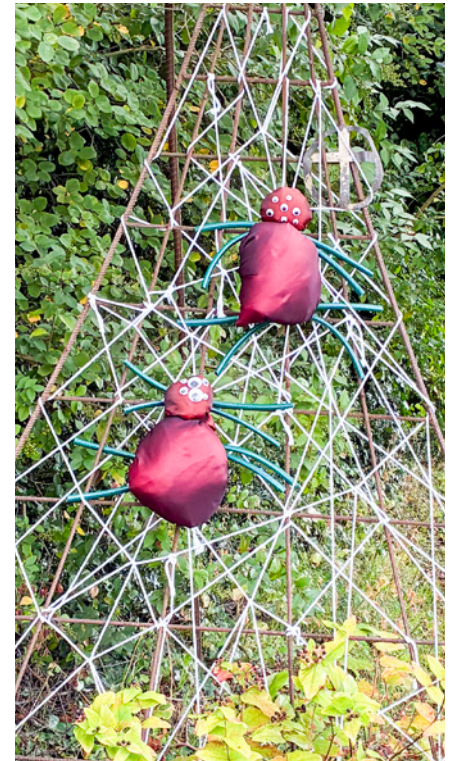


# Going in two by two...

*Continued from cover.* We even posted an apology on our social media channels to reassure the community that we were, most probably, not responsible for the rain. By Sunday the weather had dried up and the Ark – with all its inhabitants – had held up beautifully. Throughout the week it has continued to wow those who walk past.

The Ark is more than just a scarecrow display; it's a sign of the creativity and welcome of our church. This project has been a marvellous team effort, showcasing the imagination, skill and good humour of our congregation. It has brought together wood-workers, sewers, planners and plenty of willing hands. Special thanks go to those who have been working behind the scenes for weeks cutting, stitching and shaping, and to everyone who gave up time last Friday to help bring the whole scene to life.

The results of the festival competition have yet to be announced, but in terms of co-operation, friendship and community spirit, we are already winners. We have built something that not only looks wonderful but also reflects the warmth and welcome of our church and has given our neighbours a reason to smile. We hope many



of you will have a chance to come and see the Ark before the festival ends.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who contributed time, ideas, materials and hard work to make it all happen. Together we have created something memorable – a colourful storybook in three dimensions – and a reminder that when we work together we can build something bigger than any of us could alone.

## CHURCH DIARY

### Sunday 28 Sept - Trinity 15

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10am Sung Eucharist

### Wednesday 1 October

10am Holy Communion

### Friday 3 October

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

11:00am Funeral for the late Beverley Sutcliffe. Followed by committal at Hill Road South Cemetery.

### Sunday 5 Sept - Trinity 16

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10am Sung Eucharist

### Wednesday 8 October

10am Holy Communion

### Friday 10 October

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

### Sunday 5 Sept - Trinity 16

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10am Harvest Festival - All Age Service











## ST LEONARD'S PRAYERS FOR GROWTH AND RENEWAL

Our Friday Morning Prayers for Growth and Renewal continue to be a quiet but powerful part of our week. Meeting at 8am in church, this short time of stillness and reflection offers a meaningful way to begin the day — centering ourselves in God's presence before the busyness unfolds.

## ST LEONARD'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**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 28 September - Trinity 15**

8.30am Peter Milner and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Peter Milner.

10.00am Barbara Palmer. *Reader:* Brian Bamber. *Prayers:* Angela Milner *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn.

**Sunday 5 October - Trinity 16**

8.30am Philip Range and Susan Range. *Reader:* Philip Walsh.

10.00am Laraine Southwell and Jenny Stanton. *Reader:* Andrea Waine. *Prayers:* Diane Raynor *Coffee:* Linda and Alistair.

**Sunday 12 September - Harvest Festival, All Age Service.**

8.30am Irene Farrimond and Elizabeth Bunyan. *Reader:* Andrea Waine

10.00am Brian Bamber. *Reader:* Ann Butterworth. *Prayers:* Set prayers. *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

If you have any  
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