



# St. Leonard's NEWS

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Sunday 8 February 2026

2 before Lent

The Weekly Newsletter  
for St. Leonard's Church

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA



## Inspiring and hope-filled

Last week, from Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th February, Rev Simon and Susan Walsh attended the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) Conference at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. They were joined by other churches from across the Diocese making up Cohort 8, including parishes from Oswaldtwistle, Langho and Wesham, along with a large contingent from the Church of Scotland.

The conference brought together clergy and lay leaders for three full and intensive days of study, reflection, prayer, worship and practical exercises, all designed to help churches begin or renew a journey of growth. While much of the conversation around the Church nationally can feel dominated by stories of decline, it was both encouraging and refreshing to hear



accounts of hope — stories of how the Good News of Jesus Christ continues to inspire renewal and growth in churches across the country.

Bishop Philip, who previously served as a trustee of the Leading Your Church into Growth charity, is championing the programme across the

Diocese, with the hope that the majority of parishes will have the opportunity to take part over the coming years. The programme is being supported through funding from the national Church, recognising the importance of helping local churches grow in confidence, faith and mission - *continued over...*



## Inspiring and hope-filled - *continued*

Over the next few months, we will begin to unpack the themes and ideas explored at the conference with the PCC and the wider church community, discerning together what this might mean for us here at St Leonard's and setting realistic and prayerful goals for growth. Central to this journey is prayer, and many of you will already have received the LYCiG prayer cards that encourage us to place growth firmly in God's hands.

One of the simple phrases that emerged during the conference has stayed with many of those attending: "I'm going, it's going to be good — would you like to come too?" It captures something of the spirit of the journey ahead: hopeful, invitational, and rooted in trust that God is already at work among us.

Please continue to pray for this process, and for all those giving their time and energy as we explore together what the next chapter of life at St Leonard's might look like.



## 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**

## Where's your prayer card?

Many of us have taken home the Leading Your Church into Growth prayer cards, and it has been lovely to hear how people are using them as reminders to pray for the future of St Leonard's.

We would love to know where you have put yours. Is it by the kettle, on a bedside table, in the car, or tucked inside a Bible or diary? Wherever it is, if you're happy to do so, please send in a photo and we'll publish them in the newsletter. It's a small way of encouraging one another and reminding ourselves that this is something we are doing together in prayer.

Our first submission comes from Ian, our PCC Secretary, who, as many of you know, is a keen fisher-



man. His prayer card has found a home alongside his fishing gear — and he tells us he's praying not only for church growth, but that it might also help him catch a few more fish! We can't promise miracles on that front, but we're grateful for the prayers all the same.

If you'd like to take part, please send your photos in — we look forward to seeing where the prayer cards have ended up.

# 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*



## 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](mailto:penworthamfoodbank@gmail.com)**

## 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)



## CHURCH DIARY

### Sunday 8 February Two before Lent

8.30am Said Holy Communion  
10am All Age Family Service

### Mon 9 Feb

2pm. Funeral for the late David Gregson. Followed by interment at Hill Road Cemetery.

### Tuesday 10 Feb

7pm. Standing Committee Meeting in the Small Hall.

### Wednesday 11 February

10am Holy Communion  
Rev Simon

### Friday 12 February

8am Morning Prayers  
for growth and renewal

### Sunday 15 February Sun next before Lent

8.30am Said Holy Communion  
10am Sung Holy Communion

### Tuesday 17 Feb

Shrove Tuesday.

### Wednesday 18 Feb

10am. Holy Communion with  
Distribution of Ashes.  
7pm. Holy Communion with  
Distribution of Ashes.

### Friday 20 February

8am Morning Prayers  
for growth and renewal

### *The Leading your Church into Growth Prayer*

God of Mission  
Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

"Leading your Church into Growth concentrates on the tried and tested - putting parish and people, evangelism and service front and centre. This is extraordinary help for ordinary churches."

- Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell



## PENWORTHAM FARMERS MARKET

St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway,  
Penwortham, PR1 0DS  
**Sat 7th Feb 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 barm  
and cakes available from the stalls.

## Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

### Sun 8 Feb - 2 before Lent

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.

### Sun 15 Feb - Sun next before Lent

8.30am Peter and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Susan Range.  
10.00am Linda and Alistair Woollard. *Reader:* Melvyn Gardner *Prayers:* Rev Janet *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn.

### Ash Wednesday 18 Feb

7.00pm Philip Walsh. *Reader:* TBC  
*Prayers:* Set prayers.

### Sun 22 Feb - Lent 1

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

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

8.30am Peter and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Philip Walsh.  
10.00am Brian Bamber. *Reader:* Brian Bamber *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn.

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