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PENWORTHAM ST. LEONARD'S FAMILY CHURCH

Gala weekend brings our community together

Another successful Penwortham Gala weekend has come and gone, and we would like to add our thanks to the many volunteers, organisers and community groups who worked so hard to make it such an enjoyable occasion.

As in previous years, Churches Together in Penwortham hosted a marquee in Hurst Grange Park, offering free refreshments, a place to sit and rest, and a warm welcome to visitors throughout the weekend. The marquee proved to be a popular destination, and we are grateful to everyone who helped serve tea, coffee, squash and biscuits on Saturday afternoon.

St Leonard's was delighted to play its part in the event. On Saturday, a team of volunteers ran a Messy Church eco-crafts table, providing a range of free activities for children and families. The crafts were extremely popular and gave many young visitors an opportunity to explore themes of creation, nature and caring for our environment in a fun and engaging way.

Visitors to the marquee were also able to learn more about the work of the local Food Bank through an informative display, while volunteers distributed hundreds of "Try Praying" booklets, encouraging people to explore prayer in their everyday lives.

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The weekend continued with the annual Churches Together ecumenical service on Sunday morning. The service brought together Christians from across Penwortham and was greatly enhanced by the wonderful music of Banks Brass Band. Rev Simon was pleased to take part in the service, offering the final blessing as the congregation prepared to return to the Gala festivities.

Special thanks were expressed by the organisers to Penwortham Town Council, the Churches Together planning team, the volunteers who staffed the marquee throughout the weekend, and the many individuals whose behind-the-scenes efforts made the event possible.

Penworthan Gala weekend continued...

Particular appreciation was also given to the Mayor of Penwortham, Councillor Tracey Flannery, who represented the town throughout the celebrations.

Events such as the Gala remind us of the strength of community life in Penwortham and the value of churches working together in service, hospitality and witness. We are grateful to everyone who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm over the weekend and look forward to doing it all again next year.

For those who like to plan ahead, next year's Penwortham Gala is scheduled to take place on 12th and 13th June 2027.

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How can we bless our community in a practical and prayerful way?

Join our parish prayer walk and litter pick

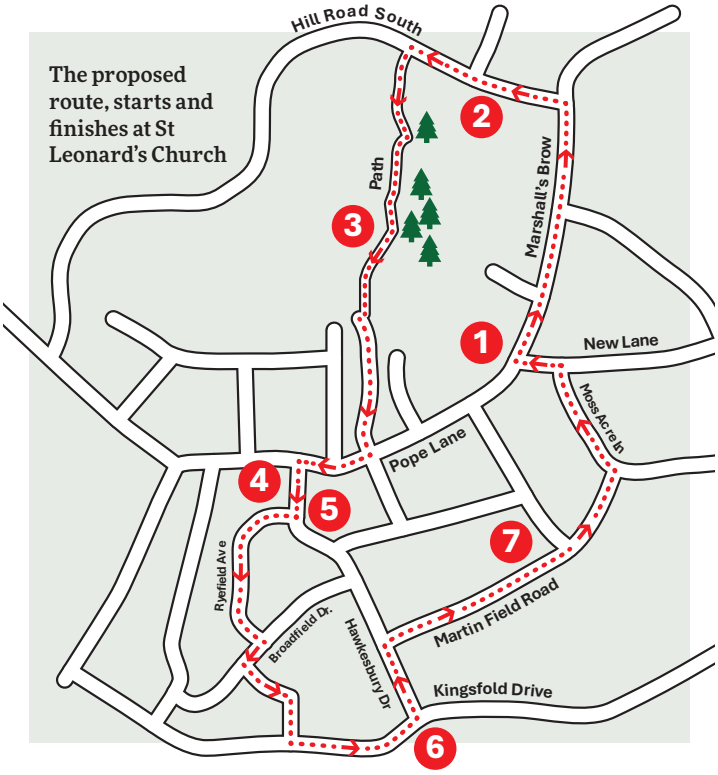
On Sunday 28th June, we are inviting as many people as possible to join us for a Parish Prayer and Pick Walk. The idea is simple: as we walk around our parish, we will pray for the people, places and organisations that make up our community, while also helping to care for our neighbourhood by collecting litter along the way.

