

St. Leonard's NEWS

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Sunday 5 April 2026

Easter Sunday

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



He is risen. *He is risen indeed!*

There has been much to give thanks for over a full and meaningful Holy Week at St Leonard's.

Our journey began on Palm Sunday, when we were delighted to welcome Archdeacon Jane to lead and preach at our services. It was a real

encouragement to have her with us as we began the week, setting the tone for all that was to follow.

Later that day, we also enjoyed the Spring Concert from Lostock Hall Memorial Band, making Palm Sunday both reflective and celebratory. As the week continued, we gathered for two evening services of Compline in the church worship area—quiet, reflective moments that helped us to slow down and prepare our hearts for the days ahead.

On Wednesday, the Small Hall was used for the first ever service of Tenebrae. Twelve people gathered to reflect on the shadows that extinguished the light of the world—a simple but powerful service that held a deep sense of stillness and reflection.



At the time of writing, the hall is once again set for our Maundy Thursday Passover Communion and Seder meal. In recent weeks, this space has undergone something of a transformation. Four beautiful banners, lovingly made by Susan Walsh, now hang within it, and the large cross—previously in the big hall—has been given a new home, providing a striking focal point. The result is a space that is now



ideal for smaller, more intimate acts of worship. Our thanks go to Rev Janet for the vision, and to Susan and Philip for helping to bring it to life.

The cross for the Good Friday Walk of Witness has now arrived and stands ready on the dais, awaiting its part in tomorrow's journey. It will then form the centrepiece of our "Hour at the Foot of the Cross" service in the afternoon, as we pause together to reflect on the events of that first Good Friday.

And then comes the day of preparation—readying ourselves for the joy of Easter morning. From the greeting of the dawn at Middleforth Park, to our two services of celebration in church, we will gather to proclaim the hope at the heart of our faith.

Whatever you are doing this Easter, all of us at St Leonard's wish you a joyful and blessed time. *He is risen. He is risen indeed!*



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Spring sounds at St Leonard's

It was a real pleasure to welcome Lostock Hall Memorial Band to St Leonard's on Palm Sunday for their Spring Concert.

The afternoon began with a fine performance from the Senior Band, who played with confidence and skill under the direction of their conductor, Tommy Tynan. It was easy to hear why they have recently been crowned North West Second Section Champions—a wonderful achievement and richly deserved.

In the second half, the Senior Band made way for the Training Band, and what a joy that was. With instrumen-

talists as young as four years old, it was both inspiring and encouraging to see so many young people involved in making music and developing their talents.

The concert concluded with the full band coming together once again for an encore, including a memorable rendition of Skyfall, the well-known Adele song, which brought the afternoon to a fitting close.

Our thanks go to the band for sharing the proceeds from the concert with church, it raised over £300. Thanks also to all those who helped by preparing and serving refreshments during



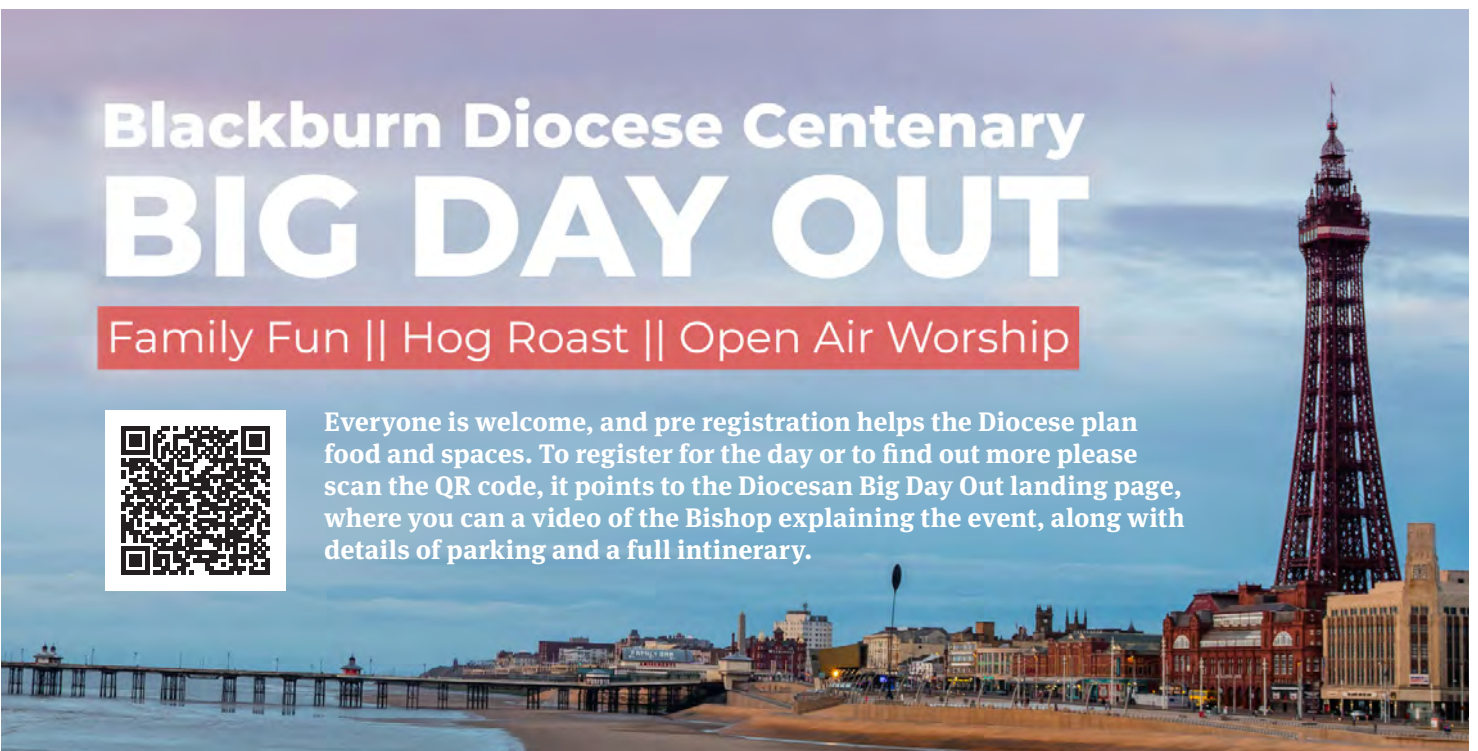
the interval. It was a wonderful afternoon of music and community, and we are very grateful to everyone involved.

