



NEWSWIRE: 20th June 2025



- Services on Sunday
 - Farewell Bring and Share Lunch for the Shaw family
 - Oasis - 12th August
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A message from Margaret

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

Some of you will have revelled in the hot dry sunny days this week, like a lizard basking in the sun. You soak up the warmth and it just makes you feel happier. For others, the hot days may have sapped your energy and made you miserable and unproductive. Whatever your view, the only consolation is that living in the UK our weather is always unpredictable and soon it will change again (although whether that's for the better I'll leave you to judge!)

I think sometimes our lives can be a bit like the weather – sometimes our circumstances can seem to be like a series of stormy downpours, sometimes like bleak grey cold days but sometimes like the most perfect sunny days. It is certainly much easier to praise God in the sunshine but I think that if we were to be always in good times we would never grow our faith muscles. Certainly, the plants in my garden which have been through several winters and experienced every type of weather outside are generally much stronger than those which have only known the shelter of my greenhouse.

So we thank God for the sunshine but, as you grab a cold drink and head for some shade, thank him too that your joy in the Lord is not dependent on the weather and that you can trust God to give you His peace whatever your circumstances this week.

Margaret Thornton

Collect for the first Sunday after Trinity

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Jonah 1; Matthew 28:16-20

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

Readings: Jonah 1

The service will be followed by a bring and share farewell lunch for the Shaws (see below)

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: Jonah 1; Matthew 12:38-42



NEXT WEEK

Monday 23rd June

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 24th June

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 25th June

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 29th June

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Joy Clough will be held at **St Leonard's** church at **2pm** on **Wednesday 2nd July**. You are welcome to dress joyfully if you wish.

The funeral of the late George Bennett will be held at **St Leonard's** church at **2pm** on **Thursday 3rd July**.

If you were interested in the website which **Graham Tomlin** mentioned on Sunday it can be found at seenandunseen.com . This is produced by the Centre for Cultural Witness and produces articles and links which have a Christian take on a whole range of contemporary and topical issues. You can subscribe for a free weekly update on the website.

Don't forget Sunday after Church at St Leonard's there will be a **Church Picnic** on the land. This is our opportunity to say goodbye to the Shaw family. Bring your own rugs, chairs, food and drink. Feel free to bring sunshades or gazebos as well if you are worried about too much heat although part of the land should be in shade.

YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S

Please Note: Location Changes for Wednesday & Thursday Cell Groups

THIS WEEK

22.6.25: All In
No Sunday Morning Youth

23.6.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place
25.6.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall
26.6.25: Cell Group @ The Church

COMING UP

29.6.25: Morning Worship
No Sunday Morning Youth

30.6.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place
02.7.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall
03.7.25: 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.

It will soon be **OASIS** time! A day of activities for older folk organised by Eynsham's 3 Churches. Date **Tuesday 12 August 2025**. Time **10.00 to 3.45pm**. Venue **Eynsham Baptist Church**. Why not come and join in the fun. Application forms are available at the back of the Church. Don't delay as places are limited and will be allocated on a "first come first served basis". I look forward to seeing you there.

Angela Parks



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



Dear Church Family,

I'm reaching out to ask for your support in raising funds for the Access - London to Amsterdam 2025 event on 19th 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 to the charity page on your behalf.

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

Kind regards, Ginta

Please pray for:

- David, Kathy and family following Joy's recent death.
- 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](#)

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

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