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Trinity 18

*The Weekly Newsletter
for St. Leonard's Church*

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA



CHORAL EVENSONG A WELCOME RETURN

On Sunday 11th October, a familiar and much-missed favourite returns to our church diary: Choral Evensong.

If you are unfamiliar with Evensong, the language of the Book of Common Prayer may at first sound old-fashioned. But within those ancient words there is beauty and depth: an invitation to pause, listen and bring ourselves before God as the day draws towards its close.

For many, Evensong has been a cherished part of their worship over the years, offering a steady rhythm of prayer, music and reflection. Yet in recent years, it has become an increasingly rare feature of parish life. We are delighted to welcome it back.

There is no need to know the service by heart or to be a confident singer. Much of Evensong invites us simply to listen as the choir sings on our behalf, allowing the words and music to give shape to our own prayers, whatever the week may have brought.

Even now, your Vicar is warming up his vocal cords in preparation for taking on the cantor's role—the sung prayers and responses that help lead the

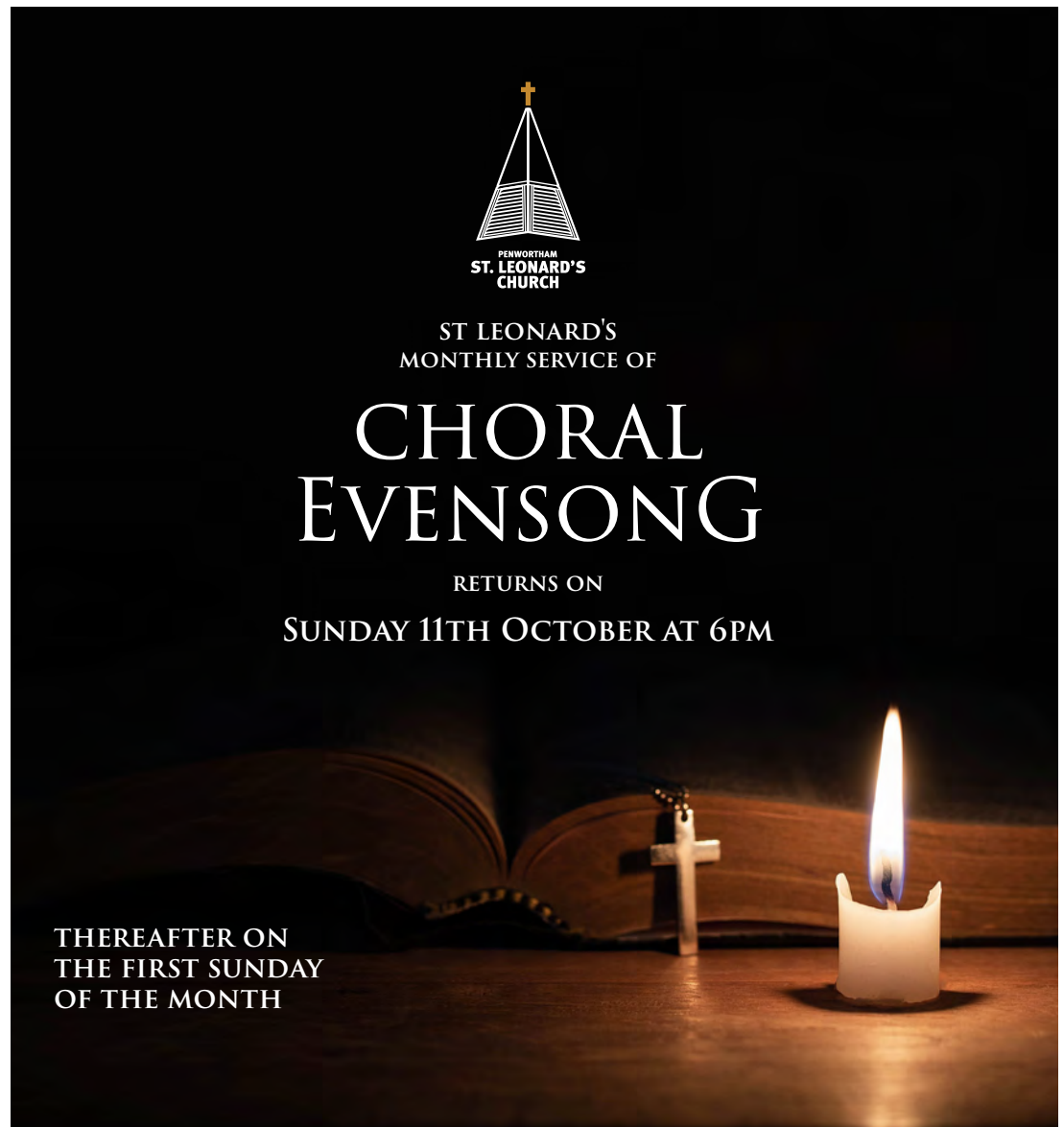
service. Meanwhile, Annette and the choir have been practising their first anthem: Howard Goodall's *The Lord's My Shepherd*, best known as the theme tune to *The Vicar of Dibley*. A reassuringly familiar beginning!

