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Sunday 11 October 2026

Harvest Thanksgiving

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

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA



A MESSY HARVEST

Last week's Harvest Messy Church brought children and adults together in the main hall for a couple of hours of crafts, conversation and free refreshments. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the season and give thanks for the gifts of

God's creation while enjoying time together.

We were delighted to welcome back familiar faces and to meet new families joining us for the first time. The friendly, relaxed atmosphere gave everyone the chance to get creative, chat over

refreshments and make new connections. There is something special about seeing different generations gathered around a craft table, sharing ideas and helping one another.

Harvest provided plenty of inspiration for the activities,

with opportunities to reflect on the food we enjoy and the world around us. Alongside the crafts, the simple pleasure of sitting together and having a conversation was an important part of the afternoon.

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PRESTON CECILIAN CHORAL SOCIETY

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Conductor: Marc Murray

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RETURNS ON
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 6PM



THEREAFTER ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH

Giving envelope and Gift Aid update

Boxes containing the giving envelopes for the coming year, (beginning in November), are now available to collect from the back of church. If you do not currently have a box and would like one, please speak to Peter Milner, Rev. Simon or Philip Walsh.

Peter (our Gift Aid Officer) is also asking for help with updating the church's Gift Aid records. If you give through the envelopes, by standing order or in another way, please complete a Gift Aid declaration form, available at the back of church, and return it to the box provided. Those giving through the di-

ocesan Parish Giving Scheme do not need to complete this update.

It has been four years since the last general update, and individual circumstances may have changed during that time. Updating these records will help Peter prepare the church's Gift Aid returns. The collection box will remain at the back of church for one month.

Thank you for your help, and for everything you give to support St Leonard's and the wider community. Financial gifts, practical help and the generous sharing of time and talents all make a valued contribution to church life.

On Sunday 1st November at 6pm, St Leonard's will hold our All Souls evening service, offering a quiet space to remember loved ones who have died and to give thanks for their lives.

All Souls - a time to give thanks and to remember

Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, you are warmly invited to join us. The service will provide an opportunity to bring memories before God, find comfort in prayer and remember those who remain close to our hearts.

A sign-up sheet is now available at the back of church for anyone who would like a loved one's name to be mentioned and included in the service. Please

write their names clearly in the spaces provided, continuing overleaf if needed.

You are welcome to add names even if you are unable to attend. Please also share this invitation with family or friends who might appreciate the opportunity to remember someone dear to them.

All are welcome as we gather in thanksgiving, remembrance and hope.



The session ended with a musical treat in the worship area, where Martin, who previously played at Llandaff Cathedral in Wales, shared some organ music. It offered a lovely change of pace and a memorable way to round off the gathering.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the afternoon possible: those who planned and prepared the crafts, ran the craft tables, and provided and served the refreshments. Much of that work takes place before anyone arrives, and the team's



time, care and enthusiasm deserve warm appreciation.

Messy Church has been an important part of the ministry at St Leonard's. It remains a valued and well-attended part of church life, offering families a welcoming space for friendship, creativ-

ity and exploring faith together.

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make our Harvest celebration so enjoyable. Whether you are a regular visitor or have yet to try Messy Church, there is always a warm welcome waiting!



New Rotas

Thank you to everyone of our volunteers who loyally act as a reader, intercessor or sidesperson at our Sunday services at 8:30 and 10:00 and to all those who prepare and serve

refreshments after the 10:00 service.

New rotas have been produced which cover the next six months, and include the first few months of the return of monthly choral evensong services.

Hard copies were available for

those involved at each Sunday service on 4th October and a master copy is pinned to the notice board opposite the entrance to the small hall. As usual if you are unavailable on a date you have been assigned, then please swop with someone with a simi-

lar role on the rota.

For those who prefer to access the rota digitally, we are hoping to put this information on the iKnow Church system in the coming weeks. We will let you know if we have been able to do this in due course.

Sidespersons, readers and coffee rota

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 25 October - Trinity Last

Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12 Matt 24.30-35

8.30 — Franklin Bello and Phil Range *Reader:* Andrea Waine

10.00 — Joyce Helm *Reader:* TBC *Prayers:* Diane Raynor *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine

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

Sun 8 November - Remembrance Sunday

Solomon 6.12-16 Matt 25.1-13

9:15 — Sylvia Johnson *Reader:* Susan Walsh *Prayers:* TBC

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

The annual Patronal Lunch

Our annual Patronal Lunch takes place on Sunday 1st November at 12.30pm in the church hall, and everyone is warmly invited!

This much-loved occasion is a lovely opportunity to celebrate our church family, enjoy a delicious meal and spend time together in good company. With plenty of conversation and a warm, friendly atmosphere, it is

always a highlight of the church calendar.

Tickets are just £15 per person, and a sign-up sheet is at the back of church. Please add your name soon, as the lunch is always popular!

Bring a friend, enjoy the food and help make this year's celebration another memorable gathering. All are welcome—we look forward to seeing you there!

Pine cones and grave pots

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!

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