



NEWSWIRE: 5th September 2025



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A message from Margaret

SEPTEMBER

This month gets its name from being the seventh month in the Roman calendar. In the Bible the number seven is seen as a sign of completion or perfection: God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh, He chose seven stems on the lampstands in the tabernacle, there were seven churches in the book of Revelation. Seven 'I am' statements by Jesus. Can you think of some others?

The number seven also figures large in His created world – there are seven colours in the rainbow, seven notes in a musical scale, seven days in a week, seven visible heavenly bodies. Fascinating.

I have to confess that September is also my favourite month for several reasons. It's my birthday month, the weather is often crisp in the mornings and warm and sunny in the day (OK not this week...!) and there is that feeling of starting afresh, new classes or schools, new notebooks full of possibilities and blank pages to be filled.

Whatever you are facing in your life this month – either new beginnings or the same old stuff – remember that God designed a world which had perfection written through it and, although none of us measure up to that standard, Jesus came to give each one of us a fresh start. This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Cor 5:17 NLT)

So, here we are in September, the perfect time to let go of the past and embrace the new life Jesus offers with joy and enthusiasm (and cake!)

Margaret Thornton

Collect for the twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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: 2 Peter 1.1-21; Matthew 7.13-27

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.

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 8th September

No Bump to One this week

Walkie Talkies meet on Mondays (term time) from 10am to 11.30am in St Leonard's church hall.

Tuesday 9th September

St Leonard's PCC meeting

Wednesday 10th September

Warm Welcome Wednesday from 10.30am to midday in **St Leonard's Church Hall**



Saturday 13th September
St Peter's PCC Away morning

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Stephen Batts will be held at **St Leonard's** on **Saturday 20th September at 1pm**

Harvest Services

Sunday 28th September at St Leonard's

Sunday 5th October at St Peter's

Cassington Harvest Supper - Saturday 4th October at Cassington Village Hall

NEXT SUNDAY - 14th September

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S

Cell Groups run weekly during term time.
Monday: 4-5.30pm (Y6,7,8), Monday: 7-8.30pm (Y11,12,13), Wednesday (Year 9, 10)
Sunday Morning Youth runs on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during our 10.30am service.

THIS WEEK	COMING UP
07.9.25: Sunday Morning Youth <i>Up The Bell Tower - 10.30am</i>	14.9.25: Morning Worship <i>No Sunday Morning Youth</i>
07.9.25: Revive! - 7pm	
08.9.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place (4pm)	15.9.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place (4pm)
08.9.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place (7pm)	15.9.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place (7pm)
10.9.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall	17.9.25: Cell Group - Venue TBC

For more information please contact Laura: youth.stleonards@gmail.com

Lighting work at St Leonard's

Can I remind everyone that the work to replace the lighting in the church starts next week on **Monday 8th Sept**. The church will be 'Out of Bounds' Monday to Friday for the next 6 weeks until 17th October. The church will not be open for prayer during these weeks and if you need anything from church please contact Ken or Louise. The church will be accessible on Saturdays and Sundays and all Sunday services will continue as normal.



To help the electricians we have agreed to stack the chairs after services on a Sunday and put them out again on Saturday morning. It would help me if I could have a small team of volunteers willing to come in from 9:30 on Saturdays to help with putting chairs out ready for Sundays services. Please let me know which Saturdays you could help. We won't need to clear all areas of the church every week but I would like to clear most of it for the first week.

Please let me know if you have any queries, Thanks Ken.

ARE YOU A SPARKLY PERSON?



This term we are pausing and reviewing the future of families@4, a ministry that was started during the pandemic. During this period we are hoping to provide children's ministry on this Sunday of the month through an additional Sparklers session. Can you help, either as a leader or a support? It may not have to be on the second Sunday as a rota covers the three Sparklers sessions a month. In practice this would entail three or four sessions before Christmas. If you are willing to support the children of our church in this way please get in touch with Duncan or Laura.

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BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL (St.Peter's Church)

This year's Shoebox Appeal is now operational and shoeboxes will be going to very needy people in Eastern Europe including Ukraine. Shoeboxes can be filled for girls, boys, teenagers, women, men and elderly women. Leaflets with instructions and what to put inside your shoebox can be found inside St.Peter's Church porch. If you would like to know more about this Appeal please ring Jane Aston on 01865 880757 or email janeaston53@aol.com

Completed shoeboxes can be delivered to Jane Aston, 9, Bell Close, Cassington or inside St.Peter's Church on the font. Completed shoeboxes need to be returned before the end of October.



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](#).

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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