

## NEWSWIRE: 21st February 2025

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### *A message from Duncan*

Time's they are a'changing.

It has been increasingly difficult to keep up with the latest piece of startling news that reminds us we are living through unprecedented times and experiencing tectonic shifts in international relations, politics and culture. There is much cause for concern, whatever your perspective. And, as is the case with so many things in our age, the pace of that change has been disorientating. There is much to be praying for.

And prayer is a good idea. We know it is a gift to us by which we petition God to intervene, or simply to lament and despair in his presence. But at times like these it also, and perhaps most significantly, offers us the opportunity to see things from his perspective. Firstly the Lord invites us into a posture of humility, proclaiming in Isaiah 55, *'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.'* He also invites us to fix ourselves on those higher ways, through the Apostle Paul this time: *"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."* (Colossians 3.2). He also encourages us to have the long view: *"the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."* (2 Corinthians 4.18) In the Age to Come it will be interesting to see what has lasted from the machinations of humanity and what is swept away in the wind. There will be plenty of surprises.

But most of all prayer allows us to surrender to God: to let go of our anxieties, to acknowledge our profound limitations in this life, and to trust him. In fact, if you find yourself worrying I heartily recommend prayerfully reading Isaiah 40. You will find your eyes lifted to a more certain place, your perspective restored and your

hope renewed; in fact you will find yourself *soaring on wings like eagles*. And that is a good vantage point to see things a little more clearly.

Grace and peace to you all

Duncan

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### **Collect for the second Sunday before Lent**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

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### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY**

**9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's**

*Readings: Psalm 65:5-8; Luke 8:4-25*



**9.30am - All-in with baptism at St Leonard's** and live streamed on [this link](#)

*Reading: Luke 19:1-10*

If you have difficulties accessing the service on the livestream link above, please try accessing [our youtube channel](#) directly.

**5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's**

*Readings: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25; Luke 8:22-25*

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 24th February**

**Bump to One meet on Mondays from 10.30am to midday in St Leonard's**

**Walkie Talkies meet on Mondays (term time) from 10am to 11.30am in St Leonard's church hall.**

## **Tuesday 25th February**

**Mum's Bible Study** meets on **Tuesday** mornings (term time) from **10 - 11.30am**. Please contact Jo Shaw for more details. Email: [jollypops@gmail.com](mailto:jollypops@gmail.com)

**Tinies and Toddlers** meet on **Tuesdays** (term time) from **1.30pm - 3pm** in **Cassington Village Hall**.

**St Peter's and St Leonard's PCC meetings** will take place on 25th February.

## **Wednesday 26th February**

**Warm Welcome Wednesday** from 10.30am to midday in **St Leonard's church**.

## **Thursday 27th February**

**The burial of the late Peter James** will take place in **St Leonard's churchyard**

## **NEXT SUNDAY - 2nd March**

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's and livestreamed

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

## **Looking further ahead**

**Lent Course** - We will be following the 24-7 Prayer course II "Unanswered Prayer" during Lent this year. You can find out more information about the course on [this link](#).

## **Ash Wednesday - 5th March**

11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

7pm - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

## **Youth Weekend Away: 14th - 16th March**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

Cassington - Sunday 23rd March

Eynsham - Sunday 6th April

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**Electoral Rolls** - Many thanks to everyone who has already completed a new Electoral roll form. If you wish to be included on the Electoral Roll you **must** complete a form, even if you have been on the roll in previous years. You can do this easily online, by clicking the link below. You will also find paper application forms in both churches.

[Cassington Electoral Roll Form](#)

[Eynsham Electoral Roll Form](#)



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**Riding for Resilience:  
Supporting Young Lives vs Cancer  
from London to Amsterdam**



Dear St. Leonard's Church Family,

I'm reaching out to ask for your support in raising funds for the Access - London to Amsterdam 2025 event in June, which benefits Young Lives vs Cancer. This cause is close to my heart, and with your generosity and prayers, we can make a real difference in the lives of young people facing cancer.

