

Sunday 11th March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

- 9.30am Holy Communion with Cornerstone Club at St Leonard's
11.00am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Margaret's
5.30pm Evening Service at St Leonard's

Monday 12th March 2018

- 6.30pm Rainbows and Guides in St Margaret's Church
6.30pm Brownies in Hapton School
7.15pm Bible Study at 14 Bendwood Close
7.30pm Bell ringing practice in St Leonard's Tower
7.30pm 'Sharing Your Faith' Evening at St James' Blackburn

Tuesday 13th March 2018

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Waddilove Room
9.15am Little Lennies at St Leonard's
10.00am Pennine Community CU
12.30pm Funeral of Daniel Murray at St Leonard's Church
7.30pm 'Vicarage' Bible Study in the Green Room
7.30pm Bible Study at St Margaret's

Wednesday 14th March 2018

- 9.15am Busy Bees at St Margaret's
10.00am Holy Communion at St Leonard's
2.00pm Bible Study at 2 Woodlands Grove
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Leonard's
6.15pm Choir Practice at St Leonard's

Thursday 15th March 2018

- 9.15am Little Lennies at St Leonard's
2.00pm Tea at Two
6.15pm Rainbows at St Leonard's
6.30pm Brownies at St Leonard's
7.30pm Guides and Rangers at St Leonard's

Saturday 17th March

- 10.30am Keswick in East Lancs Conference at St Leonard's

Sunday 18th March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 9.30am Holy Communion with Cornerstone Club at St Leonard's
11.00am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Margaret's
5.30pm Evening Service at St Leonard's
6.30pm Rock Solid



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Weekly
News Sheet
Sunday
11 March 2018

Welcome to St Leonard's and St Margaret's Churches on Mothering Sunday.

Today we celebrate **Mothering Sunday** and we continue our studies in the Gospel of John as we reflect upon John 19, when Jesus gives his mother to the Apostle John to take care of as He dies on the cross.

If you are a visitor you're very welcome to join us for refreshments at the end of the service; we hope to see you again soon.

Contact numbers in the Parish

Curate – Rev Michael Print – 774465,
Diocesan Reader – Lynne Trudgill –
776166

Vicar – Canon Mark Jones (*please note Mark is on sabbatical from 8 Jan to 1 Apr 2018*)

If you have a baby/toddler who becomes restless in the service please consider others by using the crèche at the back of church.

Today's Readings

First Reading – Hebrews 10:19-25
page 1208 of the church Bibles (*page 1832* in the large print Bibles)

Second Reading – John 19:25-30
page 1088 of the church Bibles
(*page 1650* in the large print Bibles)

This Morning's Hymns:

St Leonard's hymns:

882 Lord of all hopefulness
Choir Item - *All our blessings*
Notice Sheet - I am the church
995 Jesus Christ I think upon
133 Father I place

St Margaret's hymns:

413 (HON) Lord of all hopefulness
741 (HON) When we walk
Notice Sheet - All our blessings
65 (HON) Beneath the cross
162 (HON) Father I place

All our blessings

*All our blessings, all our joys
With thankful hearts we sing,
True, compass'nate, loving God
Accept the praise we bring.*

For Mums and Dads and children,
For husbands, wives, and friends,
For those whose care enfolds us
With love that never ends.

For fellowship and friendship
We both receive and give,
For those who've shared our
journey
And taught us how to live.

And Jesus shares our sorrow,
Walks with us in our pain,
He holds our hand through
darkness
And shows us light again.

I am the church

*I am the church! You are the
church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the
world!
Yes, we're the church together!*

The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.

We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too,
from all times and places.

And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes,
all of it saying.

Daniel Murray's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 13th March at 12.30pm** at St Leonard's Church. All are welcome. Please do continue to pray for the whole family including Daniel's wife, Laura, his mother Joanne and her husband Perry, his sister Hannah, his grandparents, Fred and Janet Birch, and the wider family including Richard and Heather, and Matthew and Heather Birch and their children.

Bible Studies are running this week. Please see the calendar on the reverse of the notice sheet for details.

Sharing your faith is this Monday evening **Monday March 12th at 7.30pm** at St James's Lower Darwen, Stopes Brow, Blackburn, BB3 0QP where **Mark Greene** from LICC (The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) is the guest speaker.

Keswick in East Lancashire will be holding their Spring Conference on the **16th and 17th March**. The speaker is the Rev'd Mark Pickles, Director of Anglican Ministry Training at Oak Hill College. Mark will be speaking on the subject of '**Come and See: Growing in Evangelism**'. On the Friday the event will take place from 7-8.30pm at Blackburn Baptist Church, and on the Saturday the event will be in **St Leonard's Church from 10.30-1.30pm**. All are encouraged to attend. And questions, please speak to James Addison.

Ladies' Lounge - Tuesday 20th March - 7.30pm - at 14 Bendwood Close

As we approach Easter, we will be considering the difference that the events of Easter make in our day-to-day lives, by reading "*The Resurrection in Your Life*" by Mike McKinley. You are invited to join Mike McKinley as he follows the end of Luke's Gospel and the beginning of the book of Acts, "to show you not only that the resurrection happened in history, but that it changes everything in your story right now. See the joy, the peace, the promise and the challenge of the truth that Jesus lives". Books available at the back of both churches for £2 each. It would be great to see you on the 20th March.

St Margaret's AGM. All are welcome to stay after the service on Sunday 25th March for our AGM, at which reports on the year 2017 will be read. These will tell us all that has been happening in all our church related groups over the last year, and we hope will be useful for future planning, especially as we enter our 3rd year of Vision 2026. Contributions for a Jacob's Join lunch would be appreciated. There are lists out now for nominations, proposers and seconders of Church Wardens, Sidespeople and Committee members.

Maundy Thursday this year is the **29th March**, and as usual we will be having a meal followed by a communion service at St Margaret's Church. We will have a guest speaker, the Rev'd Andy Meeson who is the Assistant Curate at St John's Whittle-le-Woods & Clayton Brook Community Church. Tickets will be available today at both churches and the cost is £6.50 for adults and £5 for children. Meat and potato pie will be served, with a vegetarian option, followed by apple pie and tea or coffee. Everyone from our parish is welcome to attend.

Wedding Invitation Mark and Isabel Jones warmly invite all members of St Leonard's and St Margaret's churches to join them for the marriage of their older daughter, Martha, to Daniel Booth at St Leonard's at **1.30pm on Monday 2nd April (Easter Monday)** and afterwards for light refreshments in the Green Room.