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Sunday 5 July 2026

Trinity 5

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



More than picking up litter

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Parish Prayer and Litter Pick Walk on Sunday afternoon. Armed with hi-vis vests, litter pickers and refuse sacks, we set off around our parish with two simple aims: to care for our community by picking up litter and to pray for the people who live and work here.

At first glance, the streets didn't seem particularly untidy. But it's amazing what you notice once you're really looking. Before long, our bags began to fill with the usual collection of discarded cans, bottles, wrappers and other litter that so easily escapes our notice.



The afternoon wasn't just about clearing rubbish, though.

Walking together gave us the chance to chat, get to know one another a little better and enjoy each other's company in the sunshine. Along the way we stopped to pray at a number of key places in our parish, including Middleforth School, the Scout Hut, the footpaths behind Greencroft, the Council offices and Penwortham Grange, remembering before God all those who learn, work, serve and live in our community.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was meeting Paul, whose love for the Kingsfold area is expressed in the quiet but faithful way he regularly picks litter there. His care for the com-

munity was an encouragement to us all.

Of course, no St Leonard's event would be complete without refreshments! We finished back at church with tea, coffee and a wonderful selection of homemade cakes, lovingly baked by our volunteers—some even using fresh fruit picked from the church gardens.

The afternoon proved to be a wonderful combination of fellowship, prayer and practical care for our neighbourhood. In fact, several people asked before they left, "When are we doing it again?"

We think that's a very good question... more pics inside.



In Association with Preston Arts Festival

**Preston
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Preston Symphony Orchestra perform your favourite music from Stage and Screen.

Selections from Mary Poppins, Jesus Christ Superstar, Cats, Chicago, and many others...

Including new music specially composed and conducted by our friend Bill Connor.

An evening not to be missed!

Sunday 4th October 2026 at 7pm

**St Leonard's Church, Marshalls Brow
Penwortham PR1 9JA**

Tickets Adults: £15; U18: £8
www.ticketsource.co.uk/preston-symphony-orchestra



Step Together in Faith

WALK TO CHURCH Month

DURING **July**

A Healthy Step for You,
A Stronger Step in Faith.

- GOOD FOR YOU**
Walk for your health and well-being.
- GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY**
Build connections and care for others.
- GOOD FOR YOUR FAITH**
A step closer to God, together.

LEAVE WORRIES BEHIND, TAKE STEPS OF **Faith**

LET'S WALK TOGETHER!

- WALK for Health**
- WALK for Community**
- WALK for Christ**

EVERY STEP MATTERS. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Joyful, generous stewards a journey through Ruth

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new four-week teaching series at St Leonard's entitled **Joyful, Generous Stewards**. Throughout July we'll be setting aside our usual lectionary readings to explore one of the Bible's most beautiful stories: **The Book of Ruth**.

At first glance, Ruth might seem an unusual choice for a stewardship series. It contains no instructions about giving, no appeal for money, and no long lists of commandments. Instead, it tells the story of ordinary people facing extraordinary circumstances: famine, bereavement, uncertainty and the challenge of starting again. Yet running through the whole story is another theme—one of extraordinary generosity.

We encounter Ruth's unwavering loyalty to Naomi. We meet Boaz, whose kindness and

hospitality reflect God's own generous heart. And we see how lives that begin in scarcity and sorrow are gradually transformed through love, faithfulness and grace.

Our first theme this Sunday is **Generous Loving**, as we reflect on Ruth chapter 1 alongside Jesus' parable of the treasure hidden in the field. Both passages invite us to consider what we truly value. The person who discovers the treasure gives up everything because they have found something infinitely more precious. Ruth leaves behind all that is familiar because she has discovered a relationship and a faith worth building her life upon.

Generosity, then, is never simply about money. It begins with recognising what we ourselves have received. Before we ask what we might give, we first remember God's generosity towards us—his love, his grace, his forgiveness, the gift of faith, and the countless ways he has sustained us through family, friends and the fellowship of the Church.

Over the four weeks we'll be asking some important questions together. How do we move from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance? How do we learn to trust God in uncertain times? What does generous discipleship look like in everyday life? And how might God be inviting each of us to take the next step on our own journey?

Of course, one expression of generosity is the way we support the ongoing ministry and mission of St Leonard's. It has been

If, during these weeks, you feel God prompting you to begin giving, or perhaps to review your current giving, you can sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme at any time. There is never any pressure and no expectation that everyone will respond in the same way. Each person's journey of generosity is different.

