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



Staying safe at St Leonard's our new Parish Safeguarding Team

We are delighted to announce a major and very positive development in the life of our church. At Tuesday night's PCC meeting, we formally agreed to appoint a new Parish Safe-guarding Team — a group of people committed to ensuring that St Leonard's remains a place of trust, safety, and wel-come for all.

Safeguarding is not just a legal duty. It is a gospel re-sponsibility — rooted in Jesus' call to care for the vulnerable, honour the dignity of every person, and build a community where everyone can flourish. When we take safeguarding seriously, we show the love of Christ in action. We are there-fore immensely grateful to:

Ian Dawson. Parish Safe-guarding Officer — providing leadership and oversight for all safeguarding matters

Revd Simon. Supporting Ian in ensuring safe practice across all our ministries.

Lucy Bunce. Parish Safe-guarding Training Officer — helping ensure everyone receives the training they need to serve safely

Tracy King. DBS Administrator — as-



Promoting
a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED
that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Advisor or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:



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OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0800 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0800 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0800 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123

- Family Lives: 0800 800 2222
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247
- Respect Phoneline: 0800 8010 327
- National Careline: 0800 0699 784



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sisting with safer recruitment and the practical safeguarding processes

Together, this new team will guide us in our shared responsibility to protect children, young people, and

adults at risk; ensure good practice in every area of church life; respond well to concerns; and help make St Leonard's a secure home for all who wor-ship here.

We also want to extend heartfelt thanks to Hayley Hughes, who has stepped down after serving faithfully as Parish Safeguarding Officer. Her dedication, organisation, and pastoral concern have placed us in a strong and healthy position for the future. We are deeply grateful for everything she has done.

As the new team begins their work — navigating the Safeguarding Hub, the Parish Dashboard, and all that goes with this vital ministry — we ask you to pray for them. Pray for wisdom, clarity, courage, and compassion.

This is a significant and hopeful step forward for St Leonard's — one that reflects who we are and who we long to be: a church where all can feel safe, valued, and loved by God. Because safeguarding is not just a policy. It is part of the way we live out the Kingdom of God.

Thank you to our wonderful Christmas Tree Festival Team

As our Christmas Tree Festival opens its doors once again, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who is making this joyful celebration possible.

So many people have worked so hard behind the scenes — creating space in the church, arranging the beautiful flowers, making sure every welcome is warm and every twinkling light is shining. To all of you who help create this atmosphere of wonder: thank you.

We are also incredibly grateful to those serving refreshments throughout the weekend — baking, brewing, plating, washing, chatting, and keeping everything flowing. Your hospitality brings comfort, warmth and a festive spirit to all who visit.

A very special thank you goes to Laraine. Her dedication, planning and enthusiasm hold this whole event

together. Without her, the festival quite simply would not happen — and we are so thankful for her.

We also extend our thanks to all those who have created and decorated Christmas trees for the festival. Each tree is a unique gift of time, creativity and love — and they fill our church with colour and joy. This includes...

Chatting Tables - Clarke's Butty Bar - David Ryan
(for 8.30 & Wed parishioners) - **Diggy Sticks - Friends Of Hurst Grange Park - Friends Of Mulange Orphans - Just Friends Group - Kingsfold School - Knit & Natter or Knot at Bon Bons Café - Lancashire Constabulary Police Cadets - Leymers Music - Messy Church - Middleforth After School Club - Naughty Nails - Penwortham Art Group - Penwortham Food Bank - Penwortham Girls High School - St. Leonard's Choir - St. Leonard's Church Warden - St. Leonard's Eco Group - St. Leonard's Gilbert & Sullivan Group - Ventbrook Traffic Management - Write A Prayer Tree - Yoga Group - 3rd Middleforth Brownies - 9th Penwortham Cubs, Scouts & Beavers**

Your hard work allows us to welcome our local community, celebrate the coming of Christ with beauty and delight, and raise valuable funds for the mission and ministry of St Leonard's. Thank you, every one of you. What you offer is a blessing — and it shines brightly this weekend.

**Welcome to a joyful
CHRISTMAS
at St Leonard's Church**

It's the most wonderful time of the year
and at St. Leonard's there is something
for every age and taste as we prepare
for the joy of Jesus' birth.

**Sun 30 Nov at 4:15pm
TREE FESTIVAL
SONGS OF PRAISE**
Our Tree Festival draws to a close
with a time of worship and some well
known hymns.

**Sat 13 Dec at 10am
CHRISTMAS
MESSY CHURCH**
Fun for all the family at our Christmas
and Advent themed messy church
with crafts, stories, games and free
refreshments.

