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The Weekly Newsletter for St. Leonard's Church

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

FOR THE
Parochial Church Council of
St Leonard's Church, Penwortham



An update from the APCM



No Mow May is the annual campaign urging everyone to pack away the lawnmower, let wildflowers grow freely and help nature from your doorstep.

During May, simply stop mowing your lawn (or even just a small part of it) and do more by doing less.

No lawn is too small! Even the tiniest wild patch can provide vital food needed by bees and butterflies and give wildlife the best start to summer.

It really is that simple to make a difference – during May, put the mower away!

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting last week was a positive and encouraging moment in the life of St Leonard's, giving us the opportunity to reflect on the past year and look ahead with hope.

There was much to give thanks for as we looked back—across our worship, our work with schools, community events, and the many ways people have served faithfully behind the scenes. It was also a chance to recognise both the challenges we face and the opportunities ahead as we continue to grow in our life and witness together.

At the meeting, we were pleased to appoint Mrs Susan Range to the PCC,

filling the current 12-month vacancy. We are very grateful to Susan for her willingness to serve in this way.

We are also delighted that Laraine Southwell, having completed her previous term, has agreed to return to the PCC. Her experience and commitment will be a real gift to the team.

Please do keep all members of the PCC in your prayers as they help guide and support the life of the church in the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, and to all who continue to contribute so much to the life of St Leonard's.

Following the APCM, we still have two three year vacancies on the PCC. The PCC plays an important role in the life of the church—helping to support the vision, make decisions about our shared life, and care for the practical and spiritual wellbeing of the parish. If you have ever wondered about getting more involved, or feel you might have something to offer, this could be a good time to take that step. If you would like to know more, or would be interested in being considered, please have a word with Rev Simon, Philip Walsh or Ian Dawson.



PENWORTHAM FARMERS MARKET

St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS
Sat 2nd May 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.



Talking Tables — and — Chatting Chairs

from 1.30pm
on Tuesday 5 May



Always first Tuesday
of the month.



£1.00

SALE

Penwortham Community Centre
Kingsfold Drive
PR1 9EQ

Saturday 16th May 2026

11am-3pm

All clothing £1.00 only

*St Leonard's
G&S Group*

7.30 pm Thursday 21st May 2026

7.30 pm Friday 22nd May 2026

2.30 pm Saturday 23rd May 2026



Tickets £10

Accompanied U12s free

For ticket information,
call 01772 612030

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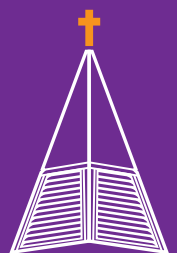
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God of Mission: Who alone brings
growth to your church, Send your
Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.

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



New church administration system – let's keep in touch



Over the last few months, with the agreement of the PCC and with the help of Phil Range, St. Leonard's has been preparing to move onto a new church administration system called iKnow Church.

The new system is part of a range of software that is used by, and supports, the national church and was chosen because of its compatibility with the "Church Near You" online platform. Closer to home, iKnow Church will help us to unite and manage our data, and enable us to look after our records more securely. Making it easier for us to stay in touch as a church community.

As part of that move, we'll soon be getting in touch with everyone currently on our mailing list to check that you're happy to continue receiving news, updates, and information from St Leonard's. This is simply to make sure we have your permission and to check

that our records are up to date.

The new system brings a number of benefits. Some of which include:

- keep your information safe and properly managed
- communicate more clearly and efficiently
- organise events and groups more easily
- and, over time, help us stay better connected as a church family

When you receive the email, please can you reply as soon as possible? It should only take a moment to confirm your preferences and we would be sad if we lost anyone who would like to keep on receiving news and updates from St. Leonard's.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this transition as smooth as possible and we look forward to keeping in touch with you in the future.

News from St. Mary's. The retirement of the Revd Chris Nelson

Many in our church community will know that the Revd Chris Nelson, Vicar of St Mary's, will be retiring in June after more than 25 years of faithful ministry in the parish.

Chris's last working day will be Sunday 24th May (Whitsunday), when he will lead worship at St Mary's at their usual Sunday services.

To mark this significant moment, St Mary's will be holding an "Open House" in the church from 2.00pm on that Sunday 24th May. This will be an opportunity for the people of Penwortham to come together, share memories, and offer their thanks and good wishes to Chris and Jacqui as they begin their next chapter. Light refreshments will be available, and everyone is very welcome.

We give thanks for Chris's long and dedicated ministry, and for the many lives he has touched over the years, both within St Mary's and more widely across the area. Please do keep Chris and Jacqui in your prayers as they prepare for retirement.





Thank you

FROM ROY'S FAMILY

We would like to thank
all dad's friend's at
St Leonard's

*for their prayers, cards, poems,
words of support and comforting
hugs over recent weeks.*

We are forever grateful.

Jeanette and Alison

Friday 1 May

8am Morning Prayer

Saturday 2 May

10am Preston Opera Rehearsal

Sunday 3 May

8:30am Holy Communion

10am Sung Holy Communion

Monday 4 May

Early May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5 May

1:30pm Chatting Chairs and
Talking Tables

1:30pm Funeral of Janet Elizabeth
Hoyle at Preston Crematorium.

Wednesday 6 May

10am Holy Communion

Friday 8 May

8am Morning Prayer

11am Funeral for Kathleen Banks

Sunday 10 May

8:30am Holy Communion

10am All Age Family Service

Wednesday 13 May

10am Holy Communion

Friday 15 May

8am Morning Prayer

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

Sun 3 May - Easter 5

Acts 7.55-end / John 14.1-14

8.30am Peter and Angela Milner.

Reader: Rev Janet.

10.00am. Barbara Palmer *Reader:*

Brian Bamber *Prayers:* Rev Janet *Coffee:*

Linda and Alistair Woollard.

Sun 10 May - Easter 6

Acts 17.22 - 31 / John 14.15 - 21

8.30am Franklin Bello and Peter

Milner. *Reader:* Rev Simon.

10.00am. Joyce Helm *Reader:* TBC

Prayers: Rev Simon / *Set Coffee:*

Barbara and Christine

Sun 17 May - Sun after Ascension

Acts 1.6 - 14 / John 17.1-11

8.30am Irene Farrimond and Elizabeth

Bunyan. *Reader:* Rev Janet.

10.00am. Barbara Palmer *Reader:*

Melvyn Gardner *Prayers:* Rev Janet

Coffee: Laraine and Anne.

Sun 24 May - Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21 / John 20.19-23

8.30am Phil and Susan Range. *Reader:*

Andrea Waive.

10.00am. Sylvia Johnson *Reader:* Philip

Walsh *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Brian

and Melvyn.

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

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