



Sunday 14 June 2026

Trinity 2

The Weekly Newsletter
for St. Leonard's Church

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA



SEE YOU AT THE GALA!

This weekend many of us will be out and about celebrating Penwortham Gala, regardless of the weather, and once again Churches Together in Penwortham will be hosting a marquee in Hurst Grange Park.

You can find us in our usual spot, offering free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits on Saturday. Whether you need a chance to rest your feet, escape the crowds for a few minutes, or simply enjoy a friendly chat, our marquee is open to everyone and we'd love to welcome you.

On Saturday afternoon, members of St Leonard's will also be running a Messy Church craft table. With a range of free activities for children to enjoy, it provides a welcome opportunity for parents and grandparents to take a breather from the inevitable cries of "Can I have...?" that are part and parcel of every gala!

The celebrations continue on Sunday with the annual Church-

es Together open-air service at 11.00am in the park. This year's service will feature music from Banks Brass Band and promises to be a wonderful opportunity for Christians from across Penwortham to gather together in worship and fellowship.

Please note that, because of the Gala service, there will be no 10.00am Holy Communion service at St Leonard's on Sunday. Our 8.30am service will take place as usual.

If you're planning to visit the Gala over the weekend, do come and say hello. Whether you stop by for a brew, a biscuit, a craft activity, or to join us for worship on Sunday morning, it would be wonderful to see you there.

Penwortham Gala
Sunday Worship



11am Sunday 14th June
Hurst Grange Park

with

Banks Brass Band

all welcome

The Parish Giving Scheme

What does it mean for me?

As you may be aware, St Leonard's has recently introduced the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), a secure and convenient way of supporting the ministry and mission of our church through regular giving. We are delighted to report that some of our regular givers have already moved onto the new system, thank you to them for making the switch.

Some people have asked what this change will mean for them, and the answer depends largely on how you currently make your donations.

For instance, if you already give by Standing Order, the change should be very straightforward. You will simply be asked to complete a PGS form, either online or on paper (available at the back of church), and



once your new gift has been set up through the Parish Giving Scheme, you can cancel your ex-

isting Standing Order.

If you currently give using weekly envelopes, PGS offers an opportunity to replace those envelopes with a regular monthly gift paid directly from your bank account. This removes the need to remember your envelope each week and helps reduce administration for our volunteers. Again this can be either done online or by completing a PGS form.

If you usually give using the contactless card machine, PGS can be used to make your regular gift to the church, whilst the contactless machine will still be available for occasional additional donations and special appeals.

Likewise, if you normally place cash on the collection plate, PGS provides a simple way of making a regular gift without needing to carry cash or remember it each Sunday.

One of the benefits of the Parish Giving Scheme is that it allows Gift Aid to be reclaimed efficiently and reduces the administrative burden on the parish. It also provides a reliable source of income that helps the PCC plan confidently for the future and supports the worship, ministry, pastoral care and community outreach that take place



through St Leonard's.

Importantly, moving to PGS is about making the way we give simpler, safer and more sustainable for the future. Of course, anyone who wishes to review their giving will be able to do so, but the primary purpose is to provide a modern and efficient way of supporting the life of our church.

We realise that for some, the Parish Giving Scheme presents a significant and daunting change, but you should know that help is available. So if you would like to know more, please do speak to Philip Walsh, Susan Walsh or to Rev Simon, we would be very happy to answer your questions or to walk you through the process.

Thank you, as always, for your faithful generosity and support. Everything we do at St Leonard's is made possible through the gifts, prayers and commitment of our church family.



The Rawstorne Singers

Come and Sing Rutter's Requiem

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
10:00 - 17:00 (Performance at 16:00 - free entry, donations welcome)

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, MARSHALLS BROW,
PENWORTHAM, PR1 9JA

TICKETS: £20 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS AND MUSIC

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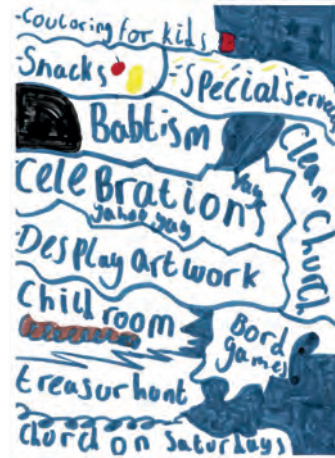
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God of Mission: Who alone brings growth to your church. Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning. Wisdom to our actions. Joy to our worship and power to our witness.

