

LYCiG – Leading Your Church into Growth

Over the last week or two a few people have kindly mentioned that, in church life, we sometimes use acronyms that not everyone immediately recognises. So here's one you may hear a little more this year, explained in plain English!

What does LYCiG mean?

This year, St Leonard's has agreed to take part in LYCiG, which stands for Leading Your Church into Growth.

What is it?

Leading Your Church into Growth is a programme offered within our Diocese to help churches take a fresh and honest look at their life and mission. It supports us as we ask important questions about who we are as a church, how we serve our community, and how we can grow in confidence as followers of Jesus.

What kind of "growth" are we talking about?

LYCiG isn't simply about increasing numbers (although welcoming new people is always a joy). It is about growth in the fullest sense – growing deeper in faith, stronger in discipleship, and more intentional in our mis-

sion, so that we become more fully the church God is calling us to be.

Some of the questions we'll be exploring include:

- What are we doing well as a church, and how can we build on it?
- Where are the gaps in our welcome, worship, pastoral care, or community life?
- How can we help more people come to know Jesus?
- How can we strengthen the links between Sunday worship and everyday life?

Where are we up to?

The programme has already begun with an introduction evening, followed by a Clergy Day at Whalley Abbey, which was a valuable chance to reflect, pray, and begin thinking about what growth might look like in our own setting. This weekend we take the next step with a PCC Away Day at Bamber Bridge Methodist Church, giving us dedicated time and space to listen, plan, and work together.

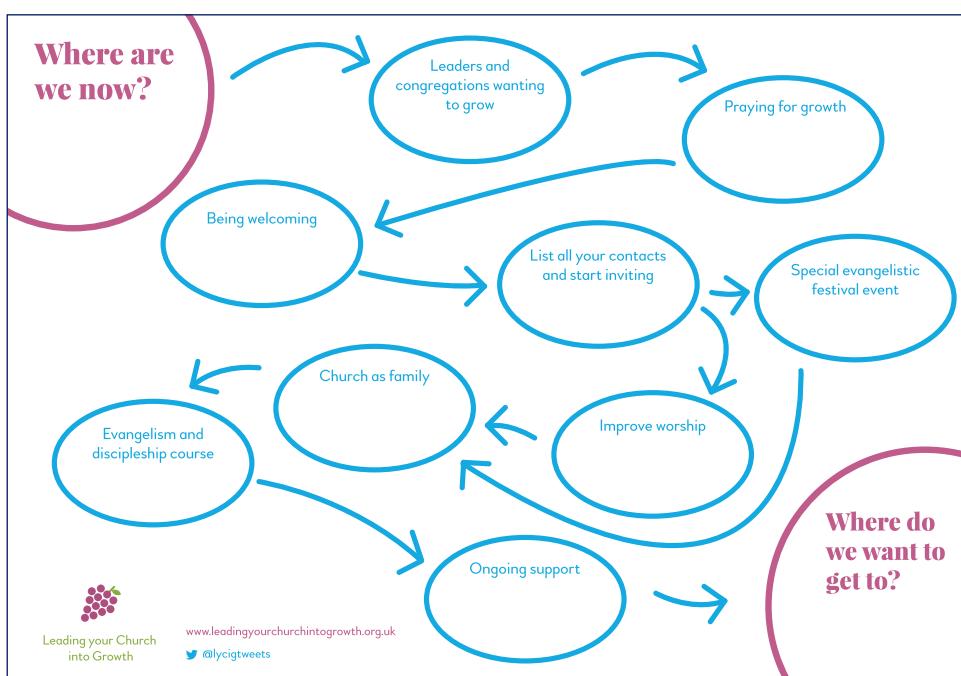
Thank you!

This is a significant undertaking for our church, and it will involve time, energy, prayer, and commitment over the coming months. We are very grateful to everyone who is already investing so much into this process – your willingness to serve, contribute ideas, and engage wholeheartedly is a real gift to the life of St Leonard's.

How can we all be involved?

We will keep everyone updated as LYCiG continues, and there will be opportunities for others to share thoughts and hopes for the future too. In the meantime, the most important thing we can all do is pray – that we will listen well, love well, and follow where God leads us, as we seek to grow in faith and witness here in Penwortham.

And finally, thank you again for the feedback about acronyms – it's a helpful reminder that clear communication helps everyone feel included.





What's on at St. Leonard's

Some of our weekly events

Love2 Learn

Mondays from 10am

Interactive and engaging phonics education for preschool children. Contact: lovet2learn.org.uk

Boosh After School Club.

Weekdays Monday to Wednesday.

Contact Fiona on 07890 502966

Preston Society

(Birdwatching and Natural History)

Mondays at 7.30pm in church.

For more information and current programme of talks and trips please go to www.prestonsociety.co.uk

Contact: prestonwildlife@gmail.com or 07565 497065

Yoga with Linda.

Mondays at 6.15pm

Contact: Linda on 07963 111239

Magic Moments Memory singing group.

Tuesdays at 10.30am.

Contact Skylarks on 07538 580296

Skylarks Community Choir.

Mondays from 11am to 12noon.

