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A message from Margaret

“If God didn’t send Jesus into the world to condemn it, I doubt he sent you.”

I read this quote on the internet in the last week, and it has really stuck in my brain. I mean, it’s obvious really. Jesus gave us the two greatest commands: Love God and Love others. Do not Judge. And yet, sadly, down the centuries, the church has pretty consistently condemned various individuals or groups of people for sins and wickedness. As part of today’s church, I am complicit in how we treat people. There is a lot of strident language in the news right now. People saying harsh words about groups of people whether they are refugees, migrants, the poor, or those living with disabilities.

Who might we be consciously (or unconsciously) condemning when we read/watch news or social media, or see them around in our village? Extremists, liberals, the young, the homeless, the workshy, refugees, the old, those with disabilities, the poor, those with mental health issues, or really anyone who is not ‘like us’.

This week, I realised it is too easy to absorb the world’s opinions without realising it. We are called to love the lonely and the hurting, the angry and the lost, those in your street, your workplace, your community. Because it is only through love that people will be saved.

Once again, I need to remember that Jesus calls us to love unconditionally and not to condemn.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:17

Margaret Thornton

(Quote attributed to David Huskins)

Collect for the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

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

Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-11

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

3pm - Harvest Service at St Peter's

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-4, 11, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 16-17

7pm - Revive Eynsham at St Leonard's (see below)

NEXT WEEK

Please note time and venue changes (in red) during the electrical work in St Leonard's church

Monday 6th October

Walkie Talkies will be meeting from **9.30am to 10.45am** on **Monday** in **St Leonard's church hall** whilst the electrical work takes place in church.



Bump to One will be meeting in **St Leonard's church Hall** on **Monday** from **11am to 12.30pm** whilst the electrical work takes place in the church.

Tuesday 7th October

Tinies and Toddlers meet every **Tuesday** in the **Village Hall in Cassington** from **1.30 to 3pm** (Term time only).

Wednesday 8th October

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 12th October

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

Service for the Bereaved - Sunday 26th October at 6pm at St Leonard's

St Leonard's PCC Away Morning - Saturday 18th October

The funeral of the late John Edmunds will be held at **St Leonard's church** at **12.30pm** on **Tuesday 21st October**

Revive Eynsham - Sunday 5th October at 7pm

Revive on Sunday will be an opportunity for all local Christians to join at St Leonard's in worship and prayer for our community. Followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship.

The puzzle of the muddled lids!! We loved the soup we shared last Sunday. Thank you to all who made it.

If you made a soup last Sunday, and brought it in an oval shaped cookpot, please check the lid you took away. The lids got muddled. But no-one knows the full story. There will be a *"cookpot lid amnesty"* after the service this coming Sunday. If you think you came away with the wrong lid, meet in the coffee area after the service with the lid you have, and let's see if the puzzle can be unravelled!!

You are invited to the **Monday Club Harvest Service** on **Monday 6 October** at **11.15 am**. Raffle for all and guest coffees from 10.45 am. Hope you can join us.



HARVEST CELEBRATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

**Sunday 5th October at 3pm
followed by afternoon tea**

For all ages – everyone welcome

Contributions of non-perishable items will be gratefully received for local Food Banks. A list of items can be found on the North Oxford Food Bank web site.

Financial donations can also be made directly to:

North Oxfordshire Food Bank

<https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/north-oxfordshire/>



BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL

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 contact:

St Peter's - Jane Aston on 01865 880757 or email janeaston53@aol.com

St Leonard's - Janet Haskett on 01865 882488 or email

jehaskett1@googlemail.com

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

Update from Paul Murrell

Thank you so much for praying for my recent trip to Bangui. I arrived back on Monday afternoon after smooth uneventful flights via Ethiopia; it's lovely to be back!

The workshop ended very well, and we were able to print a limited number of copies of the Christmas story in Tali and a collection of non-biblical texts in Vale, in addition to provisional orthography statements for both. There is still a lot of writing up and analysis to do, but I'm very happy with the data I was able to

collect as well as with the relationships we built through the intensive work together. You prayed for Pastor Mathurin last week, and he's doing quite a bit better. I visited on Saturday and his speech is a lot clearer and he is now able to walk around again. Please continue to pray for a good recovery from his stroke.

I am delighted to tell you that the Mpyemo team completed the recording of the New Testament on Monday, including all corrections, and should now be heading back to the SW corner of the country. It sounds like the whole process was very positive for everyone involved! Mpyemo Pastor Jean-Claude Tassako, who works as a missionary among the Baka people, said this about his recording of Revelation, "The text has never touched me as much as when I read it in Mpyemo." Please pray that every recorded passage has this kind of impact on the Mpyemo community.



In other news, Wycliffe launched its State of the Bible Report this week. It's full of stats, testimonies, and powerful stories of how God is moving in Bible translation. Bible translators have been working hard over the last year to launch over 118 New Testaments and full Bibles (nearly 10 a month)! Read the full report here: wycliffe.org.uk/sotb

Lighting work at St Leonard's

Whilst the work to replace the lighting continues, the church will be 'Out of Bounds' Monday to Friday 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.

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

Newsire next week - I will be on holiday from 7th until 16th October. If you have any notices for Newsire next week, please send them to Laura by 9am on Thursday 9th. Thank you. *Louise*

Open Morning at The King's School, Witney

Join us for our whole school Open Morning on Tuesday 7th October from 10:30 am until midday. Discover The King's School, a small and friendly Christian school, for ages 3-16, on the outskirts of Witney.

- Date: Tuesday 7th October
- Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Location: The King's School, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX29 6TA
- Website: www.tkswitney.org.uk
- Please join us by [registering here](#)

At The King's School, we believe this is an amazing space to be all God made you to be. Children are truly known, loved, and nurtured. A place where academic success and spiritual growth go hand in hand.

We warmly invite prospective families to explore our welcoming school community. To find out more about the Open Morning, please email Olivia, our Registrar, registrar@tkswitney.org.uk.

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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