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A message from Duncan

Fasting, silence and solitude, and immersion in scripture. All things Jesus engaged in during his wilderness preparation; and practices that mark our Lenten journey as we seek to follow his lead and grow in our life of discipleships and service.

And today we will briefly reflect on the discipline usually associated with Lent - repentance. Ash Wednesday kick starts the season with a call to penitence and repentance with the exhortation, "*Turn away from sin, and be faithful to Christ*". Our initial reaction might be that this was not a practice into which Christ entered into during his wilderness retreat on account of his sinlessness. However, his sinlessness was not guaranteed. He had to continually turn away from the possibility of sin (the first movement of repentance) and commit himself to continually orient his life towards God (the second movement). Otherwise, he would not have been fully human, and temptation - the one thing we know Christ wrestled with in the wilderness - would have been no great shakes, certainly nothing like the temptations we face.

And so repentance is another discipline we embrace during Lent. And with the other disciplines, it is all part of the preparation of the highway for God - a way for God - that his glory might be revealed in our lives and our church (Isaiah 40). It is also a preparation for us to share in that glory revealed through works of service. Paul writes to Timothy using the illustration of pots for honourable and dishonourable use in a house. "*If anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonourable, he will be a vessel for honourable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work*" (1 Tim 2.21). We put our mind to repentance so we might be prepared to be useful to the master, that we might be ready for what he would have us do, in our lives and in our

church. Who knows what we might miss out on when we remain unprepared?
Who knows what God might do amongst us if he finds us fit and ready?

God be with you all as you continue to journey with him,

Duncan

Collect for the fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

Readings: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; John 12:1-8

10am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's and live
streamed on [this link](#)

Readings: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; Acts 8:26-39

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

Please note the earlier service time. This is due to the Annual Meeting, which
will take place immediately after the service.

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 7th April

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

Tuesday 8th April

The funeral of the late Gillian Jones will be held at **St Leonard's** at **midday** on
Tuesday 8th April.



Wednesday 9th April

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 13th April

10.30am - Benefice Holy Communion for Palm Sunday at St Leonard's
Come along at **10am** for coffee, hot cross buns and a time of fellowship.

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late **Gordon Goodman** will be held at **St Leonard's** at **2.30pm** on **Tuesday 22nd April**.



 **St Leonard's & St Peter's** 
BENEFICE OF EYNHAM & CASSINGTON

EASTERHOPE

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
St Leonards
4pm: Families@4 Easter Special
8.00pm: Tenebrae Service

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL
10am: Service in Eynsham Square
at St Peters & St Leonards
2pm: Hour at the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL
St Peters
9.30am: Easter Communion
St Leonards
10.30am: Easter Celebration

Serving on the PCC

There is still time to volunteer to join the PCC at St Leonard's. For more information speak to Duncan or any member of the PCC. You will find more information on [this link](#) and a nomination form [here](#). A completed nomination form should be handed to Duncan by the start of the APCM on Sunday morning.



It was lovely to have prayer spaces from [BeSpace](#) in St.Peters church for Wednesday and Thursday this week. The children from St Peters primary school all visited the spaces in small groups and responded to the stories of St.Peter (known so well by them) through prayer or reflection. A big thank you for

everyone who helped and Heather, our schools chaplain, for enabling it to happen. This will now become an annual feature in the life of St. Peter's.



Save the date - Summer Picnic Sunday 22nd June

As many of you know, Olly and Jo Shaw and their family will be moving on this Summer as Olly will be ordained and will take up a post as curate in Chipping Norton. Sunday 22nd June will be our opportunity to say farewell officially and we are planning a picnic together after the morning service. Everyone is welcome, more details nearer the time, but please save the date in your diaries.

Eynsham Choral Society: the concert on **Saturday 5th April** will be a performance of Stabat Mater by Dvorak with soloists and orchestra. It describes the grief of Mary as she stood at the foot of the cross and the suffering that Jesus endured. It will be at 7.30pm in St Leonard's church and tickets at £15 will be available at the DIY.



Do you enjoy Escape Rooms? We have one coming to Long Hanborough this Spring for Free.

Each session up to 8 players will enter the Escape Room and are challenged to decipher the clues and escape within the hour. Unlock the secret of Easter and win a prize.

The Easter Escape Room is a team challenge suitable for friends and families. Primary age children need to be accompanied by an adult. Not suitable for young children.

Click on the link for more details. [Easter Escape Room | HF Church](#)

CAN YOU HELP?

Sunday Morning Youth runs on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at the Vicarage during the 10.30 service...
but we need help!

To keep our Youth Ministry running, we are looking for two more people to join the Sunday Morning Youth Team!

We are looking for confident leaders who are passionate about sharing the Good News with our young people, who could commit to serving on the rota once a month.

If you feel as though this could be you, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Laura, via email, or over a cup of tea after church!

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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

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) Names will be added to the list by express permission, and only first names will be published.

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