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Sunday 1 March 2026

Lent 2

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



New life as spring takes root



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Thanks to the help of a small group of hardworking volunteers, the garden borders at the side of the church are beginning to take shape beautifully. After much digging, weeding, and preparation, the plants we were able to purchase with the support of a grant from South Ribble Borough Council have now found their new homes in the freshly prepared beds.

It has been a real team effort, with time, care, and a great deal of energy given to transforming what was once an overgrown area into a space that will soon be full of colour and life. As Spring approaches, we are looking forward to watching the plants establish, grow, and flourish in the months ahead.

These borders will not only brighten the church grounds but also help support pollinators and local wildlife, creating a more welcoming and envi-



ronmentally friendly space for all who visit.

Sincere thanks go to everyone who has given their time and effort so generously. If you would like to get involved as the garden continues to develop, do keep an eye out for future working sessions – extra pairs of hands are always very 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**





ST LEONARD'S

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.

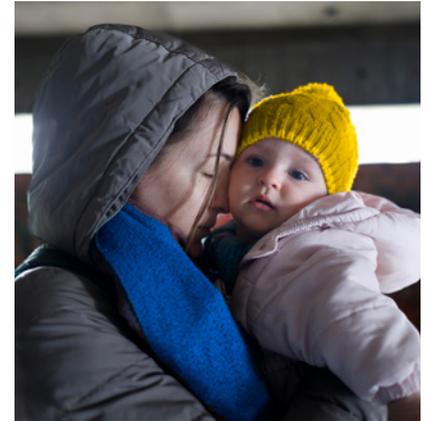
If you would like to join us please
sign the sheet at the back of
church and give your preference
for the starter.

All welcome



**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



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



**Talking Tables
— and —
Chatting Chairs**

from 1.30pm
on Tuesday 3 March.



Always first Tuesday
of the month.

An invitation to the Chrism Eucharist

As we journey through Holy Week, we are warmly invited to share in one of the most significant services in the life of our Diocese: the Chrism Eucharist at Blackburn Cathedral at 11.00am on Maundy Thursday.

In this Centenary year of the Diocese of Blackburn, the service will be a special opportunity to give thanks for God's faithfulness over the past hundred years. It is a moment not only for clergy, but for the whole people of God.

During the Chrism Eucharist, clergy renew their commitment to ministry and the holy oils used throughout the year in baptism, anointing, and healing are blessed.

Whilst this is a particularly meaningful service for priests and deacons, it is not only for clergy. Our ministry is always shared with the people we serve, and all are very welcome to attend. Supporting this service is a wonderful way of praying for the Church, for those who minister, and for the work of the Holy Spirit in our communities.

There will also be opportunities for prayer and ministry on the day, and lunch will be provided after the Eucharist, offering time for fellowship with others from across the diocese.

If you would like to come along, please contact Rev Simon. It would be a great encouragement to have members of our church family present.

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

Saturday 7 March

10am Messy Church

Sunday 8 March Lent 3 (Scouts Parade)

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Tuesday 10 March

7pm Standing Committee

Wednesday 11 March

10am. Holy Communion.

Friday 13 March

8am Morning Prayers for growth and renewal

Sunday 15 March Mothering Sunday

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am All Age Family Service
12:30 Mothering Sunday Lunch

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

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: Barabra 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:* Larrane Southwell
Prayers: Rev Janet
Coffee: Lorraine and Ann.

Sun 29 March - Palm Sunday

Psalms 118.19-24 | Matthew 21.1-11

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

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

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