



We need your help or our Annual Christmas Tree Festival!

Preparations are well under way for this year's St Leonard's Christmas Tree Festival, and as always, it promises to be a wonderful weekend of festive fun, creativity, and community spirit. But to make it all happen, we really do need your help!

We are currently looking for:

- **Raffle donations** – anything from chocolates and biscuits to small gifts or vouchers.
- **Christmas hamper items** – festive treats, preserves, or seasonal goodies.
- **Craft stall contributions** – hand-made decorations, cards, or gifts are always popular!

- **Cakes and soups** – for our refreshments menu, ably managed by Jean and Sylvia, who would love your support.

There's a sign-up list at the back of church for anyone able to bring a cake or a pan of soup (please note what type you'll make).

We also need volunteers throughout the weekend to help everything run smoothly. There are rotas for:

- **Entrance and Welcome** – greeting visitors and taking entry fees.
- **Refreshments** – serving and helping Jean and Sylvia (and giving them a well-earned break!).
- **Craft Stall and Raffle** – helping with sales and tickets.

Even an hour or two makes a big difference, and it's a lovely way to meet people and share in the joy of the event.

And finally, a huge thank you in advance to everyone who contributes – whether you bake, make, sell, smile, or serve, we couldn't do it without you.

Your time, energy, and generosity make this festival such a special part of our church's Christmas celebrations each year.

If you would like to help, there are sign up sheets at the back of church or email revsimonking@gmail.com.

Let's make this year's Christmas Tree Festival our brightest and best yet!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH 2025

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 November

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Sunday 30 November at 4:15pm

TREE FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 21 December at 6pm

CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 23 December at 4pm

TWO SLEEPS TO GO CRIB SERVICE

Wednesday 24 December at 4pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Wednesday 24 December at 11.30pm

MIDNIGHT SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday 25 December at 9:15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

ALL ARE WELCOME

on Sunday
16 November 2025
at 2pm

St. Leonard's
Gilbert & Sullivan Group
presents

Dreams & Fantasy

A concert featuring
the music you love

at St. Leonard's Church,
Marshall's Brow
Penwortham

Tickets £6

Children under 12
free with an adult

From Lucy Bunce,
Philip Walsh or
on the door

Christmas Tree Festival Draft Itinerary

Friday 28th November

Meet at 1pm to move chairs and prepare church and large hall tables for stalls and activities.
2 to 7pm trees arrive.

Saturday 29th November

Meet at 9.00am for final preparations.
10am Festival opens to the public
1.15 and 2.30pm "Two Note" to play
4pm Festival closes for the day

Sunday 30th November

12pm Festival opens
3.30pm Draw the raffle
4pm Festival closes
4.15pm Songs of Praise

CHRISTMAS TREE
Festival 25
On Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November 2025

Sunday 2 November All Saints and All Souls

8.30am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm Patronal Lunch
6pm All Souls Service of Remembrance

Tuesday 4 November

1.30pm Talking Tables and Chatting Chairs Cafe

Wednesday 5 November

10am Holy Communion

Friday 7 November

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

Sunday 9 November Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.15am Civic Service of Remembrance followed by Act of Remembrance at the Penwortham Garden of Remembrance.

Wednesday 12 November

10am Holy Communion

Friday 14 November

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

Patronal gift reminder it's a gift for St. Leonard's

As part of our Patronal Festival celebrations, we continue the lovely tradition of giving a Patronal Gift — something that benefits the whole church community.

Just to be clear, this isn't a gift for the vicar, but a gift to the church itself — something practical and useful that will help us in our worship and shared life together.

This year, donations will go towards purchasing a large flat-screen TV on a mobile stand. This will make it much easier for everyone to see

videos and presentations — especially given how bright our church can be! It will also be a huge help for groups, events, and courses held in different parts of the building.

If you'd like to contribute, donations can be placed in the envelopes at the back of church, clearly marked "Patronal Gift." Every contribution, large or small, will make a difference.

Thank you for your generosity — together, we can make this a really worthwhile and lasting gift for the whole church family.



Talking Tables — and — Chatting Chairs

from 1.30pm
on Tuesday 4 November.



Always first Tuesday
of the month.

Eco Group

please come and
join us and help us
to achieve silver

A quick reminder that our Eco Group is growing — and there's still room for you. Rev Simon and Ian Dawson are attending the Diocesan Eco Conference on Saturday 1st November, with seminars and a keynote from eco author Ruth Valerio.

They are hoping to bring back plenty of ideas we can put into practice



here at St Leonard's. If you'd like to get involved, please do speak to Ian Dawson or email him iandawson@live.co.uk. It would be great to have you on board.

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

Sunday 2 Nov - All Saints

8.30am Philip and Susan Range.
Reader: Angela Milner.

10.00am Sylvia Johnson. Reader: Andrea Waine. Prayers: Diane Raynor
Coffee: Linda and Alistair.

Sunday 9 Nov - Remembrance

8.00am Irene Farrimond and Elizabeth Bunyan. Reader: Andrea Waine.

9:15am Barbara Palmer. Reader: Philip Walsh. Prayers: Set Prayers

Sunday 16 Nov - 2nd before Advent

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

10.00am Laraine and Jenny. Reader: Laraine. Prayers: Angela Milner
Coffee: Laraine and Ann.

Sunday 23 Nov - Christ the King

8.30am Peter and Angela Milner.
Reader: Philip Walsh.

10.00am Brian Bamber. Reader: Brian Bamber. Prayers: Rev. Simon
Coffee: Brian and Melvyn.

ST LEONARD'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2 Nov at 12 noon

"Patronal Lunch" (Hall)

Tuesday 4 Nov at 1.30pm

Chatting Chairs and
Talking Tables Cafe

Sunday 16 Nov at 2pm

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

Saturday 22 Nov at 1pm

"Christmas Fair" — A Purrfect Friend Group

Sat 29 & Sun 30 Nov

"Christmas Tree Festival" (Church & Halls)

Saturday 6 Dec 10am

"Arts and Crafts Fair" Ian Hamilton (Halls)

Weds 3 Dec 7.30pm

Come and Sing Christmas Rehearsal - The Rawstorne Singers

Weds 10 Dec 7.30pm

Come and Sing Christmas Concert - The Rawstorne Singers

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