

NEWSWIRE: 17th October 2025



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A message from John

'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Nigeria, Burkina Faso, DRC, Sudan, Niger, Mali, Guinea, Cameroon... are countries about which we do not hear a great deal in our UK mainstream news. In fact there are many, many newsworthy stories coming out of sub-Saharan Africa; a shockingly large number of these relate to our Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in horrific ways for following the Lord Jesus.

We can all do **something**. Here are a couple of ideas:-

- 1) **Pray on your own**: there is a wealth of prayer resources available from Tear Fund, Open Doors, etc.
- 2) **Pray with other people**: for example the 'International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church' will be held at Open Doors in Witney on Saturday 15 November, 8am - 8pm. You can attend for as much or for as little time as you like. (I am going for part of the afternoon).

Ticketed event, but tickets are FREE! contact@opendoorsuk.org or phone 01993 460 015

- 3) **Petition your MP**: arm yourself with relevant information, e.g. Open Doors has loads of resources online. Then use this information to ask your MP to act.

• Bicester and Woodstock – **Calum Miller**

You could make use of the fact that Calum is Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for **Foreign Affairs**. Email: calum.miller.mp@parliament.uk

Or,

· Witney – **Charlie Maynard**

You could use the fact that Charlie is Liberal Democrat Spokesperson ref. **Chief Secretary to the Treasury**. Email: charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk

Or,

· Oxford West and Abingdon – **Layla Moran**

Liberal Democrat Email: layla.moran.mp@parliament.uk

John Anderson

Collect for the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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: 1 Timothy 3.14 -4.9; Matthew 6.24-34

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

Readings: 1 Timothy 6: 2b-12; Matthew 5: 43-48

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



NEXT WEEK

Monday 20th October

No Bump to One this week.

Walkie Talkies will be meeting from **9.30am to 10.45am** on **Monday** in **St Leonard's church hall**

Tuesday 21st October

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

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

Wednesday 22nd October

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 26th October

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

10.30am - All age service with Lena's thanksgiving at St Leonard's

6pm - Memorial Service for the Bereaved 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

19.10.25: Sunday Morning Youth

Up the Bell Tower -

Bring a jumper!

20.10.25 - Cell Social!

(No Usual Cell Groups)

@ St Leonard's Church

7-8.30pm

COMING UP

26.10.25 - All Age Service

W/B: 27.10.25 - Half Term,
No Cell Groups

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

Cleaning The Church After The Electrical Work - THIS AFTERNOON!

The work on the church lighting has now finished. We will be doing a good clean around all of the church this afternoon (Friday). If you are able to join members of the cleaning team anytime between 2-5pm your help will be appreciated.

Access to the church will return to normal after we have cleaned the church. I will share instructions on operating the new lighting once I have all the details.
Thanks, Ken

Trevor Robinson - It is with sadness that we let you know that Trevor died peacefully this week. Trevor and Dorothy joined the St Leonard's church family during lockdown. Due to Trevor's ill health, they have frequently joined our services on-line. Please pray for Dorothy and family at this sad time. Trevor's funeral will be held at St Leonard's at midday on Saturday 15th November.

St.Leonard's Away Morning PLEASE PRAY

The St.Leonard's PCC will be together for the morning on 18th October to pray and think about the year ahead and beyond in the life of the church. I would really appreciate it if you could pray for this time together and the work which will follow. Particularly, I would ask you to pray that we would be able to discern the Lord's heart for us. There are plenty of possible things we might apply ourselves to, for all of which there will be a variety of opinions. But where does the Lord Jesus have us focus our attention? ***Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. (Psalm 127)***

Church Lunch at St Leonard's - Sunday 26th October

As a church we celebrate our children and families. Romu and Rabea Meango and their family have been blessed with baby Lena this year and as they give thanks for her in the service on Sunday 26th October, they have invited all of us to join in the celebration with a shared church lunch afterwards.

Everyone is welcome - just sign up . Lunch will be around noon but if you don't need to rush away, stay on for board games or a chat and a cup of tea. Sign up to come here <https://stleonardseynsham.churchsuite.com/events/w7mmyozn>
If you are able to help with the catering, maybe a veggie main, a pudding or cake or if you are willing to help serve food and clear up afterwards then please add you name to this sign up sheet. [Click here to sign up to help](#)

Any queries please contact Margaret Thornton

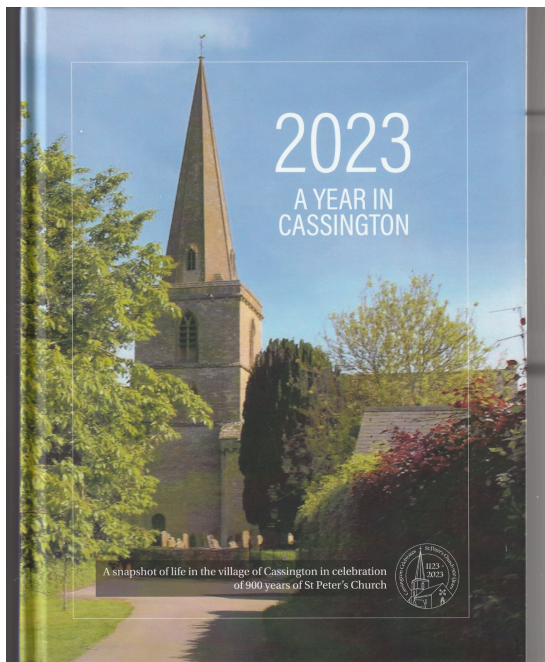
CAP Christmas Hampers - For several years now we have been inviting individuals and small groups from supporting churches to put together and donate a hamper of Christmas extras for a local CAP client. The idea is that hampers are given to households who are working with CAP to clear their debts and can't afford some of the extra Christmas luxuries most of us take for granted.

In order to give us time to match donors to clients, I will be grateful if offers of hampers could be sent to me at alanthornton@capuk.org no later than 10 November, but preferably before! We would like to have all hampers ready for delivery by Monday 15 December, to give us time to get them to the clients.

I know that many people enjoy joining in this venture each year. It always brings a lot of joy to our clients and is a wonderful expression of God's love and provision.

Alan Thornton

Looking for ideas for Christmas gifts?



A 120 page full colour book which provides a pictorial record of the events of the St Peter's 900th celebrations and other events around the village in 2023 has now been produced on behalf of The Friends of St Peter's Cassington (Registered Charity No 1114780) and is available to order throughout October. A preliminary draft copy is available now and you will be able to view and order copies at St Peter's services and other events in the coming weeks. If you are unable to come to those then please call Keith Turner on 01865 880492 for other ways to view it. There will be a bulk order placed in early November to maximise savings on printing and postage

costs and The Friends are making the book available to purchase at cost price (including a share of the postage costs). The final price will depend on the volume of orders received but is likely to be in the region of £25-£30 per book and we require a £10 non-refundable deposit per book to secure an order with

the balance payable on delivery. Please note that as The Friends will not be profiting from this publication then all books ordered must be paid for in full upon delivery or our charity will sustain the loss as we have to pay for the orders in advance. Initial reactions from those who have seen the book are very favourable and we hope to be able to distribute copies by early December.

Keith Turner on behalf of The Friends'

Remember with Thanksgiving - A service for the bereaved

We will be holding a Memorial Service for the bereaved at St Leonard's on Sunday 26th October at 6pm. This is a special service where the death of a loved one is remembered and an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. If you would like the name of a loved one read out, please contact the Church Office (stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com or 01865 883325).



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.

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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Revd Duncan Fraser: 07810 324088 (Day off – Friday)