

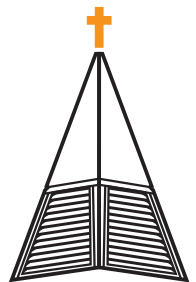


Welcome to our

FAMILY HARVEST CELEBRATION

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND BAPTISM
WELCOME FOR LOUIE WILLIAM HENRY PROCTER

10AM ON SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026
at St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham



PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILY CHURCH

Before our service starts, Harvest gifts are brought up and arranged around the dais and communion table. These will be shared with the Foodbank. Thank you for your kindness.

THE WELCOME

THE FIRST HYMN

Morning has broken
Like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

THE GREETING

A minister greets the people and says these words:

This is the day the Lord has made

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundance, God of
fruitfulness, God of generosity, God
of love beyond measure. God of
extravagance, God of celebration,
God of goodness, God of love
beyond imagining.

All: **We gather bringing the best that
we can offer to give thanks for the
good things you give us, to share
your generosity with others and
to celebrate by feasting at your
table.**

SAYING SORRY

Lord, we are sorry for all the times
we have done things we should not
have done. We are sorry for all the
times we have produced bad fruit.
Please forgive us in the name of
your Son, Jesus Christ. We want to
do good things. Please help us to be
like trees that bear good fruit. When
people see what we do, may they
see that we are rooted in you. In the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: **Amen.**

Parents please note: There are some toys and books set out in the worship area for children and toddlers. Please make yourself at home, we appreciate children can be noisy and there is no need to apologise for that, or to feel awkward, at any time. Please know, God delights in children and there is no need or requirement for them, or for you, to sit still in our time together.

A PRAYER OF PRAISE

Grain swelling, swaying gently in the breeze, the combine harvester working by floodlight, the golden harvest brought safely in.

All: **God of the abundant harvest, we give you thanks.**

Apples and plums ripening, the allotment swelling with produce, a glut given out to family and friends.

All: **God of the abundant harvest, we give you thanks**

Market stalls groaning, fruit and veg spilling onto the street.

All: **God of the abundant harvest, we give you thanks Amen.**

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

THE HARVEST READING

LUKE 17.11-19

ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

When he saw them, he said to them,

'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the word of the LORD .

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HARVEST TALK

THE SECOND HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
All things bright, ...

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky:
All things bright, ...

GIVING OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our
number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome
Louie and uphold him in his new
life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

On behalf of St Leonard's Church,
accept this candle as a token of
Louie's membership into our church
family.

God has delivered us from the
dominion of darkness and has given us
a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your
life. Shine as a light in the world to
the glory of God the Father.

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one
baptism: Louie by one Spirit was
baptized into one body. We welcome
you into the fellowship of faith; we
are children of the same heavenly
Father; we welcome you.

The harvest of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness
and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

All: And also with you

Let us share a sign of that peace
with each other.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.
All things bright, ...

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water
We gather every day:
All things bright, ...

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
All things bright, ...

BAPTISM WELCOME

Louie was Baptised in July and is
now part of the Church of Christ, we
all have a duty to support him by
prayer, example and teaching.

Louie has taken his first step
on his Christian journey. Today we
celebrate his second step, with the
presentation of a candle to mark the
light of Christ leading him through
their his life.

Hearing and doing these things
provides an opportunity for us all
to remember our own baptism and
reflect on the progress made on
that journey, which is now to be
shared with this new member of the
Church. But first we complete the
practical step of giving the parents
and Godparents the certificates for
the Baptism.

We do not pass a collection plate during the service, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision at the back of church for donations in cash, envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church. Thank you.

THE THIRD HYMN

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you lord for giving me wings
And if I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
And if I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me 'me'

*For you gave me a heart,
and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you
made me your child
And I just thank you Father
for making me 'me'*

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
And if I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to you
And if I were an octopus
I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father
for making me 'me'

*For you gave me a heart,
and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you
made me your child
And I just thank you Father
for making me 'me'*

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
And if I were a billy goat
I'd thank you Lord for my strong throat
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for
my fuzzy wuzzy hair
But I just thank you Father
for making me 'me'

*For you gave me a heart,
and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you
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THE BELIEVE

As we celebrate harvest, let us affirm what we believe:

All: We believe that the earth is the Lord's and all that lives on it; we believe that living gratefully and giving generously are marks of faith.

We believe that all humanity should have sufficient food to eat, and that we must all act now to support food producers around the world so that the children of tomorrow may not be burdened by the mistakes of today. And so we commit ourselves to think globally, to trade fairly, to live responsibly, to love this world as God loves it, who, in Christ, became part of creation.

All: Amen.

OUR APPLE PRAYERS

When we hear the gentle sound of the rain watering the earth, help us to remember the thirst of those whose land is dry. When we feel the warmth of the sun on our faces, help us to remember those who are locked away in darkness.

When we buy the fruit of the worlds harvest, help us to remember the hunger of those whose baskets are empty. When we enjoy the ease of communicating around the world, help us to remember those who are isolated from their friends.

When we relax in times of holiday, help us to remember those who have to work without ceasing. When we celebrate our blessings at harvest time, help us to remember those who experience disaster.

May our remembering increase our thankfulness and a renewed commitment to Christ in our neighbour.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy
kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from
evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered

By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

All good gifts, ...

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And, what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts, ...

DIOCESAN MISSION PRAYER

All: **God of Mission: Who alone brings growth to your church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship And power to our witness.**

Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May we find heaven in the wildness of creation. May we seek justice in bread for the world; may we know resurrection in the sunsets of autumn, and may we find God in the sharing of it all

All: **Amen.**

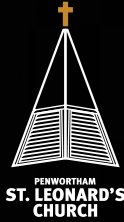
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Thank you for coming to our service this morning. Please take your order of service home with you.



ST LEONARD'S
MONTHLY SERVICE OF

CHORAL EVENSONG

RETURNS ON
THIS EVENING AT 6PM

THEREAFTER ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH

Thank you for coming to our service this morning, we look forward to welcoming you again for our services next week. Please do join us for refreshments in the main hall after the service.



NEXT WEEKS' SERVICES | SUN 18 OCTOBER 2026
TRINITY 20

8:30am Holy Communion
10:00am Sung Holy Communion.