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

If children designed churches



help people engage with prayer and worship in different ways.

One theme emerged particularly strongly. The children felt that there should be a special service designed with families in mind, perhaps on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, where children could come along with their parents and take an active part in worship.

This led to an exciting conversation with Middleforth's Headteacher, Mrs Pilkington, who suggested that the children themselves could help to plan and lead a family service at St Leonard's. She also very generously offered to donate a sensory prayer box as a gift from the school to the church, helping us to make worship more accessible and engaging for people of all ages.

Listening to the children reminded us that church growth is not always about finding new ideas, but about taking the time to listen to the people we are hoping to welcome. Their creativity, honesty and enthusiasm were both encouraging and inspiring.

Our thanks go to Mrs Pilkington for her continued support of SOFA and to all the children who have taken part throughout the year. Their ideas have given us much to think about, and who knows? Some of their suggestions may yet become a reality at St Leonard's. Watch this space!

At last Tuesday's gathering of SOFA (Share Our Faith Around), the after-school faith club at Middleforth Primary School, the children were invited to imagine their ideal church.

If they could design a church from scratch, what would it look like? What would happen there? What would make it a place that children and families would

want to visit?

As always, the children responded with wonderful enthusiasm, imagination and honesty. Some of their ideas were delightfully ambitious, while others were surprisingly practical and, perhaps, things we could introduce in the not-too-distant future.

Among their suggestions were an instrument box so that chil-

dren could join in with the music, an art gallery where pictures of God and Bible stories could be displayed for everyone to see, and a church that was clean, welcoming and equipped with facilities that children felt comfortable using. They also suggested Bible-themed board games, a church gardening club, treasure hunts linked to learning about faith, and sensory activities to



Flower Show trip update

Following last week's article about a possible church trip to the Flower Show at Blackburn Cathedral, there has already been some encouraging interest, and several people have suggested that we make a full day of it by stopping somewhere for lunch along the way.

The Flower Show will be taking place at Blackburn Cathedral from Friday 21st August to Monday 24th August, and we are exploring the possibility of organising a parish visit during

that period.

Before any firm arrangements can be made, we need to get an idea of how many people would like to come.

A sign-up sheet will therefore be available at the back of church over the next few weeks. Adding your name to the list is not a binding commitment, but it will help us assess whether there is sufficient interest to make the trip viable and what transport arrangements might be needed.

Whether you're a keen gar-

dener, someone who enjoys beautiful floral displays, or simply looking for an opportunity to spend time with friends from church, we hope this could be a fun and enjoyable outing for all.

If you think you might like to come along, please add your name to the list.

Once we have a clearer idea of numbers, we'll be able to explore options for transport, lunch arrangements and costs, and share further details.

We look forward to seeing whether this idea blossoms into a successful parish outing!

Sidespersons, readers and coffee rota

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.

11.00 — Ecumenical Gala Service on Hurst Grange Park.

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 June - 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

CHURCH AND HALL DIARY

Saturday 13 June

Penwortham Gala

Sunday 14 June

08:30 Said Communion

11:00 Pen Gala Sunday Service

Monday 15 June

10:00 Pre-School Phonics Classes

15:30 BOOSH after school club

18:15 Yoga

Tuesday 16 June

15:30 BOOSH Club After School Club

17:00 Brownies & Rainbows

Wednesday 17 June

09:00 Early Years Music Sessions

10:00 Weds Morning Communion

15:30 BOOSH after school club

19:15 Rawstone Singers

Thursday 18 June

09:00 Whole school worship

18:15 Ling Shi Tai Chi Club

18:45 Choir Practice

Friday 19 June

08:00 Friday morning prayers

Saturday 20 June

King's Birthday

10:00 Rawstone 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

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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