

We would love to welcome you and your family to St Leonard's Messy Church this Saturday 4th October, from 10am to 12noon

THIS SATURDAY

# Harvest & Eco



Come and join us for a fun, hands-on session especially for families with young children.

FAMILIES WELCOME

Free admission and refreshments



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The Weekly Newsletter  
for St. Leonard's Church  
Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA



## Mayor meets our menagerie

Last Sunday, our Harvest Lunch was interrupted by the arrival of some very distinguished visitors. The Mayor of South Ribble, along with a group of local councillors, popped in — not for the pudding, but to inspect our Scarecrow Festival entry!

It turns out that scarecrows aren't just admired by schoolchildren and passers-by; they are also serious business for civic leaders. The Mayor was more than happy to pose for a few photos with the Vicar, in front of the Ark and its menagerie.

The results are still under lock and key, but we do know one thing: the Mayor was full of praise for our handiwork. Whether we win a prize or not, it seems our elephants, giraffes and crocodiles have already won the admiration of Penwortham's finest.





Last Sunday some of our church family gathered in the main hall for our Harvest Lunch, and what a wonderful occasion it proved to be. The hall was full, with plenty of smiles and chatter as friends and neighbours came together to share good food and good company.

Despite one of the ovens deciding to give up on the day, the meal was plentiful and delicious. Plates were filled with pâté, pork and pie, (not all at the same time) all beautifully prepared and served with warmth. It was a joy to see everyone enjoying one another's company around the tables.

## Our Harvest Lunch a feast of fellowship

Afterwards, the raffle brought even more laughter and excitement, and together the lunch and raffle raised a fantastic £287. A huge thank you goes to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes — shopping, cooking, setting up, serving, and clearing away — to make the event run so smoothly. We are grateful for your energy, skill and generosity.

Our next church family lunch will be on the occasion of St Leonard's Patronal Festival in November, and we hope it will be just as successful and just as well supported.

Harvest reminds us of God's generosity and the joy of sharing, and our lunch together was a wonderful expression of both.





## CHURCH DIARY

### 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.

### Saturday 4 October

10am - 12noon Messy Church in the large hall. Theme Harvest and Eco

### Sunday 5 October - 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 12 October - Harvest Celebration

8.30am Said Eucharist  
10am All Age Service of Celebrations for Harvest and Baptism Welcome.



## 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.*

## A space for our children

You may have noticed that our children's area in church is slowly being given a little "revamp." We want it to be a warm, welcoming corner where our younger members can enjoy books, feel at home, and have simple ways to engage with worship.

As part of the ongoing improvements, we are also on the lookout for a small coffee table or side table that someone might have going spare. The hope is that this could be used to hold some battery-operated candles, holding crosses — simple things to help children reflect and feel included in the life of the church.

If you do happen to have a small table that needs a new home, please let Rev Simon know. Together, we can help create a space where children feel welcome and valued.



## Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

### 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.

**Please note, the readings for this service have changed from the rota they are now Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and John 6:25-35 with only the second reading used for the 10am 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.

## 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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