



NEWSWIRE: 18th July 2025



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A message from Derek



. . . . as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4 (AV)

In the early days of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait two young businessmen, to escape notice, dressed themselves in thobes, the flowing white robes of local Arab men. A local friend soon pointed out that they were, unknowingly, giving themselves away. How? They were still walking in Western mode – striding.

When we were living in South-East Asia adaptation to a different culture was so much more than language proficiency. Western, firm, striding haste can raise smiles. It was appropriate to learn to walk sloooowly. Walking the local pace.

Throughout the Bible living in obedient relationship with God is spoken of as walking with Him at His pace and directing:

“What does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God.” Deut.10:12-13

Some of our NT translations, unlike the Authorised Version, render ‘walk’ as ‘live’ and so lose something of the thrust of the teaching. In the sense of living our faith as walking, Paul encourages his friends: *‘Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit’ Gal.5:25.*

We walk our days as Jesus’ disciples did: we too walk with Him, though now guided by the Holy Spirit directing our steps through the Scriptures. We walk the newness of life. And where are we walking to?

We are walking Home.

Derek Foster

Collect for the fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter’s

Readings: Jonah 4; Luke 11:29-32

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

Reading: Psalm 121; Matthew 7:7-11



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

NEXT WEEK

Monday 21st July

Bump to One meet on Mondays from 10.30am to midday in St Leonard's

Wednesday 23rd July

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 27th July

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's



YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S

THIS WEEK

18.7.25: Cell Groups end for summer term.
20.7.25: Sunday Morning Youth
@ *The Hogan's*
25.7.25: End of Term Social on Church Land

COMING UP

Cell Groups are now paused for the summer holiday.
Further information will be available soon.

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

Church Lighting – Notice of Church Access Restrictions

The PCC has approved work to replace the existing church lighting with new LED lighting. Details of the new lighting are on display at the back of church and the following are links to those documents to read in your own time.

- [Church Lighting Overview \(Plan Statement\)](#)
- [Lighting Diagram \(Layout Drawing\)](#)
- [Explanatory Notes for the Diagram \(Diagram Key\)](#)

This work is planned to start on 8th Sept and the contractor has asked us to limit access to the church for 6 weeks.

This means that between 8th Sept and 17th Oct there will be no access to the inside of the church from 8am on Monday morning to 5pm on Friday evening. Access on Saturday and Sunday is not affected and all our Sunday service will continue in church as normal.

Access to the bell tower through the porch has been agreed so bell ringing practice can continue on a Monday evening and a visiting team are ringing on the morning of 18th Sept.

Alternative arrangements are being made for Bump to One and Warm Welcome Wednesday to use the Church Hall during those weeks. Cleaning teams will not be able to get into the church mid-week during those weeks and we might need to arrange a one-off clean once the work is finished.

If you have any queries please contact Ken or Louise.

Want to make an impact with a local Christian Charity? Here's a new opportunity to make a practical difference at **AdventurePlus** over in Clanfield, by taking part in our volunteer week!

Ahead of the winter, we need to complete some essential site maintenance. This will include weather proofing the yurts, and painting the exterior of the conference building.

We'd be delighted if you were able to join our team of volunteers between the **15th - 19th September 2025**. It would be fantastic if you can join us for the full week, but if that's too much, why not join us for a couple days?

And whether you're local to A+ or live further afield, why not stay over in one of our A+ Yurts and experience the peace and quiet of the A+ Adventure Base; for

free! You can have access to and use of the self catering kitchen and shower block, or why not use one of the BBQs for some outdoor cooking.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please email volunteering@adventureplus.org.uk

Thank you from everyone at AdventurePlus.

Steve & Marian

A vibrant poster for Adventure Plus Volunteer Week. The background is a collage of orange, red, and purple geometric shapes. At the top, a black banner reads 'ADVENTURE PLUS'. Below it, the word 'Volunteer' is in large green letters, and 'Week' is in a white script font. The dates 'SEP 12TH - 19TH' are in bold black letters. Three speech bubbles contain key information: a white bubble about supporting local charities, a purple bubble about free accommodation and catering, and a blue bubble about contacting Marian. Decorative elements include a red heart with 'LOVE', a lightning bolt icon, a smiley face icon, and a photo of four raised fists at the bottom. The Adventure Plus logo and contact details are at the bottom left, and the website URL is on the right side.

ADVENTURE PLUS

Volunteer Week

SEP 12TH - 19TH

Support your local charity with essential painting work on site!

Free overnight accommodation and self catering kitchen

Email Marian at Volunteering@adventureplus.uk to register interest or to get more info.

LOVE

WWW.ADVENTUREPLUS.UK

Registered Charity Number 1081059
Registered Company in England and Wales No. 397697

Adventure Plus
inspiring the next generation

Please pray for:

- 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.stleonardseysham.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