Contact Skylarks on 07538 580296

Rainbows and Brownies.

Tuesdays at 5pm and 6.15pm.

Contact Wendy (Rainbows) on 07846 490876 or Sinead (Brownies) on 07855 865513

L.E.Y.M.E.R.S

(Lancashire Early Years Music Educators)

Wednesdays at 9.30am

Music Sessions for Early years in a session of fun and engaging music making. Contact: www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/89924 or just turn up, but place not guaranteed

Rawstorne Singers.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Contact: rawstornesingers@gmail.com

St. Leonard's Church Choir.

Thursdays at 6.45pm.

Contact: saintleonardspenwortham@gmail.com

Ling Shui Tai Chi Club.

Thursdays at 7pm.

Contact Mark at info@taichipreston.co.uk

St. Leonard's Gilbert & Sullivan Group.

Fridays at 7.30pm.

Rehearsals for next show "Iolanthe".
Contact: stleonardsgsg@gmail.com



Monthly events - just turn up!

Talking Tables and Chatting Chairs Cafe.

Usually 1st Tuesday at 1.30pm until 3.30pm

Messy Church for children.

Please wait for further information.

A Purrfect Friend Jumble Sales.

Usually 4th Saturday at 11am to 12noon



FOOD BANK

At Penwortham
Community Centre,
Kingsfold Drive PR1 9EQ
Fridays 9.30am to 12 noon.

Donations of Food are welcome.
Please leave them at the back of
church, thank you.



Penwortham Foodbank would welcome enquiries from potential new volunteers. We are particularly keen to hear from car owners with mid-week availability who might be willing to use their vehicles (and their muscles) to assist with some of the vital regular stock collections from local stores.

Initial enquiries via email please to penworthamfoodbank@gmail.com



UKRAINE APPEAL

Contributions of clothing from St. Leonard's parishioners haven't gone unnoticed by volunteer helpers at the International Aid base in Tarleton.

They say A BIG THANK YOU to you all. Our thanks also to Brian and Jean who regularly take a carload of bags which you have donated. Please keep up the good work. As always leave clothing in bags under the table in the church porch. There are magazines about the work of International Aid in the porch.

*International
Aid Trust*

¿Hablas español?

Spanish evening classes for
adults - beginners welcome!

Starting Wednesday, 25th February (18:30-20:00)
Penwortham Priory Academy, PR1 0JE

Course Details :

- A 5-week 'Introduction to Spanish' course for adult beginners
- Every Wednesday, 25th February- 25th March (18:30-20:00)
- Penwortham Priory Academy, Crow Hills Road, Preston, PR1 0JE
- £50 for the 5-week course (first week free!)
- More group courses starting April/May 2026

Why Join? :

- Taught by a local, fluent Spanish tutor with qualified teacher status
- A relaxed, supportive introduction to Spanish
- Start speaking Spanish from day one
- First session free- only pay from week 2 if you continue- no obligation!



First session free!

Wednesday, 25th February
(18:30-20:00)

Book your place now.
Scan the QR code or contact
us for more details.



E: jack@greenwaylanguages.co.uk
T: 07846530691
W: greenwaylanguages.co.uk

Individual and small group sessions also available for all ages (Spanish and French)

Saturday 24 January

10am to 3pm Leading Your Church into Growth PCC Away Day at Bamber Bridge Methodist church

Sunday 25 January

Epiphany 3 / Conv of Paul

Please note the readings for this Sunday differ from those on the Rota. The correct readings are Jeremiah 1.4-10 and Matthew 19.27-end

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Mon 26 Jan to Weds 28

New Incumbents Conference, Lancaster

Wednesday 28 January

10am Holy Communion
Rev Simon
7:15pm PCC Meeting

Friday 30 January

8am Morning Prayers for growth and renewal

Sunday 1 February Presentation of Christ

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Wednesday 4 February

10am Holy Communion
Rev Janet

Friday 5 February

8am Morning Prayers for growth and renewal

Celebration of the Centenary of the Diocese of Blackburn - a note from +Philip

Thursday November 12th 7pm
Blackburn Cathedral

2026 is the Centenary Year of the Cathedral and Diocese of Blackburn. A year of celebration will culminate on Thursday November 12th, the exact date when the Diocese was formed out of the Diocese of Manchester one hundred years ago.

On that day representatives of the Diocese together with friends and partners will gather in Blackburn Cathedral for a celebration of the Eucharist commencing at 7pm.

I am writing now in the hope that you can save the date in your diaries. A formal invitation will come from the Cathedral in the early part of the Summer. This comes with my thanks and prayers, Bishop Philip.



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Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

Sun 25 Jan - Epiphany 3 - Conversion of Paul

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8.30am Phil and Susan Range. *Reader:* Philip Walsh.

10.00am Laraine Southwell and Jenny Stanton. *Reader:* Andrea Waine *Prayers:* Diane Raynor *Coffee:* Linda and Alistair.

Sun 1 Feb - Presentation of Christ

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

10.00am Brian Bamber. *Reader:* Ann Butterworth *Prayers:* Rev Janet *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

Sun 8 Feb - 2 before Lent (ordinary time)

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTE

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