The service will last around

an hour and will include the traditional liturgy, intercessions and a sermon, alongside the sung canticles, the Magnificat and *Nunc Dimittis*. These are the songs of Mary and Simeon, both found in Luke's Gospel, whose words of praise and promise

have been at the heart of evening worship for centuries.

Whether you are an old hand at Evensong or coming for the very first time, you will be warmly welcome. Come and discover—or rediscover—the beauty of this much-loved service.



Reception '27 — a warm welcome at Middleforth School

On Wednesday 14th October, the Middleforth Primary School will hold the first of its Reception 2027 Open Days. These offer prospective parents an opportunity to look around, meet the teachers and discover what makes Middleforth a very special place to learn and grow.

The connection between St Leonard's Church and Middleforth Church of England Primary School stretches back well over 100 years. It is a relationship that continues to flourish, with church and school sharing in the life, faith and growth of our community.

The Vicar is a regular visitor and school governor, leading worship and leading SOFA, a faith-based after-school club. Staff and children also regularly come to church to lead their own services, bringing their enthusiasm, creativity and prayers into their shared worship.

Middleforth is rightly proud to be a caring Christian community, encouraging its children to "let their light shine". The school seeks to nurture each child so that they can reach their full potential academically, socially and spiritually, growing in confidence as well as understanding.

If your child is due to start school in September 2027, or you have a family member who may be interested any of the school Open Days, please contact the school office on 01772 746024 for times and further details. Please do pass the invitation on to anyone who might welcome it!

PRESTON CECILIAN CHORAL SOCIETY

Come and Sing
MESSIAH
choruses

Conductor: Marc Murray

Saturday, 17 October 2026
10am–5pm
Informal performance at 4pm
free, with retiring collection

**St Leonard's C of E Church,
Marshall's Brow, Penwortham,
Preston PR1 9JA**

Tickets £20
including music hire and light refreshments

Online: www.trybooking.co.uk/GBVG
Enquiries: cecilians@cecilians.org.uk

Founder (1927), Miss Alice Livesey — Registered Charity No 513139

Come and Sing the Messiah Choruses

On Saturday 17th October, our church will host the Preson Cecilian Choral Society who invite you to "Come and Sing Messiah Choruses", an opportunity to enjoy singing some of the much-loved choruses from Handel's Messiah.

If you would like to take part, please see the ad-

vertisement above.

At 4pm, there will be an informal performance, to which everyone is warmly welcome. Whether you have family or friends taking part, or would simply enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music, please come along and support the singers.

Harvest fun at Messy Church!

This Saturday, Messy Church will be celebrating Harvest and the wonderful gifts God has given us through his creation. It is a chance to give thanks for the food we enjoy, the beauty of the natural world and all those who help bring the harvest to our tables.

