

## NEWSWIRE: 1st August 2025

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### *A message from Ruth*

Did you have a nice holiday?!

At this time of year, it's the opening line from friends and colleagues that can be a bit of a challenge!

I love holidays and I am currently eagerly anticipating mine. It will be great to spend time relaxing with those I love most.

But the truth is that holidays, like the rest of our lives, can rarely be summed up in a single word, or a throwaway joyful sentence.

Earlier this week I watched a family pause from what appeared a not altogether harmonious discussion, to take a smiling selfie at a picturesque spot. No doubt that image will soon have been on their social media feeds for friends to admire, leading them to imagine a holiday made up entirely of blissful moments such as the camera appeared to capture!

If some of our Biblical heroes lived today, I wonder how honest their holiday reports/photographs would be? Would Paul ignore the shipwreck and talk instead about his destination? Would Jonah fail to mention the whale and rather share 'Off to Nineveh to do the Lord's work'?!

Over the summer weeks, my prayer is that for each of us there will be moments of joy and times of restoration. But if your holiday also contains something that looks like a whale or a shipwreck, take heart, the Bible is clear that God uses it all. Life (and holidays) may not always go according to plan, but the God we serve is a master at weaving it all into his-story, however improbable it may seem at the time.

***Ruth Lockwood***

## Collect for the seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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

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

*Readings: Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21*

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

*Reading: Acts 18:18-23; Galatians 5:13 - 6:2.*

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

**Bump to One** is not meeting on Monday 4th August.

**Warm Welcome Wednesday** is also taking a break until September.

### NEXT SUNDAY - 10th August

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

### Looking further ahead

**The funeral of the late Pat Vereker** will be held at **St Peter's** church in Cassington on Thursday **14th August at 2.30pm**



## **CORINTH TRAVEL GUIDE**

Well done to all the eagle eyed Roman scholars who spotted the error in my travel guide last week. Julius Caesar did indeed found Corinth as a Roman colony in 44BC not 44AD. There were a surprising number of you! I'm always happy to be corrected on facts so keep listening out!

The PDF copy of the Corinth Travel Guide (now corrected!) can be viewed [here](#).

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## **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 8<sup>th</sup> Sept and the contractor has asked us to limit access to the church for 6 weeks.

This means that between 8<sup>th</sup> Sept and 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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The logo for 'Ride + Stride for Churches 2025' features the words 'RIDE + STRIDE' in large, bold, orange letters. The 'R' in 'RIDE' has a gear-like texture. Above the text are decorative elements: a blue chain of circles on the left, blue bunting flags on the right, and a blue crown-like shape on the far left. Below 'RIDE + STRIDE' is a green horizontal bar containing the text 'for Churches' in white, and '2025' in green to the right.

# RIDE + STRIDE for Churches 2025

The annual Ride and Stride for Churches is taking place on **Saturday 13th September**. You can find out more about walking or cycling to raise money for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust on [this link](#).

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**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](mailto:volunteering@adventureplus.org.uk)

Thank you from everyone at AdventurePlus.

*Steve & Marian*

ADVENTURE PLUS

# Volunteer Week

SEP 12<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup>

Support your local charity  
with essential painting  
work on site!

LOVE

Free overnight  
accommodation and self  
catering kitchen

Email Marian at  
[Volunteering@adventureplus.uk](mailto:Volunteering@adventureplus.uk)  
to register interest or to get  
more info.

WWW.ADVENTUREPLUS.UK



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## Please pray for:

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