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St. Leonard's NEWS

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Sunday 30 August 2026

Trinity 13

The Weekly Newsletter for St. Leonard's Church

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA

PENWORTHAM ST. LEONARD'S FAMILYCHURCH

Parishes in Bloom

Last week, the interior of Blackburn Cathedral was transformed by a riotous display of floral colour in an exhibition showcasing the very best of Lancashire creativity and flair.

Displays from parishes across the diocese sat side by side, demonstrating what can be achieved when churches are united by a common purpose. Each arrangement offered a different interpretation of the brief, using the natural beauty of flowers to invite visitors to reflect upon our shared history, worship and faith.

Naturally, we were especially proud of St Leonard's contribution, which received many favourable comments and admiring glances. Its centrepiece was a floral interpretation of the illuminated cross in our worship area. Filled with bright whites and yellows, the arrangement captured something of the light which has become both an inspiration and a source of joy to so many who worship here.

Our display also reflected the wider character of St Leonard's: a church rooted in its history, open to change and committed to being a welcoming presence at the heart of its community.

Special thanks must again go to Margaret Dixon and her remarkable team, whose imagination, skill, hard work and determination made our contribution possible. A beautiful finished arrangement can appear almost effortless, but it represents many hours of planning, preparation, gathering materials, arranging flowers and travelling to the Cathedral to assemble everything in place.

You may be interested to know that the inspiration for the exhibition itself came from our very own St. Leonard's Christmas Tree Festival. When the diocese began exploring ways of marking its centenary with a flower festival, it wanted to avoid the considerable financial burden traditionally associated with such events.

The model offered by our Christmas Tree Festival provided a creative solution: invite individual churches and groups to produce their own displays, then bring them together in one shared celebration. The result was an exhibition rich in variety, with each parish contributing something distinctive while remaining part of a much larger whole.

That seems an appropriate image for the diocese itself. Every parish has its own history, character and gifts; yet together, those different expressions of faith create something far more colourful and compelling than any one church could produce alone.

To everyone who represented St Leonard's—and to all who visited the Cathedral and supported the exhibition—thank you.

See inside for more pictures from the exhibition...

PENWORTHAM
FARMERS MARKET
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Join us on Saturday, 5th September, 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

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Quiz Night

WITH BAKED POTATO SUPPER

Bring your friends and make up a team!

7pm — 10pm

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Family Fun Day

FOR ALL AGES • FREE BBQ

Come along and bring the family!

10am — 2pm

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Celebration Service

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

All are welcome!

10am — 11am

BLACKBURN DIOCESE CENTENARY WEEKEND

St Leonard's Family Church, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA
Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of church.

I'm going, its going to be good — would you like to come too?

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Sidespersons, readers and coffee rota

Sun 30 August - Trinity 13
Exodus 3.1-15 – Matt 16.21 - end
8.30 – Peter Milner. *Reader:* Andrea Waine
10.00 – Laraine Southwell and Jenny Stanton *Reader:* Ann Butterworth *Prayers:* Angela Milner *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine.

Sun 6 September - Trinity 14
Exodus 12.1-14 – Matt 18.15-20
8.30 – Franklin Bello and Peter Milner. *Reader:* Philip Walsh
10.00 – Brian Bamber *Reader:* Brian Bamber *Prayers:* Rev Simon *Coffee:* Laraine and Ann.

Sun 13 September - Trinity 15
Exodus 14.19-end – Matt 18.21-35
8.30 – Irene Farrimond and Elizabeth Bunyan. *Reader:* Rev. Simon
10.00 – Linda and Alistair Woollard *Reader:* Philip Walsh *Prayers:* Set Prayers *Coffee:* Laraine and Ann.

Sun 20 September - Trinity 16
Exodus 16.2–15 – Matt 20.1–16
8.30 – Susan and Phil Range. *Reader:* Rev Janet
10.00 – Barbara Palmer *Reader:* Rev Janet *Prayers:* Set Prayers *Coffee:* Linda and Alistair

CHURCH AND HALL DIARY

Sunday 30 August
08:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Sung Communion
11:30 Baptism for Delilah Sumner

Monday 31 August
Summer Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1 Sept
13:30 Talking Tables & Chatting Chairs
17:00 Brownies & Rainbows
19:45 Helen Latham (Singing Group)

Wednesday 2 Sept
10:00 Weds Morning Communion
15:30 BOOSH after school club
19:15 Rawstorne Singers

Thursday 3 September
18:15 Ling Shi Tai Chi Club
18:45 Choir Practice

Friday 4 September
08:00 Friday morning prayers
19:30 Gilbert & Sullivan Group

Saturday 5 September
12:00 A Purrfect Friend Cats Extravaganza

Sunday 6 September
08:30 Said Communion
10:00 Sung Communion

Autumn Lunch

Sunday 20 September

On Sunday 20 September, we will be holding our Autumn Lunch in the Large Hall. The cost is £15 per person, and everyone is warmly invited to join us for good food, friendship and conversation.

We are also delighted that Revd Sarah O'Donohue, the Diocesan Renewal Officer, will be visiting St Leonard's that day. Sarah will join us for our morning worship and will remain with us for the Autumn Lunch afterwards.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church if you would like to attend. Come along, bring a friend and help us make it a wonderfully warm St Leonard's occasion.

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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