

Finding rest in a busy season

The end of Ordinary Time is the start of a busy and beautiful time in the church's year. Next week we celebrate All Saints and All Souls, as we give thanks for the great company of faithful men and women who have gone before us and remember those we love but see no longer.

The following week, we turn our hearts outward to the world around us, as we remember the fallen in our Civic Remembrance Service and later at the memorial — a moment to honour courage, to lament loss, and to pray for peace.

After that, there's barely time to catch breath before we reach the Feast of Christ the King, then the Christmas Tree Festival, and before we know it, we'll be stepping into Advent—a season of waiting, watching,

and preparing for the joy of Christmas.

It's a wonderful time, but it can also feel a little overwhelming. Between services, festivals, and the start of the festive rush, it's easy to forget the simplest and most important invitation of all—to pause, to breathe, and to find rest in Jesus.

In the middle of the busyness, He still whispers the same gentle invitation:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

So as the calendar fills and the decorations begin to appear, let's remember to make space—for silence, for prayer, for joy, and for the One who loves nothing more than simply spending time with us.

PENWORTHAM FARMERS MARKET

will be held at
St Teresa's Car Park,
Queensway, Penwortham,
PR1 0DS, on Saturday 1st
November 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.

St. Leonards All Souls Service of Remembrance

A gentle reminder that on Sunday 2nd November at 6.00pm, we will hold our All Souls Service of Remembrance—a quiet, reflective service to remember before God those we love but see no longer.

This year it falls on the same day as our Patronal Lunch, and all

are warmly invited to return in the evening (or join us then) for this gentle act of thanksgiving and hope.

If you would like a loved one remembered by name, please add their details to the list at the back of church or email revsimonking@gmail.com. All are welcome.



We give them back to thee, dear Lord,
who gavest them to us;
Yet as thou dost not lose them in giving,
so we have not lost them by their return.
Not as the world giveth, givest thou,
O Lover of Souls.
What thou gavest, thou takest not away,
For what is thine is ours also if we are thine.
And Life is eternal and Love is immortal,
and death is only an horizon,
and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further;
Cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly;
Draw us closer to thyself so that we may know
ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with thee.
And while thou dost prepare a place for us,
prepare us also for that happy place,
that where thou art we may be also for evermore.

William Penn (1644 – 1718)

St. Leonard's Patronal gift

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.

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, please scan the QR Code below, which will take you to our gofundme page.

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.



From Ark to Nativity – A new chapter for our scarecrow creation

After bringing so much joy (and a few smiles from passers-by!) during the Penwortham Scarecrow Festival, our Noah's Ark has now completed its maiden voyage. Sadly, our friends at All Saints, New Longton have decided it's a little too late in the year to make good use of it, and so the time has come to bid farewell to our wonderful menagerie of animals.

The ark, however, is far too special to simply be dismantled and forgotten. So — in true St Leonard's fashion — we're already planning its next adventure! Over the coming weeks, we hope to reimagine and refashion the ark into a Nativity scene, transforming it into something that will once

again bring light, joy, and meaning to our community over the Christmas season.

Our hope is that, as the nights draw in, the nativity will shine as a reminder of the story at the heart of Christmas — God's light coming into the world. And for the children (and grown-ups!) who loved seeing the animals, there will still be plenty to delight and inspire.

A huge thank you once again to everyone who helped design, build, paint, and decorate the ark — and to those who stopped by to admire it. Your creativity and hard work continue to bless our church and community in wonderful ways.

Sunday 26 October Last after Trinity

8.30am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 28 October

7:15pm PCC Meeting
in the Small Hall

Wednesday 29 October

10am Holy Communion

Friday 31 October

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

Sunday 2 November All Saints and All Souls

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

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



Join our Eco Group!

A big thank you to everyone who has already signed up to be part of our new Eco Group at St Leonard's! It's wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for caring for God's creation.

If you haven't yet joined, it's not too late! We're forming a small team to explore how we can extend our eco work both within the church and in the wider community — from gardening and growing projects to sustainability initiatives and creative ways to celebrate God's world.

St Leonard's is already a Bronze Award Eco Church, and with your help, we'd love to work towards Silver.

If you're passionate about nature, the environment, or simply want to be part of something hopeful and hands-on, please speak to Ian Dawson or email him at iandawson@live.co.uk. Together, we can make a difference — one green step at a time!

Friday Morning Prayers for growth and renewal, a light in the darkness

As the mornings grow darker and the chill of autumn settles in, our Friday Morning Prayer group continues to be a quiet but powerful source of warmth and encouragement for those who gather.

Each week, a small group meets in church to pray, and reflect before the day begins. There's something deeply special about that early stillness, the sound of familiar prayers, and the sense of companionship that comes from praying together.

Even as the weather closes in,

these moments of shared prayer remind us that God's light still shines, often most brightly when the world feels dim. It's a gentle rhythm in the life of our church — a time to bring our hopes, our thanks, and our needs before God in community.

If you've never joined us before, you'd be most welcome. Just come along — no need to bring anything but yourself. Friday mornings, 8am at St Leonard's, a simple 15 minutes of prayer that continues to be a real blessing to all who attend.

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

Sunday 26 Oct - 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 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.

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.

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