

## NEWSWIRE: 27th June 2025

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### *A message from Jenny*

#### **At Home With God**

It's a lovely thing when you visit good friends and can feel at home with them – known, loved, and able to be yourself! Jesus felt at home with His friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in Bethany. And he reassures us, too, about our own future home: *"In My Father's house are many rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you"* (John 14:2).

When we take time to pray, to be with God, is this not a moment to be 'at home' with Him? Yet we often struggle to be honest, and to be ourselves. There's a lovely book, 'Say It to God', by Luigi Gioia, a Benedictine monk. He encourages us to turn everything into prayer, whatever is in our lives and hearts – 'any scrap of wood is good to feed fire'. We can come as we are, because God has made Himself at home with, and even in, us: *"If anyone loves me", says Jesus, "they will obey my teaching; My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them"* (John 14:23).

One Lent, I was led to 'just' sit with God in quiet, to rest and to be 'at home' with Him: to be open to His loving Presence. I realised that when we are 'at home' with someone we love, words are not always necessary; just being with them is a blessing.

God wants to make His home with us, and for us to be at home in Him. Amazing! We can sometimes feel so small – or unworthy of God's loving hospitality, but there's a lovely image in Psalm 84:3 which speaks to this:

*Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,*

*where she may have her young –  
a place near Your Altar.*

Take courage, and find that place near Him.

'I found in Him a resting-place  
And He has made me glad'

(H.Bonar, from the hymn 'I heard the voice of Jesus say...')

***Jenny Hellyer***

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### **Collect for the second Sunday after Trinity**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
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**

#### **9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's**

*Readings: 1 Peter 5:1-14; Matthew 16: 13-19*

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

*Readings: Jonah 2; Matthew 12:38-41*

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

**7pm - Revive at St Leonard's**



## NEXT WEEK

### Monday 30th 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 1st July

**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](mailto:jollypops@gmail.com)

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

### Wednesday 2nd July

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

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 service will also be live streamed on [this link](#).

### Thursday 3rd July

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

## NEXT SUNDAY - 6th July

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

### Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late **Daphne Maynard** will be held at **St Leonard's** church at **2pm** on **Tuesday 8th July**.



**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH BELLS** are returning! Work has been taking place in the bell tower this week and the bells are due to be returned to the church today (Friday 27th June). You will be able to view the bells at the back of the church this weekend, before they are raised and fitted in the bell tower next week. The goal is that the bells will be ringing

once more over the Carnival weekend.

# YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S

Please Note: Location Changes for Thursday Cell Groups

## THIS WEEK

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

## COMING UP

06.7.25: No Sunday Morning Youth -  
*Carnival Sunday*

07.7.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place  
09.7.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall  
10.7.25: Cell Group @ The Church

For more information please contact Laura: [youth.stleonards@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 6th July will be Carnival Sunday and we will be welcoming the Carnival Queen and her attendants and others from the community to our service. We are also delighted to welcome back Rev Bob Key who was Vicar of St Leonards from 1985 - 1991. Please mention this to others in the village who may remember him.

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## ARE YOU CREATIVE WITH PHOTOS AND VIDEOS?

One of the things that Duncan has always done in the last few years is to take photos through the day on Carnival Saturday and then turn them into a video to show at the service the following morning. From the shirt race and parade through to the Morris men, the events on the playing fields and the funfair, this is Eynsham's biggest day of the year and very much a community event.

It would be lovely if there is someone who could take on this task this year. You could choose to use just photos in a powerpoint, but ideally you would mix videos and photos into a short video - no more than 4 minutes long. You will need to be able to take photos through the day, but also to have the time and expertise to mix them into a video within a few hours later that day. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. If you know someone else who might do

it, maybe a family member, please ask them about it. I'm happy to chat through what's involved, just contact me.

It would be a shame not to do this just because Duncan is not around.

Margaret Thornton - [margaret@2cp.uk](mailto:margaret@2cp.uk) - 07971857711

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

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*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 <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