

Last Saturday, members of St Leonard's PCC gathered at Whalley Abbey (pictured) for a much-valued Away Day, taking time out from the busyness of everyday parish life to pause, pray, and reflect together.

The day offered space to think deeply about where God may be leading St Leonard's next, and to listen for his guidance as we seek to shape the church's vision for the coming years. Through prayer, discussion, and shared conversation, we explored our story — where we've come from, where we are now, and where we believe God is calling us to be.

It was a day marked by openness, good humour, and genuine faith. Everyone who attended appreciated the opportunity to step back, listen, and discern together in such a peaceful setting.

Please continue to keep the PCC in your prayers as we reflect on what we heard and begin to translate those insights into practical next steps for our church and community.

PCC Away Day at Whalley Abbey



Harvest thanks from the Foodbank



A big thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Harvest Festival collection last week — including, of course, the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorer Scouts from our very own 9th Penwortham. Your wonderful gifts of food and essentials have now been passed on to the Churches Together in Penwortham Foodbank, where they will make a real difference to local people in need.

Over the past twelve months (October 2024 – September 2025), the Foodbank has supported 329 local households and distributed more than 3,000 parcels — a clear reminder of how vital this work continues to be.

Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity help ensure that no one in our community need go hungry. Thank you once again to everyone who gave so willingly and helped make this year's Harvest celebration such a powerful expression of faith in action.



Middleforth Pupils join in the Diocesan Year of Prayer at Preston Minster

Earlier this week, Headteacher, Mrs Pilkington and a group of staff and pupils from Middleforth Primary School joined children from five other Preston schools for a very special gathering at Preston Minster, celebrating the Diocesan Year of Prayer.

The morning was led by the children themselves, with a representative from each school hosting from the front – a wonderful reminder that faith and leadership can begin at any age.

Archdeacon David spoke about prayer as a relationship with God, while Iain Parks, the Diocesan Director of Education, closed the event by telling the story of Daniel in the lions' den – a vivid reminder of the power of prayer in even the most difficult times.

It was a truly inspiring morning of faith, friendship, and creativity. Well done to everyone involved, and especially to the children and staff of Middleforth Primary School, who represented their school and parish community so beautifully.



Inside the historic church, the children explored 12 creative prayer stations, each designed to help them pray in different ways – through art, reflection, movement, and imagination. The building was alive with colour, energy, and quiet moments of thought as pupils shared in this joyful time of worship together.



Would you like to join our new Eco Group?

A big thank you to those who've already signed up to be part of our new Eco Group at St Leonard's! The group will be exploring ways we can continue to care for God's creation – through practical action, fresh ideas, and a renewed sense of gratitude for the world around us.

We've already achieved our Bronze Eco Church Award, and now we're aiming for Silver – but we'll need more hands, ideas, and enthusiasm to get there! If you have an interest in gardening, growing, recycling, sustainability, or simply enjoying the beauty of nature, we'd love you to join us. Everyone is welcome – no expertise required, just a willing spirit and a love for creation.

To find out more or to get involved, please contact Ian Dawson at iandawson@live.co.uk. Together, we can help St Leonard's make a real difference for the planet – one small step (or seed!) at a time.



Sunday 19 October - Trinity 18

8.30am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 22 October

10am Holy Communion

Friday 24 October

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

Sunday 26 October - Last after Trinity

8.30am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 29 October

10am Holy Communion

Friday 31 October

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

Our Patronal gift - coming to a large screen near you.

Each year at St Leonard's, it's our tradition to mark our Patronal Festival with a special Gift Day, inviting members of the congregation to contribute towards something that will benefit the whole church community.

This year, we're hoping to raise funds for a large flat-screen TV and mobile display stand. The idea came from a very practical challenge – our beautiful large windows bring in lots of light (which we love!), but they also make it difficult to see projected images clearly. A high-quality screen would make hymns, readings, and presentations far easier to follow.

Beyond Sunday worship, the new screen would also be a great resource for discipleship courses, small groups, and community events, giving us flexibility to use it in different parts of the building as needed.

If you'd like to make a donation towards this year's Patronal Gift, your support would be deeply appreciated and will help us continue to make our worship and learning more accessible and engaging for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and for all the ways you support the life and ministry of St Leonard's.

St. Leonard's

PATRONAL LUNCH

to be held in the main hall on
Sunday 2 November at 12:30pm.

The cost is £15 per person.

ALL WELCOME

For more details email
revsimonking@gmail.com or
to book your place please sign
up on the sheet at the back of
church

All Souls Service on Sunday 2nd November 2025

On Sunday 2nd November, we will be holding a special Evening Service for All Souls, a quiet and reflective time to remember before God those we have loved but who are no longer with us.

If you would like someone to be remembered by name during the service, please add their details to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

This is always a poignant and meaningful occasion – a chance to



give thanks, to grieve, and to place our loved ones once more into the care of the Lord who holds us all in his love.

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

Sunday 19 October - Trinity 18

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

10.00am Andrea Cartwright and Joyce Helm. *Reader:* Philip Walsh. *Prayers:* Rev Janet *Coffee:* Laraine and Ann.

Sunday 26 October - Last after Trinity

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

10.00am Linda and Alistair Woollard. *Reader:* Melvyn Gardner. *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn.

Sunday 2 November - 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 November - Remembrance

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

10.00am Barbara Palmer. *Reader:* Philip Walsh. *Prayers:* Set Prayers *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

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ST LEONARD'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2 Nov at 12 noon

“Patronal Lunch” (Hall)

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

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 Nov

“Christmas Tree Festival”
(Church & Halls)

Saturday 6 Dec 10am

“Arts and Crafts Fair” Ian Hamilton (Halls)

APOLOGIES – PLEASE NOTE

Dec 7th – Preston Opera presents “Opera Classics from the Small and Silver Screen” has sadly been cancelled.

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