Blackburn Diocese Centenary **BIG DAY OUT**

Family Fun || Hog Roast || Open Air Worship



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 intinerary.





Talking Tables — and — Chatting Chairs

from 1.30pm
on Tuesday 7 April.



Always first Tuesday
of the month.

Sunday 4 April Easter Sunday

6am Meet at Church for Dawn Service on the Park
8.30am Said Holy Communion and Celebration of the Resurrection
10am Sung Holy Communion and Celebration of the Resurrection

Tuesday 7 April

1.30pm Chatting Chairs and Talking Tables

Wednesday 8 April

10pm Holy Communion

Friday 10 April

8am Morning Prayer

Saturday 11 April

10am Preston Opera Rehearsal

Sunday 12 April Easter 2

8.30am Said Holy Communion
10am All Age Family Service
12 noon Preston Opera Rehearsal

Wednesday 15 April

10pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16 April

10.30am Vintage and Collectables Roadshow

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

Sun 4 April - Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34-43 | Matthew 28.1-10

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

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

Sun 12 April - Easter 2

Acts 2.14a, 22-32 | John 20.19-end

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

10.00am Joyce Helm. *Reader:* TBC *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

Sun 19 April - Easter 3

Acts 2.14a, 36-41 | Luke 24. 13-25

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

10.00am Linda and Alistair Woolard. *Reader:* Laraine Southwell *Prayers:* Diane Raynor *Coffee:* Laraine and Anne.

Sun 3 May - Easter 4

Acts 7.55-end | John 14.1-14

8.30am Peter and Angela Milner.
Reader: Rev Janet.

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



**PENWORTHAM
FARMERS
MARKET**

St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway,
Penwortham, PR1 0DS
Sat 4th April 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 barmes and cakes available from the stalls.

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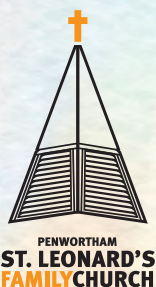
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We would love you to join us at one or all of our

**EVENTS AND SERVICES
DURING
HOLY WEEK
AND**



Easter

at St. Leonard's
Family Church

**SUN 5 APRIL
EASTER SUNDAY**

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- 8:30AM** *Said Communion and Celebration of the Resurrection*
- 10AM** *Sung Communion and Celebration of the Resurrection*

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**



and finally...

some good news for this joyful Eastertide

We are delighted to introduce the newest member of our church family. Isla Martie Owens was born on Monday 30th March at 1:20pm, weighing a healthy 8lbs 4oz. We give thanks that both mum Lauren and Isla are doing well, and we look forward to welcoming them home—hopefully in time for Easter Day.

Dad Kieran is, quite understandably, over the moon, as is proud big brother Isaac.

New life is always something to celebrate, and it feels especially fitting at this time of year, as we prepare to mark the hope and joy of Easter. In Isla's arrival, we are reminded again of the gift of life, of love, and of new beginnings.

Please do keep Isla, Lauren, Kieran and Isaac in your prayers as they begin this new chapter together, if you would like to help in any other way, please contact Rev. Simon. We look forward to meeting Isla very soon.

*May God bless Isla and watch over her,
may she grow in love, joy, and strength,
and may she always know she is held in the love of God
and surrounded by the love of her church family.*