



# St. Leonard's NEWS

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Sunday 22 February 2026

Lent 1

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



## Copier update - thank you!

Last week in SLN we reported that our faithful copier had finally reached the end of its life. A replacement was going to cost £2,394 – a significant and rather daunting amount.

What happened has been nothing short of humbling. We have received not one, but two incredibly generous gifts of £1,000 towards a replacement. That level of generosity took us by surprise. Alongside these, further gifts in excess of £150 were also received.

It means that – subject to PCC approval on 24th February – we will be in a position to order the replacement copier, with the hope that it will be with us later that week. Quite an extraordinary turnaround.

For a piece of equipment that supports everything from service sheets and newsletters to school resources, community events, and pastoral work, its not just a practical provision, but a real encouragement. It is a reminder that this church is supported both by commitment in time and prayer, but also by quiet and generous acts of giving.

To those who have given so thoughtfully and so quickly: thank you. Truly. We are deeply grateful and genuinely overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. Your gifts make a difference in ways that may not always be visible, but are felt across the life of the church and the people we serve.

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# Mothering Sunday Lunch

This year, Mothering  
Sunday falls on 15th March  
- would you like to join us  
for lunch at 12.30pm?

There is a choice of  
melon or pate followed  
by chicken in a  
mushroom sauce with all  
the trimmings. Dessert,  
cheese and biscuits, tea  
or coffee.

Price £15 per person.

If you would like to join us please sign  
the sheet at the back of church and give  
your preference for the starter.

**All welcome**





## 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**

# Do you want to take practical action this Lent to care for creation and reduce your carbon footprint?

As Lent invites us to draw closer to God, it also invites us to reflect on how we live within God's creation. The Carbon Fast offers a gentle way to do just that – encouraging us to consider how our daily choices affect the world around us.

With a different focus each week, it provides space to learn, to reflect, to ask questions, and to prayerfully explore how we might live more simply and more faithfully on God's earth.

If you would like to find out more, scan the QR code and join the journey.



**Carbon Fast**  
for Lent

**Climate Stewards**

JOIN THE CLIMATE STEWARDS CARBON FAST 2026!

**40 DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION CHALLENGES**

**WANT TO TAKE PRACTICAL ACTION THIS LENT TO CARE FOR CREATION AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?**

**WHAT IS A CARBON FAST?**

**GIVING UP UNSUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION PRACTICES TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT—AND IN DOING SO, LEARNING TO LIVE LIGHTLY ON GOD'S EARTH.**

SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN



**WHY DO THIS?**

**BY STARTING TO REDUCE OUR CONSUMPTION AT LENT, AND CONTINUING WITH THOUGHTFUL LIVING THROUGH THE YEAR, WE ARE CARING FOR CREATION, A RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED TO US BY GOD.**

**FAST TO HELP PEOPLE AND PLANET TO FLOURISH**

**WEEKLY THEMES:**

- WEEK 1: CREATION CARE
- WEEK 2: CONSUMERISM / SHOPPING
- WEEK 3: MONEY / INVESTMENTS
- WEEK 4: FOOD WASTE / MEAT & DAIRY
- WEEK 5: TRANSPORT / DRIVING
- WEEK 6: ENERGY / ELECTRICITY / GAS
- WEEK 7: SOCIAL MEDIA

**WHAT IS INVOLVED?**

- 7 TOPICS WITH 3 CHALLENGE LEVELS
- WEEKLY REFLECTION ON CREATION CARE
- SHARE YOUR PROGRESS WITH US - EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

**TO JOIN - SIGN UP VIA QR CODE FOR WEEKLY EMAIL AND TIPS!**

# What's on at St. Leonard's

## Some of our regular weekly events

### Love2 Learn

*Mondays from 10am*

Interactive and engaging phonics education for preschool children.  
Contact: [lovet2learn.org.uk](http://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](http://www.prestonsociety.co.uk)

Contact: [prestonwildlife@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:rawstornesingers@gmail.com)

### St. Leonard's Church Choir.

*Thursdays at 6.45pm.*

Contact: [saintleonardspenwortham@gmail.com](mailto:saintleonardspenwortham@gmail.com)

### Ling Shui Tai Chi Club.

*Thursdays at 7pm.*

Contact Mark at [info@taichipreston.co.uk](mailto:info@taichipreston.co.uk)

### St. Leonard's

#### Gilbert & Sullivan Group.

*Fridays at 7.30pm.*

Rehearsals for next show "Iolanthe".  
Contact: [stleonardsgsg@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsgsg@gmail.com)

## Some of our 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*



## Some sad news

On Tuesday we received the sad news that Rev Janet's Mum, Nellie Mayor (pictured above) died peacefully during the night.

As a church community, we continue to hold Janet and her family very much in our prayers at this difficult and tender time. We give thanks for a life now at rest in God's love, and we pray that all who mourn may know comfort, peace, and the quiet strength that comes from being surrounded by prayer and care.

Janet has asked us to pass on her heartfelt thanks for the many messages, cards, and flowers she has received. Your care and kindness have been a great comfort to her during a very difficult time.

Please do continue to remember Janet and her family in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.



## Talking Tables — and — Chatting Chairs

from 1.30pm  
on Tuesday 3 March.

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Always first Tuesday  
of the month.

## IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE

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

*In*ternational  
Aid Trust

### Friday 20 February

8am Morning Prayers  
for growth and renewal

### Sunday 22 February Lent 1

8.30am Said Holy Communion  
10am Sung Holy Communion

### Tuesday 24 Feb

7pm. PCC Meeting.

### Wednesday 25 Feb

10am. Holy Communion.

### Friday 27 February

8am Morning Prayers  
for growth and renewal

### Sunday 1 March Lent 2

8.30am Said Holy Communion  
10am Sung Holy Communion

### Tuesday 3 March

1:30pm. Chatting Chairs  
and Talking Tables.

### Wednesday 4 March

10am. Holy Communion.

### Friday 6 March

8am Morning Prayers  
for growth and renewal

### Sunday 8 March Lent 3 (Scouts Parade)

8.30am Said Holy Communion  
10am Sung Holy Communion

## Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

### Sun 22 Feb - Lent 1

*Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7 | Matthew 4.1-11*

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

**10.00am** Barbara Palmer. *Reader:* Ann Butterworth *Prayers:* Set prayers  
*Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

### Sun 1 March - Lent 2

*Genesis 12.1-4a | John 3.1-17*

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

**10.00am** Laraine Southwell and Jenny Stanton. *Reader:* Laraine Southwell  
*Prayers:* Angela Milner *Coffee:* Laraine and Ann.

### Sun 8 March - Lent 3

*Exodus 17.1-7 | John 4.5-42*

**8.30am** Peter and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Philip Walsh.

**10.00am** Brian Bamber. *Reader:* Brian Bamber *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn.

### Sun 15 March - Mothering Sunday

*Exodus 2.1-10 | Luke 2.33-35*

**8.30am** Irene Farrimond and Elizabeth Bunyan. *Reader:* Angela Milner.

**10.00am** Barbara Palmer. *Reader:* Ann Butterworth *Prayers:* Set prayers  
*Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

### Sun 22 March - Lent 5

*Ezekial 13.1-14 | John 11.1 - 45*

**8.30am** Franklin Bello and Phil Range. *Reader:* Andrea Waine.

**10.00am** Lorraine and Jenny. *Reader:* Lorraine Southwell *Prayers:* Rev Janet  
*Coffee:* Lorraine and Ann.

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