



NEWSWIRE: 29th August 2025



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A message from Duncan

*"The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake." (Psalm 23)*

But a few days remain of the month of August, then September will be upon us. At this time of the year the echoes of childhood sometimes return to us old sensations of unknown new beginnings ahead: new schools, new classes, new academic year, a new pencil case. Most of us do enjoy a quieter August, particularly on the roads, and have had an opportunity for rest and a slower pace of life, and now normal routine is just around the corner.

How do we feel about that? Eager anticipation, dread, nervous unease, excitement, reluctant acceptance? Perhaps a mix of all these. A new start after a break can be a challenge for all of us. Will we have the energy to face an uptick in activity? Will we meet the requirements of our responsibilities and the expectations of those around us once again? What challenges will I face and will I be able to face them?

Having stepped out of my normal routine for three months I am obviously feeling these things more than usual. I have been able to lie down in green pastures and paused by still waters, and now there is a path ahead. It's an untrodden path. It is for each of us. We have never trekked September 2025 before. It may look very similar to past paths, with familiar views and topography, but in reality we have

never walked it before. And the thing is, we don't have to walk it as we have before, or take the same route. Perhaps I could listen more keenly for the voice of the one who promises to "*guide me along right paths for his name's sake*" and trust what I hear. Perhaps we could together. And who knows where that will take us.

Collect for the eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

Readings: Acts 20:17-38; Matthew 28:16-20

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

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



NEXT WEEK

Monday 1st September

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

Thursday 4th September

Cassington cafe from 10am on Thursday in Cassington Village Hall

NEXT SUNDAY - 7th September

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

TRAVEL GUIDES

Travel guides to support the summer sermon series can be found on the links below:

[Corinth Travel Guide](#)

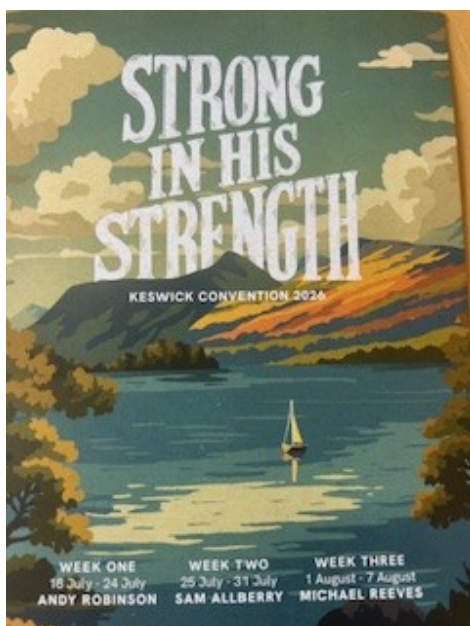
[Ephesus Travel Guide](#)

[Troas Travel Guide](#)



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](#).

Keswick Convention 2026



Have you ever thought about having a week's holiday in the Lake district with some excellent teaching worship and spiritual refreshment ?

Just plan and book your accommodation, camping, holiday cottage or Airbnb in the Keswick area (book early!)

We generally attend the convention in the mornings and some evenings or you can dip in as much or as little as you want.

There is a group of us planning to attend week 2 in 2026 if you are interested in joining us. Please click on the link for further information,

or pick up an information card in St Leonard's church.

[Keswick Convention 2026](#)

Do you have a room to let? A 59 year old single professional lady is looking for a room to rent in the West Oxfordshire area. If you have a room to let and would like to discuss details of requirements and costs etc, please contact Tracey on 07804 928962.

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. A white speech bubble says 'Support your local charity with essential painting work on site!'. A purple speech bubble says 'Free overnight accommodation and self catering kitchen'. A blue speech bubble says 'Email Marian at Volunteering@adventureplus.uk to register interest or to get more info.' There are also icons: a lightning bolt in a black circle, a red heart with 'LOVE' inside, and a smiley face in a white circle. At the bottom, several hands are shown in a fist-bump gesture. The Adventure Plus logo is in the bottom left, and the charity and company registration numbers are in the bottom right. The website 'WWW.ADVENTUREPLUS.UK' is written vertically on the right side.

ADVENTURE PLUS

Volunteer Week

SEP 12TH - 19TH

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Free overnight accommodation and self catering kitchen

Email Marian at
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to register interest or to get more info.

LOVE

WWW.ADVENTUREPLUS.UK

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Registered Company in England and Wales No. 397697

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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) 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

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