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A message from Laura

Romans 12:16

"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

A while ago, I lived with a group of Christian friends in Wales.

We lived together, worked together, cooked, ate, cleaned, and sat round firepits together.

Wednesday evenings were specifically put aside for meals together, and Monday mornings were set aside for prayers before we went to work.

Our regular patterns were called Rhythms, and we always strived to keep our meetings regular, outdoors, and free from phones (some of us are still not so great at the latter).

This week, I have been reflecting on what my Rhythms have become since moving to Eynsham. Cell Groups, regular services and, unfortunately for my neighbours, rather a lot of very loud music practise - but not so many firepits!

Perhaps this week I can encourage you to consider what your regular Rhythms are? What do we make time for, and how are we setting that time aside?

What does community look like to you? What does community look like in Eynsham?

Maybe that's something we can ponder over the next few days.

Whatever your upcoming week holds, may it be filled with the peace and joy of the Lord.

Laura Churchyard

Collect for the eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Acts 18:24-28, Acts 19:8-10

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

Readings: Acts 18:24 - 19:10; Ephesians 4:17 – 24

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

Reading: Acts 18:24-28, Acts 19:8-10

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



NEXT WEEK

Monday 11th August

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

Thursday 14th August

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 17th August

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

The Christians vs The Lions

The annual spectacular combat of **The Christians** (church) **vs The Lions** (Red Lion Cassington) at Aunt Sally will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August at 2.30** in the ~~Colosseum in Rome~~ *garden of the Red Lion* in Cassington.

This is a ~~deadly serious~~ *family, fun* event. **All are welcome to play or cheer.**

Those with a strong arm and deadly aim are needed to defend our honour. (*But failing that we will take anyone.*)

Please put the date in your diary now and let me know your interest / availability (Roger Aston 01865 88075 rogera52@aol.com) spouses and families welcome. ~~Togas~~ raincoats optional.

Win ~~your freedom~~ maybe a beer if you are victorious!

Roger

CORINTH TRAVEL GUIDE

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

St Leonard's 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.



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](#).

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, 'Volunteer' is written in large green letters, and 'Week' is in a white script font. The dates 'SEP 12TH - 19TH' are in bold black. 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.

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

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Adventure Plus
inspiring the next generation

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) Names will be added to the list by express permission, and only first names will be published.

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