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# All Aboard! For the Scarecrow Workshop



On Saturday 13th September, our church hall was transformed into a hive of creativity for our Scarecrow Workshop Day. From 10.00am until noon the place buzzed with laughter, chatter and a fair bit of straw as we rolled up our sleeves to help make our entry for this year's Penwortham Scarecrow Festival.

Rev's Janet and Simon are hugely grateful to everyone who came along and lent a hand. In just two hours we managed to create Noah, his wife and son plus a whole menagerie of animals ready to board the Ark: elephants with flapping ears, stripy tigers, lions with shaggy manes, crocodiles with big grins, cheeky monkeys and even a few spiders. These will all be added to the Ark on Friday 19th at 1.00pm in time for the festival opening.

What made the morning so special was not only what we produced, but the way so many gifted people came together. Behind the scenes our tal-

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ented church members had been cutting, stitching and crafting for weeks, and on the day they worked together with patience and good humour.

A special thank-you goes to Jean and Brian, who organised and prepared a steady supply of delicious sausage and bacon butties — just the thing to keep our hungry crew going on a busy Saturday morning. It's hard work making a crocodile smile and a tiger sit up straight!



The Scarecrow Festival runs over this coming weekend and we hope our efforts will lift the spirits of our community and give everyone a reason to smile as they walk past St Leonard's. Of course, it would be lovely if the judges recognise our entry, but even if we don't win a bean we know the real prize is the fellowship, the stories and the memories we've created together.

This year's Ark is not just a scarecrow display; it's a sign of our church family working together, using our skills for something joyful and public. We're excited to see the finished Ark in place this weekend and to welcome all the animals aboard. Do come and take a look, bring a friend, and share in the fun.

Well done, everyone, on a truly wonderful team effort, see inside for more pics.



## CHURCH DIARY

## Sunday 21 Sept - Trinity 14 / St. Matthew

8.30am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist

### Wednesday 24 September

10am Holy Communion

#### Thursday 25 September

11:45am Funeral for the late Maureen Bell. Followed by 1pm committal at Burscough Crematorium.

#### Friday 26 September

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

#### Sunday 28 Sept - Trinity 15

8.30am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist

#### Wednesday 1 October

10am Holy Communion

#### Friday 26 September

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.











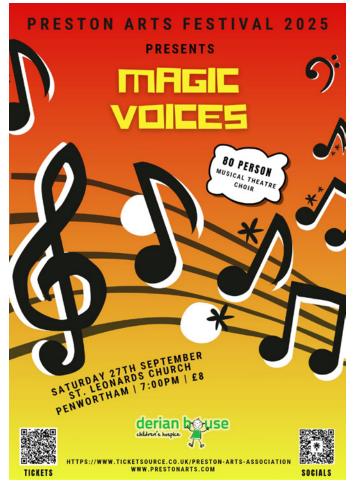














#### ST LEONARD'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## 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 21 September - Trinity 14 / St Matthew

**8.30am** Franklin Bello and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Angela Milner.

**10.00am** Sylvia Johnson. *Reader:* Laraine Southwell. *Prayers:* Rev. Janet. *Coffee:* Laraine and Ann.

#### **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.

Friday Morning Prayers Growing Together 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.

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

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