**Sun 21 Dec at 6pm
CAROL SERVICE**
Time to sing those well-known and
much loved Carols and readings to set
the scene for the Christmas week.

**Tues 23 Dec at 4pm
TWO SLEEPS TO GO
CRIB SERVICE**
St. Leonard's traditional Crib Service
for the younger children. Join our
Christmas characters in their journey
to Bethlehem.

**Weds 24 Dec at 4pm
CHRISTINGLE
SERVICE**
A Christmas Eve treat for all the family
as we light candles, sing Carols and get
ready for the birth of the Light of the
World. In aid of the Children's Society.

**Weds 24 Dec at 11.30pm
MIDNIGHT SUNG
HOLY COMMUNION**
A traditional sung Holy Communion
and the first opportunity to welcome
the new born King.

**Thurs 25 Dec at 9:15am
CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNG HOLY
COMMUNION**
Come and share the joy of Christmas
with us as we celebrate Christmas
together as a family.

PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILY CHURCH



**Talking Tables
— and —
Chatting Chairs**

from 1.30pm
on Tuesday 6 December.

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Always first Tuesday
of the month.

Christmas Tree Festival Timetable

Sat 29th November
open at 10am closes at 4pm
Music from "Two Note" at 1.15pm and 2.30pm

Sun 30th November
opens at 12 noon closes at 4pm
Raffle drawn by Penwortham Town Mayor at 3:30pm
Followed by Songs of Praise at 4.15pm

PENWORTHAM FARMERS MARKET

will be held at
St Teresa's Car Park,
Queensway, Penwortham,
PR1 0DS, on Saturday 6th
December 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.

Come and make
memories on this very special
evening as we embrace the light of the
season with the whole family.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

In aid of The
Children's Society

Wednesday 24th December
St. Leonard's Church
Penwortham
at 4pm

Families and
children of all
ages welcome



We would love
you to join us on
Saturday 13th
December for a
joyful morning
of Advent and
Christmas themed
crafts, games,
storytelling and
free admission
and free
refreshments.

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH LARGE HALL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 13th December
from 10am to 12 noon



Together we'll explore the build-up to Jesus'
birth and discovering why Advent is such
a special time for preparing our hearts and
homes for the coming of Christ.

Families and children
of all ages are very welcome



Sunday 30 November Advent 1

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion
4:15pm Tree Festival Songs of Praise.

Tuesday 2 December

1.30pm Talking Tables and Chatting Chairs Café

Wednesday 3 December

10am Holy Communion

Friday 5 December

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

Sunday 7 December Advent 2

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Wednesday 10 December

10am Holy Communion

Friday 12 December

8am Morning prayer in church for growth and renewal.

Saturday 13 December

10am Messy Church.

Sunday 14 December Advent 3

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am All Age Service

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

Sunday 30 Nov - Advent 1

8.30am Phil and Susan Range.
Reader: Phil Range.
10.00am Joyce Helm. *Reader:* Melvyn Gardner. *Prayers:* Diane Raynor
Coffee: Brian and Melvyn.

Sunday 30 Nov - Festival Songs of Praise at 4:15

4:15pm Philip Walsh. *Reader:* Philip Walsh. *Prayers:* Set Prayers.

Sunday 07 Dec - Advent 2

8.30am Phil and Susan Range.
Reader: Phil Range.
10.00am Linda and Alistair Woollard.
Reader: Rev. Simon. *Prayers:* Rev. Simon
Coffee: Linda and Alistair.

Sunday 14 Dec - Advent 3

8.30am Irene Farrimond and Elizabeth Bunyan. *Reader:* Andrea Waine.
10.00am Sylvia Johnson. *Reader:* Philip Walsh. *Prayers:* Rev. Janet
Coffee: Barbara and Christine.

Sunday 21 Dec - Advent 4

8.30am Franklin Bello and Peter Milner. *Reader:* Angela Milner.
10.00am Barbara Palmer. *Reader:* Laraine Southwell. *Prayers:* Angela Milner
Coffee: Laraine and Ann.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST LEONARDS

Sat 29 & Sun 30 Nov

"Christmas Tree Festival"
(Church & Halls)

Tues 2 Dec at 1:30pm

Talking Tables and Chatting Chairs Café

Weds 3 Dec 7.30pm

Come and Sing Christmas Rehearsal - The Rawstorne Singers

Thurs 4 Dec 9am

Broadoak School - meet the Nativity Characters in the Worship Area.

Friday 5 Dec 9am

Middleforth School - meet the Nativity Characters in the Worship Area.

Weds 10 Dec 7.30pm

Come and Sing Christmas Concert - The Rawstorne Singers

Saturday 13 Dec at 10am

Christmas themed
Messy Church

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