

NEWSWIRE: 9th May 2025



- Services on Sunday
 - Big Apple Baroque Concert - Tonight!
 - Guest preachers during Duncan's sabbatical
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A message from Derek



*But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8*

Handmade pots excite me! Just picking up a piece of pottery in a shop or exhibition, there's the thrill of meeting the potter via his finger marks. My experience of potting was a pottery evening class that I took in my first year of teaching. Greatly therapeutic after a day in the classroom.

My first effort is pictured here, two thumb pots joined to make a pig (dated 6th October '69!). Life filled up a bit after that but that course has given me a lasting appreciation of a potter's craftsmanship: holding handmade pots, feeling the potter's hands working the clay . . . the potter's focused attention . . . being in touch with the potter's personality and the process of making.

Genesis 2:7 tells us of our origins: *the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature*. We too are clay, and in relationship with God we become

something more: we are the work of His hand, a uniquely worked piece of craftsmanship which is being transformed by the Potter Himself. As Paul says in Ephesians 2v10: *we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

So for all of us whether we feel buoyant and hopeful or are experiencing the rigours of harsh days . . . or something in between, we can pray in trust:

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. Ps.138:8

Derek Foster

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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: Psalm 23; John 10:22-30

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

Readings: Psalm 23; John 10:22-30

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's and live streamed on [this link](#)

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



NEXT WEEK

Monday 12th May

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 13th May

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**.

Wednesday 14th May

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

Thursday 15th May

Cassington Cafe on **Thursday 15th May** from **10am** in **Cassington Village Hall**

NEXT SUNDAY - 18th May

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

10.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Peter May will be held at **St Leonard's** at **2.30pm** on **Monday 2nd June**.

TONIGHT!

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

YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S

Please Note: Location Changes for Sunday Morning Youth,
Thursday Cell Groups

THIS WEEK

11.5.25: Morning Worship
No Sunday Morning Youth

12.5.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place
14.5.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall
15.5.25: Cell Group @ The Church

COMING UP

18.5.25: Sunday Morning Youth @ The Hogan's

19.5.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place
21.5.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall
22.5.25: Cell Group @ The Church

For more information please contact Laura: youth.stleonards@gmail.com

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.

Noah Kane - Please continue to pray for Noah Kane on his mission trip in New Zealand. You can find out more [here](#).

Thank you for praying for Paul Murrell's text analysis workshop in Yaoundé, which has been both encouraging and challenging so far.

Last week, one participant lost his father, and a teacher had to step back due to her child's school issues. At the weekend, three participants were in hospital—two from a motorbike accident just before they travelled to Cameroon and one with a likely case of malaria. They were all feeling the strain, but were also seeing technical breakthroughs—one translator spotted a key issue in their New Testament draft, which they still have time to fix before it is published.

This week things seem to have been going more smoothly, and the participants are settling into the routine of the workshop and applying themselves to learning as much as they can.

Please keep praying:

- for healing and comfort for those who are sick or grieving
- for peace for the teacher and her family

- for each team to have significant "lightbulb" moments in the coming days as they see ways their translations can be improved.

Thank you—your prayers mean a lot!

**THE MEMBERS OF EYNHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
INVITE
St Leonard's Church
TO JOIN WITH US TO MARK THE END OF THE MINISTRY OF
REVD DR ZOLTAN BIRO IN EYNHAM ON SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025
SERVICE AT EYNHAM BAPTIST CHURCH AT 10.30AM
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT 12.30PM**

If you are unable to come to the morning service
you are welcome to join us for lunch.

Let us know numbers and whether you are coming
to the service and/or the lunch in your reply.

Please RSVP BY 30TH MAY 2025

sheila.wood1952@gmail.com

**ASCENSION DAY EVENTS IN WOODSTOCK DEANERY
Thursday 29th May 2025**

9am - Guided Circular Walk (3.5 miles)

Meet at St Mary the Virgin North Aston, OX25 6AA

11am - Eucharist

St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton, OX25 4QR

7pm - Sung Eucharist

St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock, OX20 1SJ

8pm - Illustrated Talk on Compostela Pilgrimage

St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock, OX20 1SJ

GUEST PREACHERS

Whilst Duncan is away on sabbatical most preachers will be from our own preaching team, but you might want to add to your diary some special services and guest preachers coming up in the next three months:

St Leonard's

4 th May	Az Hobbs	Manager of CAP Debt Centre in Witney - focus on our Mission Partner Christians Against Poverty (CAP).
18 th May	Charlie Cleverly	Former Rector of St Aldate's, Oxford.
25 th May	Jon Cox	Founder and Director of Adventure Plus - Family friendly service with focus on our Mission Partner Adventure Plus.
15 th June	Graham Tomlin	President of St Mellitus College and Director of The Centre for Cultural Witness, former Bishop of Kensington.
6 th July	Bob Key	Former Vicar of St Leonards, Eynsham. (Carnival Sunday)
20 th July	David Tyler	Archdeacon of Dorchester area, former vicar of Hanborough.

St Peter's

1 st June	Stephen Pix	Associate Priest, St Mary's Woodstock
29 th June	Katie Jones	Associate Priest, St Mary's Woodstock
3 rd August	Andrew Bunch	Associate Priest, St Mary's Woodstock and Area Dean for Woodstock Deanery

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!

youth.stleonards@gmail.com



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.

www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk | www.stpeterschurchcassington.org | [Youtube channel](#) | [facebook page](#)



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

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

Tel: 01865 883325 E-mail: stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

Revd Duncan Fraser: 07810 324088 (Day off – Friday)

Please note - Duncan is on sabbatical until mid August 2025