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The Weekly Newsletter for St. Leonard's Church

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PENWORTHAM ST. LEONARD'S FAMILYCHURCH

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: WELCOMING AND SHARING

Our Harvest Family Service at 10am on Sunday 11th October was a joyful opportunity to give thanks for God's gifts and to welcome Louie and his parents, Lisa and Tom, pictured here.



Louie was baptised at St Leonard's in July, and during our Harvest service he was presented with his baptism candle and certificate, marking an important step on his journey of faith. It was lovely for Louie and his parents to meet their new church family and to celebrate this special milestone with the whole congregation. We look forward to sharing in their journey in the years ahead.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated harvest gifts at both the 8.30am Holy Communion and the Family Service. Your gifts were passed on to Penwortham Foodbank to help support local people and families in need.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbours, and sharing what we have is one practical way of putting that love into action. Through your generosity, our harvest thanksgiving reached beyond the church doors and into the wider community.

Thank you to all who contributed and helped make our Harvest celebrations so special.

A welcome return for our monthly service of Evensong



Evensong made a welcome return at 6pm on Sunday 11th October, and it was encouraging to see the service both well attended and warmly received.

For many, Evensong holds a special place at the heart of church life. There is something deeply reassuring about the familiar language of the Book of Common Prayer, together with traditional hymns, psalms and anthems. Over time, these treasured words and melodies become part of a rhythm of faith, offering space for prayer, reflection and peace.

Under the direction of Annette, our choir sang wonderfully. Their enjoyment was evident as they embraced the opportunity to sing the psalms and anthems once again, helping to draw the whole congregation into worship. Our thanks go to Annette and every member of the choir for their preparation and contribution to such a lovely evening.

In November, our All Souls service will take the place of Evensong. Evensong will then return to its regular slot on the first Sunday of December at 6pm. Whether it is a lifelong favourite or something you have yet to experience, you will be very welcome.



2026 Christmas Tree Festival at St. Leonards

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November 2026, bringing festive cheer to St Leonard's once again.

The festival will follow the same format as last year, with one delicious addition: a Mince Pie Tasting Competition on the Sunday! It promises to add some friendly competition to the celebrations.

Laraine will be distributing entry forms over the next week or so. Why not enter and join in the fun?

Please put the dates in your diary. We look forward to welcoming you for a weekend of Christmas trees, fellowship and festive treats!



Envelopes and Gift Aid Forms reminder

Boxes containing the giving envelopes for the coming year, 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 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 diocesan Parish Giving Scheme do not need to complete this update.

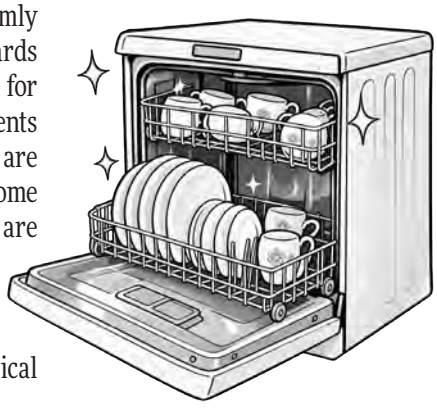
It has been four years since the last general update, and individual circumstances may have changed during that time. The collection box will remain at the back of church for one month.

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 our church ministry.

ST LEONARD'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND PROPOSED GIFT

Our Patronal Festival is fast approaching: an opportunity to celebrate St Leonard's, give thanks for our church family and look ahead to all we can share together.

This year, we would warmly welcome patronal gifts towards a proposed new dishwasher for the church. Catering for events and serving refreshments are important parts of our welcome and hospitality, and we are grateful to everyone who gives their time to help. A dishwasher would ease the washing-up and make a practical difference to our volunteers.



We are still exploring where a dishwasher could be fitted and how the necessary plumbing might work. Please join us in praying that a suitable solution can be found.

If you feel able to contribute towards this project, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all the ways you support the life and ministry of St Leonard's.

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All Souls - a time to give thanks and to remember

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

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.

Sidespersons, readers and coffee rota

Sun 25 October - Trinity Last
Deut. 34.1-12 and Matt. 22.34-end

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

8.00 — Phil and Susan Range. *Reader:* Phil Range
9:15 — Sylvia Johnson *Reader:* Susan Walsh *Prayers:* TBC

Sun 15 Nov - 2 before Advent
Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end: Matt 15.14-30

8.30 — Peter and Angela Milner. *Reader:* Peter Milner
10.00 — Barbara Palmer *Reader:* Brian Bamber *Prayers:* Rev Janet *Coffee:* Linda and Alistair

Sun 22 Nov - Christ the King
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24: Matt 25.31-end

8.30 — Franklin Bello and Peter Milner. *Reader:* Rev Simon
10.00 — Joyce Helm *Reader:* TBC *Prayers:* Set Prayers *Coffee:* Barbara and Christine

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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