



St. Leonard's NEWS

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



To celebrate the wonderful achievement of St Leonard's receiving the Silver Eco Church Award, our fantastic "Border Force" team were out once again last week, hard at work caring for the gardens around the back and sides of church.

As these pictures reveal, their continued dedication, energy and enthusiasm help keep our church grounds looking welcoming, vibrant and well-loved throughout the year. From pruning and tidying to planting and maintaining, their work plays an important part in helping us care for the environment around us and making St Leonard's a beautiful place for the whole community to enjoy.

The Silver Eco Award recognises not only policies and ideas, but also the practical ways we seek to care for God's creation – and the efforts of our Border Force team are a wonderful example of that commitment in action.

A huge thank you once again to everyone involved for all their hard work and care. It is very much appreciated!



Border force back in action!



ECO Church Shorts



Composting

We are pleased to say that all the good compost (of several years old) has gone to good homes! This has helped lower the heap considerably to allow room for more grass cuttings and leaves in the future.

However, a successful compost heap requires a mix of “greens” (nitrogen-rich) and “browns” (carbon-rich), such as fruit/veg scraps, grass clippings, cardboard, and shredded paper. Ideal additions include eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags and pet bedding (herbivores), We must avoid meat, dairy, diseased plants, and glossy paper. If you don't have a compost heap at home, please consider helping our own St. Leonard's heap.



Recycling Area

In the recycling area at the front of church, we have boxes for cans and bottles, paper and cardboard and a new one for light, soft plastics, often called flexible plastics. These include carrier bags, bread bags, crisp packets, and food film, which can be recycled at over 4,000 UK supermarkets.

They are generally not accepted in home recycling bins but are identified by a “scrunch test” (if they ping back, they are soft plastic). Common items include bread bags, bubble wrap, and food wrappers.

Vestry light

In our ongoing efforts now to achieve a Gold ECO Award, Gerry our friendly electrician has replaced a standard fluorescent tube fitting with an LED one.

Book of Remembrance

From time to time, we receive requests for the name of a deceased person to be included in the Book of Remembrance. Dorothy Watson used to write names in the book for us until illness prevented her continuing to do this task.

We are now looking for someone who enjoys calligraphy. Is there a member of the congregation (or someone you know) who can do this for us?



Talking of Books

We have just received donations of some non-fiction hardback books and over 100 books by author Nora Roberts. While we have placed some of these titles in the porch bookcase, there isn't room for them all, and many are on a shelf in the boiler room. Please ask Philip Walsh, Brian Bamber or a sidesperson if you would like to look at any of these books in store. Donations for church funds.



Diocesan Conference

This summer, from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th July 2026, the Diocese of Blackburn will be holding a major Diocesan Conference at Liverpool Hope University – and it promises to be a fantastic few days together.

The conference is being described as having a real festival atmosphere, with a wide range of teaching sessions, Bible study, worship and prayer, alongside opportunities for fellowship, conversation and entertainment. There will be plenty of choice throughout the event, allowing people to explore different areas of faith, mission and discipleship in ways that are engaging, encouraging and refreshing.

Importantly, the Diocese has generously offered to cover the full cost of board and attendance for ordained clergy and also for one lay leader from each church for the duration of the conference.

This could be a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Christians from across the Diocese, to grow in faith, to be inspired and encouraged, and simply to enjoy being together as part of the wider church family. If you think you may be interested in attending as St Leonard's lay representative, please do speak to Rev Simon **before Monday 18th May**.



**People's
Emergency
Briefing**

National
Emergency
Briefing

Community Screening

A new film featuring Chris Packham, leading climate and nature scientists, a former general and Jennifer Saunders - all being pretty frank about where things are heading and what can be done about it.

