

The Electoral Roll 2026

What is it?

The electoral roll is the list of lay people in each parish entitled to vote in elections for the PCC and Deanery Synod within the Church of England.

To have your name on the roll, members should be baptised, 16 years of age or more, a member of either the Church of England or a church in communion with the Church of England and be resident in or a regular worshipper in the parish.

Do I need to fill in a form?

The roll was last completely renewed in 2025 and no-one currently on the roll needs to apply again until 2031.

However, if you have joined us at St Leonard's over the last 12 months, meet the criteria and wish your details to be on the new roll you will need to complete an application form.

Where can I get an electoral roll form and when can I fill it in?

Hard copy forms are available from the wooden box at the back of church from Sunday 15th March 2026 (Mothering Sunday). Completed forms can be returned in the wooden box provided at the back of church.

NB: Only applications received by 5th April 2026 can be entered on to the new roll. Applications received after this deadline need to be

approved by the PCC at subsequent meetings before any further names can be added to the roll.

What happens next?

An updated hard copy electoral roll list of names will be available for consultation in a red labelled folder at the back of church from Saturday 11th April 2026 until our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 26th April 2026. We look forward to seeing members of the electoral roll (both old and new) at this meeting.

Thank you,

Angela Milner,
Electoral Roll Officer



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Sunday 15 March 2026

Mothering Sunday

**The Weekly Newsletter
for St. Leonard's Church**

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA



Messy Church big bonnets and big smiles

Pictured Left; Logan, proudly shows off his Easter bonnet with mum during a morning of crafts, stories and fun as families explored the Easter story together.

See inside for more.



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A joyful Messy Church

Our latest Messy Church took place on Saturday 7th March. It was a wonderful and lively occasion, with a fantastic turnout of 23 children and 24 adults, not including the many helpers who made it possible.

There was plenty to keep everyone busy. Thanks to Rev Janet and the team of volunteers, the hall was full of creative activities and crafts exploring the Lent and Easter story as well as celebrating Mothering Sunday. One particular favourite was the “doughnut tomb” craft, complete with a Jaffa Cake stone – a deliciously imaginative way of helping the children think about the story of Easter! The crafts were enthusiastically



received by both children and parents alike, and it was lovely to see families working and creating together.

Of course, no Messy Church would be complete without refreshments. Thanks to Brian and Jean, there was a generous supply of cake, juice, tea and coffee, which gave everyone a chance to relax and chat together.

The morning finished with a short time of worship in church led by Rev Simon. We watched a stop-motion Lego animation telling the Easter story, which the children found fascinating, and then sang a song together to round off our time.

Messy Church is a wonderful way for families to explore faith together in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise, lead and support the morning, and of course to all the families who came along. We are already looking forward to the next one!



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. 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.

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Aid Trust



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

Blackburn Diocese Centenary **BIG DAY OUT**

Family Fun || Hog Roast || Open Air Worship

Celebrating 100 years of
Blackburn Diocese with a
party in Blackpool.

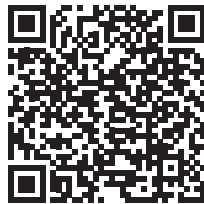
Saturday 16 May
All welcome - free of charge

**Bishop Philip
invites us to join him on
Saturday 16 May for a
big party in Blackpool
to celebrate 100 years of
Blackburn Diocese!**

Blackburn Diocese is marking 100 years with a Big Day Out in Blackpool – a full, joy filled celebration for every age. With dedicated zones for families and young people, plus live music, comedy, a free hog roast lunch and a huge open air worship gathering in St John's Square, it's set to be a fantastic day for our whole Diocese.

Everyone is welcome, and pre registration helps the Diocese plan food and spaces.

To register for the day or to find out more please scan the QR code, it points to the Diocesan Big Day Out landing page, where you can a video of the Bishop explaining the event, along with details of parking and a full itinerary.



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



Lostock Hall Memorial Band
**Spring
CONCERT**
MARCH
SUNDAY | **29** | 2PM
2026
St Leonards Church, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham
*Featuring our Senior and
Training Bands*
£8 PER ADULT, ACCOMPANIED
CHILDREN GO FREE

Volunteers required for tea and coffee, donations for Raffle appreciated. Proceeds for St. Leonard's and the Band.

Penwortham spring clean Helping to keep Britain tidy.

The Great British Spring Clean (13–29 March) is the country's largest mass action environmental campaign, organised by Keep Britain Tidy, and this year our Eco Group is keen to take part.

We will be joining forces with the Penwortham Guardians of Nature for a litter pick on Sunday 29 March, starting at 1.30pm. We will meet at the Middleforth Play Park on Margaret Road, and anyone who would like to help is very welcome to come along and join in.

All the necessary equipment, bags and litter pickers will be provided, but strong boots and gloves are essential.

The aim of the afternoon is to help clear some fly-tipped rubbish in the area, so please be aware that this will not be a gentle stroll and is not suitable for children. However, we do hope to organise some more family-friendly litter picks in the future, so watch this space.

If you would like more information, please speak to Michelle Banks or contact the Eco Group via email at eco-stleo@outlook.com. It would be wonderful to have a good group of volunteers helping to care for our local environment and community.

Friday 13 March

8am Morning Prayers
for growth and renewal

Sunday 15 March Mothering Sunday

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion
12:30 Mothering Sunday Lunch

Tuesday 17 March

9.30 to 11am The Road to Easter
with Broakoak Year 5
LYCiG Follow up Whalley Abbey

Wednesday 18 March

10am. Holy Communion.

Thursday 19 March

9.30 to 11am The Road to Easter
with Middleforth Year 5

Friday 20 March

8am Morning Prayers
for growth and renewal

Sunday 22 March Lent 5

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Tuesday 24 March

7.00pm PCC Meeting in the
Small Hall

Wednesday 25 March

10am. Holy Communion.

Friday 27 March

8am Morning Prayers
for growth and renewal

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

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.

Friday Morning Prayers for growth and renewal

Our Friday Morning Prayers for Growth and Renewal continue to be a quiet, powerful part of our week. Meeting at 8am in church, this short time of reflection offers a meaningful way to begin the day – centering ourselves in God's presence before the busyness unfolds. Why not join us and see what a difference it can make?

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