

NEWSWIRE: 25th April 2025



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A message from Duncan

I have found Lent, Holy Week and Easter weekend a wonderful and enriching experience this year. In some ways a late Easter gives time to prepare oneself after Christmas and New Year, but the disadvantage is that it seems we are returned to our regular routine very abruptly. Schools returned the day after Easter Monday, as most will have done for work. Even most university students were soon back to the grindstone. One minute we are celebrating the Resurrection, the next we are realising that, although Jesus has made it, none of the rest of us have quite yet! We're still awaiting that day; and while we wait we do so in our mortal, fragile and limited bodies. It is not easy. We have been *"given new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade"* and *"in all this (we) greatly rejoice,"* but *"now for a little while (we) may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."* (1 Peter 1.3,4&6)

So if you are feeling a little of the post Easter blues let me first say - it's still Easter!! One of the great things about following the rhythm of the church year is that six weeks are given over to this celebration. Secondly, I would like to direct you to a song we sang on Easter Sunday evening ([listen here](#)) which so encouraged me as we reflected together on our baptised life. Though we are not there yet, though we still await the final day when all things will be put right and the Easter hope will be fulfilled in all creation, though we may doubt our ability to keep going and stay faithful to Jesus, this truth remains: Christ will hold us fast!

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail he will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold he will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied he will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life he will fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

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Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Isaiah 50:10; Luke 24:13-35

10.30am - All-in with baptism at St Leonard's and live streamed on [this link](#)
followed by a simple meal (see below)

Readings: Luke 24:13-35



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: Isaiah 53: Luke 24:13-35

NEXT WEEK

Monday 28th April

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 29th April

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 4th May

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Alison Dunn will be held at **St Leonard's** at **11.30am** on **Thursday 8th May**.

As we are concluding our journey **"Meals with Jesus"** in Luke's gospel, there will be an opportunity to share a simple meal of soup and bread following the 10.30am service at St Leonard's on Sunday. Everyone welcome to stay behind and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

'Please pray for Paul Murrell, travelling to Cameroon on Friday 25th April to lead a three-week workshop on text analysis. He'll be training six teams from CAR, Cameroon, Burkina Faso and Congo. Pray for good learning to take place,

leading to much-improved translations, and for good relationships to be built between everyone attending, as they encourage each other in their work. You can read more about what the Murrells are up to in their latest newsletter, here: <https://mailchi.mp/aaf8f1a1674e/murrell-news-april-2025> or email Jo at josephinemurrell@gmail.com to be added to their newsletter and updates list.'

Warm Welcome Wednesday is taking a break. We will be back at St Leonard's on **Wednesday 7th May**.

Will you still love me when I'm __??

You are warmly invited to

Big Apple Baroque's Birthday Bash

Keyboard concertos by Bach & Handel

Music for a Restoration Tempest by Messrs Locke, Lully, Purcell, Weldon and Anon

Friday 9th May 2025 at 7.30 pm

St Leonard's Church, Eynsham

Donation for Tear Fund

Did you know? In St Leonard's church 'coffee corner' we're happy to offer not just regular/decaf tea and coffee, but also various herbal teas, Earl Grey and rooibos tea. We also have individual portions of oat milk, so please do ask!

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.

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:

- Joy receiving palliative care for liver cancer and for David, Kathy and family.
- Dave following his 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.

Church Office - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am – 2pm

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