

## NEWSWIRE: 23rd May 2025

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### *A message from Ruth*

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed lots of lovely spring weather, it really has felt like Spring. But, if the forecasters are to be believed, next week the sunshine and balmy days will be a distant memory as the temperature drops, grey clouds cover the skies and rain falls.

This week I have had cause to think about the changing seasons of life. All of us experience Springtime, times of joy and peace but each of us also knows what it is to weather the occasional grey day, or even a week of storms.

Next week as we scuttle from A to B having had to relocate our raincoats and a jumper, we may pause to smile wryly and comment on the loss of Spring. We will however keep our open toe shoes close by, because experience has taught us that the clouds will lift and warmer days will soon return.

For many of us, the same is true of our lives. Spring may hide for a few days, but some sleep, the encouragement of friends, a change of scenery and we are once again back in the Spring. But for some, despite all the 'right' strategies, Spring days remain a distant, hard to reach memory.

Whether we are enjoying Spring days, or longing to once again see sunshine, I have found that holding to the simplest, but profoundest of truths gives me courage to stand - even when that is all I can do, to stand.

'Yesterday, today and forever, Jesus is the same' is one of my favourites, reminding me that whatever the changing seasons of my life I can trust the one who remains faithful and who will never change - whatever the weather.

***Ruth Lockwood***

## Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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.

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### SERVICES ON SUNDAY

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

*Readings: Psalm 67: John 14:23-29*

#### **10.30am - Family Morning Worship at St Leonard's**

and live streamed on [this link](#)

*Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20*



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 6:1-8; John 20:24-31*

### NEXT WEEK

#### **Monday 26th May**

**No Bump to One or Walkie Talkies** due to the Bank Holiday.

#### **Tuesday 27th May**

**No Mum's Bible Study or Tinies and Toddlers** due to Half Term.

#### **Wednesday 28th May**

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

### NEXT SUNDAY - 1st June

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 Peter May will be held at St Leonard's at 2.30pm on Monday 2nd June.

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# YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S

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

## THIS WEEK

25.5.25: Morning Worship - *No Sunday Morning Youth*  
W/B: 26.5.25 - Half Term, No Cell Groups

## COMING UP

01.6.25: Sunday Morning Youth @ The Hogan's  
02.6.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place  
04.6.25: Cell Group @ The Church  
05.6.25: Cell Group @ The Church

## 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)

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**Statements of giving** - We will soon be sending statements of annual giving to everyone who regularly donates to St Leonard's. The statements will be emailed to the regular email address that we hold for you (a hard copy will be sent to those who do not use email). If for any reason you would prefer that we did not send a statement via email, please contact the church office.

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**Eynsham Flower Festival** will be held in St Leonard's over the carnival weekend (4th - 7th July). The theme this year is "Circus" Church groups have been invited to take part once more. If your group would like to be involved, please contact the Flower Festival organisers [eynshamflowerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamflowerfestival@gmail.com) by Friday 30th May.

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# Summer + Drinks and Jazz



Join us for an unforgettable evening of live, background jazz, refreshing drinks and mouth-watering canapes, and enjoy a chance to get up to date as we reveal the exciting developments here at the Adventure Base. Dress smart casual and let us entertain you while we raise money for a good cause.

Please invite any friends who might be excited and encouraged by our life-changing adventures with several thousand young people every year!

**Friday 6th June 2025 7-10 pm**

RSVP to [comms@adventureplus.uk](mailto:comms@adventureplus.uk)



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**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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

[sheila.wood1952@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.wood1952@gmail.com)

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**Carnival time again . Saturday 5 JULY**

Would you like to feel a little bit more involved with our local community?

Every year St Leonard's supports the Carnival event with **volunteer ticket sellers** on the day. St Leonard's benefits by receiving a donation of the share of the profits. The more helpers the more we are given. 😊.

Teams work in pairs or 3s at tables along the route or at the entrances to the field. So you are never left on your own . You can offer any time from 1 hour upwards.....

I can vouch that the day feels much more fun if you know you are part of helping it run smoothly.

If you would like to know more or express an interest . Please speak to Jenny Hogan who is collecting st Leonard's names for the carnival team . You can: speak to me on Sunday , or email **ajennyhogan@gmail.com** to find out more .

## **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

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### **Please pray for:**

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

## *St Peter's*

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Stephen Pix	Associate Priest, St Mary's Woodstock
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Katie Jones	Associate Priest, St Mary's Woodstock
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:youth.stleonards@gmail.com)



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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

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

*Tel: 01865 883325 E-mail: [stleonards\\_stpeters@btconnect.com](mailto:stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com)*

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

***Please note - Duncan is on sabbatical until mid August 2025***