There will be planned prayer stops at a number of key locations, including Middleforth School, Penwortham Library and Penwortham Grange, as we give thanks for the work that takes place there and pray for all who use and serve those facilities. There will also be opportunities for impromptu pauses along the route whenever we feel drawn to pray for a particular place or need.

The walk will be approximately 1.7 miles in length, following pavements and designated pathways, making it accessible for most people. Whether you are a seasoned walker or simply enjoy a gentle stroll, we'd love you to join us.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see our parish through fresh eyes, to pray for our community, and to demonstrate our care for the place we call home.

The walk will conclude back at St Leonard's, where coffee, tea and (hopefully!) cakes will be waiting for us. So, grab a litter picker if you have one, put on some comfortable shoes, and come and join us as we seek to bless Penwortham both in prayer and in action.



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Cathedral flower trip reminder

A few weeks ago we mentioned the possibility of organising a parish trip to the Flower Show at Blackburn Cathedral, which takes place from Friday 21st August to Monday 24th August.

There has already been some encouraging interest, and several people have suggested that we make a full day of it by including a stop for lunch along the way. Before we can make any firm arrangements, however, we need to get a clearer idea of numbers.

Unfortunately, because last weekend was Gala Weekend, there was no usual 10.00am service at St Leonard's and therefore less opportunity for people to see and sign the list. We don't want anyone to miss out simply because they weren't at church that morning!

The sign-up sheet will therefore remain at the back of church for a little longer. Adding your name is not a binding commitment, but it will help us determine whether there is sufficient interest to make the trip viable and what transport arrangements might be required.

Whether you're a keen gardener, a lover of beautiful floral displays, or simply fancy a day out with friends from church, we'd love to hear from you.

Please add your name to the list if you think you may be interested. Once we have a better idea of numbers, we can begin to explore transport options, lunch arrangements and costs.

Let's see if we can make this a blooming good parish outing!

Sidespersons, readers and coffee rota

Sun 21 June - Trinity 3
Genesis 21.8-21 / Matt 10.24-39

8.30 — Phil and Susan Range. *Reader:* Rev Janet.

10.00 — Barbara Palmer *Reader:* Brian Bamber *Prayers:* Rev Janet *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn

Sun 28 June - Trinity 4
Genesis 22.1-14 / Matt 10.40 - end

8.30 — Peter and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Andrea Waine.

10.00 — Barbara Palmer *Reader:* Andrea Waine *Prayers:* Diane Raynor *Coffee:* Linda and Alistair

Sun 5 July - Trinity 5
Generous Loving. Ruth 1.1-22 / Matt 13.44 - 46

8.30 — Franklin Bello and Peter Milner. *Reader:* Philip Walsh.

10.00 — Brian Bamber *Reader:* Ann Butterworth *Prayers:* Angela Milner *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine

Sun 12 July - Trinity 6
Generous Provision. Ruth 2.1-20 — Luke 12.13 — 21

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

10.00 — Joyce Helm *Reader:* Philip Walsh *Prayers:* Set Prayers *Coffee:* Laraine and Ann

CHURCH AND HALL DIARY

Friday 19 June
08:00 Friday morning prayers

Saturday 20 June
King's Birthday
10:00 Rawstorne Singers Come and Sing

Sunday 21 June - Trinity 3
Father's Day
08:30 Said Communion
10:00 Sung Holy Communion

Monday 22 June
10:00 Pre-School Phonics Classes
15:30 BOOSH after school club

Tuesday 23 June
15:30 BOOSH Club After School Club
17:00 Brownies & Rainbows

Wednesday 24 June
09:00 Early Years Music Sessions
10:00 Weds Morning Communion
15:30 BOOSH after school club
19:15 Rawstorne Singers

Thursday 25 June
18:15 Ling Shi Tai Chi Club
18:45 Choir Practice

Friday 26 June
08:00 Friday morning prayers
19:30 Gilbert & Sullivan Group

Saturday 27 June
08:45 A Purrfect Friend Jumble Sale

Sunday 28 June
08:30 Said Communion
10:00 Sung Communion

Monday 29 June
10:00 Pre-School Phonics Classes
15:30 BOOSH after school club

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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