Penwortham
Thurs 28th May - 6-8pm
Thurs 11th June - 6-8pm

The Venue, Penwortham Arts Centre
Liverpool Road, PR1 9XE
Free Event
Bar and light refreshments available - bring cash

Any questions contact : hello@kayjohnsonmbe.com

Penwortham in Bloom



UPCOMING events

2026

 <p>Garden Competition Do you love your garden, a beautiful basket, or tub? Get involved, get creative, and be part of something special. Scan the QR code for all the information you need to enter.</p>	 <p>Floral Focus Competition Capture the beauty of Penwortham in our "Flowers, Foliage and Green Space" photo competition. Scan the QR code for all the information you need to enter.</p>
<p>23 MAY</p> <p>Seedling Swap Head to Hurst Grange Park for our friendly seedling swap. Share plants, pick up something new, and enjoy a relaxed coffee morning with fellow gardening enthusiasts.</p>	<p>13 JUN</p> <p>Penwortham Gala Day Visit our stall at the Penwortham Gale in Hurst Grange Park. Find out what we do, get involved, and learn how you can help brighten our local community.</p>
<p>16 JUL</p> <p>Awards Night Celebrate our garden competition winners at St Teresa's Social Centre. An evening dedicated to recognising the hard work, creativity, and pride within our community.</p>	<p>29 AUG</p> <p>Scarecrow Workshop Get creative and hands-on at our scarecrow workshop. Learn how to build your own character and prepare for a fun-filled week of festival displays.</p>
<p>13 SEP</p> <p>Scarecrow Trail The scarecrow festival begins! Explore Penwortham and see how many imaginative creations you can spot as the community comes to life with colour and character.</p>	<p>8 OCT</p> <p>Celebration Night Join us at St Teresa's Social Centre for our main presentation evening, celebrating entries from the Sunflower, Photography, and Scarecrow competitions.</p>
<p>31 OCT</p> <p>Poppy Installation In partnership with the Penwortham Guides, we create a beautiful poppy installation at the PIB boat display, honouring remembrance with a striking community tribute.</p>	<p>8 NOV</p> <p>Remembrance Parade Gather at St Leonard's Church for the annual remembrance parade. A moment for the community to come together, reflect, and pay their respects.</p>

Stay Connected

Keep up to date with all our events, news, and ways to get involved by following Penwortham in Bloom on Facebook and Instagram.

St Leonard's 7.30 pm Thursday 21st May 2026
G&S Group 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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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Utopia1>

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Do you still want to receive St Leonard's newsletter?

If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter and other church updates by email, please do take a moment to reply "YES" to the email you should have received earlier this month. The new system will help us communicate more effectively and ensure that your information is stored more securely.

If you haven't received an email and would like to be added to the email list, please contact Rev Simon - revsimonking@gmail.com — Thank you for your help with this — and thank you too for staying connected with the life of St Leonard's Church.

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

Sunday 17 May - Sun after Ascension

8:30am Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion
11.30am Baptism of Harmony Odonnell

Monday 18 May

9:30am Skylarks Community Choir

Tuesday 19 May

9:30am Magic Moments Memory Choir
5:30pm LYCiG Follow up Session 2 - Whalley Abbey

Wednesday 20 May

10am Holy Communion

Thursday 21 May

7:30pm G&S Iolanthe Performance

Friday 22 May

8am Morning Prayer
7:30pm G&S Iolanthe Performance

Saturday 23 May

2.30pm G&S Iolanthe Performance

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost

8:30am Holy Communion
10am Sung Holy Communion

Monday 25 May

Spring Bank Holiday

Sidespersons, Readers and Coffee Rota

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 Waine.

10.00am. Sylvia Johnson *Reader:* Philip Walsh *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn.

Sun 31 May - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end / Matt. 28.16-end

8.30am Peter Milner and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Anglea Milner.

10.00am. Joyce Helm *Reader:* Rev Simon *Prayers:* Diane Raynor *Coffee:* Linda and Alistair.

Sun 7 June - Trinity 1

Genesis 12.1-9 / Matt 9.9-13 / 18-26

8.30am Franklin Bello and Phil Range. *Reader:* Philip Walsh.

10.00am. Linda and Alistair Woollard *Reader:* Anne Butterworth *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

Sun 14 June - Trinity 2

Genesis 12.1-9 / Matt 9.9-13 / 18-26

8.30am Irene Farrimond and Elizabeth Bunyan. *Reader:* Rev Simon.

10.00am. Lorraine Southwell and Jenny Stanton *Reader:* Laraine *Prayers:* Set prayers *Coffee:* Laraine and Ann.

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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