Every donation, no matter how small, can provide vital support to those in need. If you feel called to contribute, it would mean so much to me and to the young lives we are helping. Together, as a church family, we can bring hope and make a positive impact.

You can donate on this [link](#) to the charity fundraising page, or use the QR code in the photo above. I can also accept cash donations, which I will add the charity page on your behalf.

Thank you for your kindness, support, and prayers. God bless you!

Kind regards, Ginta

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**Can you help with cleaning at St Leonard's?** Please speak to Carole McAree if you are able to spare an hour or two to help clean the church.

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The Muslim fast month of Ramadan starts on Saturday March 1st and ends on March 30th. For over thirty years, the **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World** prayer guide has been helping Christians to learn about, love and pray for Muslims around the world. The compilers hope that this guide will inspire us to discover and pray for the unique challenges faced by Muslims in cultures near and far. Rosemary Foster is ordering copies of this booklet for £1.50 each. Please contact her at [derekrosemary@gmail.com](mailto:derekrosemary@gmail.com) if you would like a copy.

# YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S

## THIS WEEK

23.2.25: ALL IN Service - *No Sunday Morning Youth*

W/B: 24.2.25: No Cell Groups

28.2.25: All Cell Groups: Pancake Social in Church: 7pm

## COMING UP

2.3.25: Sunday Morning Youth @ The Vicarage

3.3.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place

5.3.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall

6.3.25: Cell Group @ The Vicarage

## WEEKLY CELL GROUPS

Cell Groups run weekly on a Monday (year 10-11)

Wednesday (year 7,8-9)

Thursday (year 12-13)

*Cell Groups run during term-time from 7-8.30pm*

Further dates are available on the St Leonard's Website.

## SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH

Sunday Morning Youth runs on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during our 10.30am service.

For more information please contact Laura: [youth.stleonards@gmail.com](mailto:youth.stleonards@gmail.com)



# JOURNEY INTO LIFE

reflections through art for easter week

I know Easter is a while off but this notice needs a bit of forethought and time. Last year we used a Church of England 'Stations of the Cross' resource as a tool to meditate on the person and work of Christ, accessible for anyone who visited the church during the Easter period. I know there are a number of keen artists, of different disciplines, in our churches and villages and so I wondered whether we could produce the art ourselves, making the reflective journey much more local and meaningful. Anyone who loves making art from our churches or artist friends in our communities could get involved in producing a piece. I have prepared the [concept document which you can download here](#) and then share with others you might think will be interested. It includes the stations we can include. Eventually you might [sign up for one of the stations here](#), but do get in touch with me if you are at all interested in the idea and getting involved. *You may even be up for*

helping with the coordination of the project? Pretty please! If there is the appetite for this I think it could be an exciting and special project enabling us to share the amazing Jesus with others. *Duncan*

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**Please pray for:**

- Dave following his recent move to a care home.
- Ben and healing for his mental health.
- Scarlett's recovery from long Covid.
- Katie suffering with epilepsy. Please pray that the right medication be found to control her seizures.

To add names to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office ([stleonards\\_stpeters@btconnect.com](mailto:stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com)) Names will be added to the list by express permission, and only first names will be published.

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**Open Morning at The King's School, Witney**

Join us for our whole school Open Morning on Tuesday 4th March from 10:30 am until midday. Discover The King's School, a small and friendly Christian school, for ages 3-16, on the outskirts of Witney.

- Date: Tuesday 4th March
- Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Location: The King's School, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX29 6TA
- Website: [www.tkswitney.org.uk](http://www.tkswitney.org.uk)
- Please join us by [registering here](#)

At The King's School, we believe this is an amazing space to be all God made you to be. Children are truly known, loved, and nurtured. A place where academic success and spiritual growth go hand in hand.

We warmly invite prospective families to explore our welcoming school community. To find out more about the Open Morning, please email Olivia, our Registrar, [registrar@tkswitney.org.uk](mailto:registrar@tkswitney.org.uk).

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