The Messy Church team look forward to welcoming you and your families for a session exploring our Harvest theme through crafts and play. One of the highlights will be making chocolate button sunflowers—a sweet way to celebrate the season, provided the buttons don't disappear before the sunflowers are finished!

Whether you are regular visitors or joining us for the first time, you will find a warm welcome and plenty to enjoy together. As ever, admission and refreshments are free.

Please come along, bring the family and join us for some Harvest fun. We would love to see you there!



With FREE Admission and Refreshments

ST LEONARD'S

MESSY CHURCH

This Saturday — 3rd October from 10am to 12 noon, we would love to welcome you, and your family, to our

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This Saturday, come and join us for a fun, hands-on session, especially for families with young children, where we will be making, playing and listening to stories about Jesus.

For more details contact
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PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILY CHURCH

Pine cones, grave pots and Christmas?

A little reminder from Rev Janet that we are still collecting pine cones to decorate this year's grave pots. If you spot any while out for an autumn walk, or have some tucked away at home, please consider adding them to our collection.

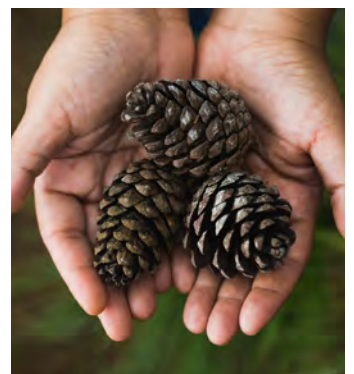
Every contribution will help.

Please also save Saturday 21st November in your diary. We are planning to gather that day to assemble the pots, ready for sale at this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

It will be a lovely opportunity

to work together and help create something thoughtful for those remembering loved ones.

More details will follow, but for now, please keep collecting and make a note of the date. Did someone say Christmas? Surely we've only just reached Harvest!



Sidespersons, readers and coffee rota

Sun 4 October - Trinity 18

Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 - Matt 21.33-end

8.30 — Phil and Susan Range.

Reader: Susan Range

10.00 — Philip Walsh Reader:

Susan Walsh Prayers: Rev.

Simon Coffee: Laraine and Ann

Sun 11 October - Harvest

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Luke 17.11-19

8.30 — Irene Farrimond and

Elizabeth Bunyan. Reader:

Angela Milner

10.00 — Brian Bamber Reader:

TBC Prayers: Set Coffee: Brian

and Melvyn

Sun 18 October - Trinity 20 -

St. Luke

Acts 16.6-12a Luke 10.1-9

8.30 — Peter and Angela Milner.

Reader: Philip Walsh

10.00 — Barbara Palmer

Reader: Philip Walsh Prayers:

Rev Janet Coffee: Linda and

Alistair

Sun 1 November - All Saints

Revelation 7.9-end Matt 5.1-12

8.30 — Irene Farrimond and

Elizabeth Bunyan. Reader:

Marian Woods

10.00 — Linda and Alistair

Woollard Reader: Laraine

Southwell Prayers: Angela

Milner Coffee: Laraine and Ann

A walk around historic Lancashire

At next week's Talking Tables and Chatting Chairs, our Churchwarden, Philip Walsh, will be giving an illustrated talk about his walk around the border of historic Lancashire.

Many of us know and love our own corner of the county, but tracing its historic boundary offers a chance to see Lancashire from a different perspective. Through pictures and recollections from his walk, Philip will take us along the route and share his experience of the journey.

Whether you enjoy walking, have an interest in our local area or simply like hearing about someone else's adventures, please come along. There will be plenty to talk about, and you can enjoy the journey from the comfort of your chair!

We look forward to seeing you there.



Talking Tables and Chatting Chairs

from 1.30pm on
Tuesday 6 October



Always first
Tuesday of the
month.



PENWORTHAM
FARMERS MARKET
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Join us on Saturday, 3rd October from 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**

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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