Our prayer is that this series will help us discover that stewardship is not primarily about balancing budgets, but about becoming more like Christ. For generosity is not something God wants from us. It is something he longs to grow within us.

We hope you'll join us over these four Sundays as together we journey through Ruth, discovering afresh the joy of living as Joyful, Generous Stewards.

To find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme, please scan the QR code below.



- **Sun 5th July – Trinity 5**
Generous Loving
Ruth 1:1-22 | Matt 13:44-46
- **Sun 12th July – Trinity 6**
Generous Provision
Ruth 2:1-20 | Luke 12:13-21
- **Sun 19th July – Trinity 7**
Generous Choices
Ruth 3:1-18 | Luke 18:18-23
- **Sun 26th July – Trinity 8**
Generous Hope
Ruth 4:1-17 | Luke 12:27-34

around eight years since we last reflected together on Christian giving, and much has changed in that time. We continue to be blessed by the remarkable generosity of so many people whose faithful giving enables worship, pastoral care, work with children and schools, community outreach and the day-to-day life of our church. We are deeply grateful for every gift.



Talking Tables and Chatting Chairs

from 1.30pm
on Tuesday 7 July



Always first Tuesday
of the month.



PENWORTHAM
FARMERS MARKET
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Join us on Saturday, 4th July, 9am to 1pm for a friendly community market packed with local produce, handmade goods and small independent businesses.

Fresh fruit and vegetables ~ Local meat and fish ~ Homemade cakes and sweet treats ~ Crafts, gifts and artisan products ~ Tea, coffee and bacon butties available in our social area.

Whether you're shopping for fresh food, looking for unique gifts, or simply fancy a great morning out, Penwortham Farmers Market offers a warm welcome for everyone.

**St Teresa's RC Church 34 Queensway Scout Hut
and Car Park Penwortham, PR1 0DS**

Diocesan Conference 2026

From Monday to Thursday next week, clergy and lay representatives from across the Diocese of Blackburn will be gathering at Liverpool Hope University for our Diocesan Conference.

Held every four years, the conference is an opportunity to step away from the demands of everyday ministry to spend time together in worship, prayer, learning and fellowship. This year's theme, "Found by Jesus,"

draws on the books of Luke and Acts, reminding us that before we ever sought Christ, he first came searching for us.

The conference also forms part of our celebrations marking 100 years of the Diocese of Blackburn, giving us the opportunity to thank God for all that has been, while looking forward with hope to all that he is still calling us to become.

Please do pray for everyone taking part, that the conference



will be a time of refreshment, encouragement and renewed vision for the years ahead, and that all who attend, lay and ordained, will return inspired to serve Christ and their local communities with fresh energy and joy.

Sidespersons, readers and coffee rota

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

Sun 19 July - Trinity 7

Generous Choices. Ruth 3.1-18 – Luke 18.18 – 23

8.30 – Phil and Susan Range. *Reader:* Susan Range

10.00 – Linda and Alistair Woollard *Reader:* Melvyn Gardner *Prayers:* Angela Milner *Coffee:* Brian and Melvyn

Sun 26 July - Trinity 8

Generous Hope. Ruth 4.1-17 – Luke 12.27 – 34

8.30 – Peter and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Angela Milner

10.00 – Philip Walsh *Reader:* Brian Bamber *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Linda and Alistair

Friday 3 July

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

Sunday 5 July

08:30 Said Communion
10:00 Holy Communion (Sung)

Monday 6 July

Diocesan Conference
09:15 Skylarks Community Choir
10:00 Pre-School Phonics Classes
15:30 BOOSH after school club

CHURCH AND HALL DIARY

18:15 Yoga

Tuesday 7 July

09:30 Magic Moments
Memory Choir
13:30 Talking Tables & Chatting Chairs
15:30 BOOSH Club After School Club
17:00 Brownies & Rainbows

Wednesday 8 July

09:00 Early Years Music Sessions
10:00 Weds Morning Communion
15:30 BOOSH

19:15 Rawstorne Singers

Thursday 9 July

18:15 Ling Shi Tai Chi Club
18:45 Choir Practice

Friday 10 July

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

Sunday 12 July

Battle of the Boyne (N Ireland)
08:30 Said Communion
10:00 All Age Service and Baptism welcome

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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