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Advent Devotion for today



Numbers 12.3

“Now the man Moses was a quietly humble man, more so than anyone living on Earth.”

Moses

Moses was an incredible servant of God. On his death it was said of him, ‘*There has never again been a prophet in Israel like Moses.*’ (Deuteronomy 34.10). In God’s great story of salvation he was used in the great battle of Yahweh against the gods of Egypt, led the Hebrew nation through the Red Sea in that nation

defining moment, ascended Sinai into the heaven of heavens, basking in the glory of God, such that he had to cover his face with a veil.

Yet, he was known also as the most humble person on earth.

The use of this phrase, and the lessons we might learn from the context of Numbers 12 is worth pondering, as well as Moses' life more broadly. For it seems humility was not something he possessed in younger years. It developed over time.

How might we grow in humility this Advent? What helps develop a humble heart? For true humility lies at the heart of following Jesus. God promised to Moses that he would: *"raise up for (his people) a prophet like you"* (Deut 18.18), and with first Advent of Jesus he did just that. The one who sustains all things by the power of his word left us one direct self description: *"I am gentle and humble in heart"* (Matt 11.28).

Dear Lord,

Help us to embrace a humility like Christ's this Advent, as did your servant Moses. As we are increasingly caught up in the noise and busyness of celebrations and events in our community, may we also find time and space to simply pray: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Amen.

This reflection was from St Leonard's and St Peter's Advent Devotions for today. If you would like to receive daily reflections by email during the remainder of Advent please contact Margaret Thornton (margaret@2cp.uk).

Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.8-13; Luke 1.5-38

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

Reading: Luke 1.5-38

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

4pm - Christingle at St Leonard's

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's



NEXT WEEK

Monday 8th December

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

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

Tuesday 9th December

Tinies and Toddlers meet on Tuesdays (term time) from 1.30pm - 3pm in Cassington Village Hall.

Wednesday 10th December

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

Thursday 11th December

Bartholomew School Carol Service at 6pm in St Leonard's Church

NEXT SUNDAY - 14th December

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

2pm - Christmas around the world at St Leonard's Church Hall (see below)

4pm - Candlelit Carol Service at St Peter's

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Kenneth Butler will be held at St Peter's in Cassington on Monday 15th December at 1.30pm

Christmas Carol Celebration at St Leonard's - Sunday 21st December at 7pm

Christmas Eve

3pm - Christmas Eve Service with celebration of the crib at St Peter's

5pm - Crib Service at St Leonard's

11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Christmas Day

8.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Christmas Morning Service at St Peter's

10am - All age Christmas Celebration 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

- 7.12.25: 10.30am Sunday Morning Youth
Up the Bell Tower!
4pm Christingle
7pm *Revive!*
- 08.12.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place (4pm)
- 08.12.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place (7pm)
- 10.12.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterell (7pm)

COMING UP

- 14.12.25: 10.30am - Morning Worship
2pm - Christmas Around the World
4pm - St Peter's Carol Service
- 17.12.25: 6.30pm - Youth Christmas Soc

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

Eynsham Choral Society concert, Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm in St Leonard's Church. It will be a Christmas concert including Rheinberger 'The Star of Bethlehem' and music by Max Bruch and Judith Weir. The concert will finish with traditional carols including audience participation. Tickets available from Eynsham DIY.

CAROL CELEBRATION - SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 7pm - REFRESHMENTS

I'm very excited about our carol celebration this year - I've heard a sneak preview of the music and it sounds absolutely amazing. The candles will be lit and the church



will look amazing. I hope you are planning to invite a friend or neighbour so we can share the good news more widely. We are planning to offer mulled wine (and non-alcoholic alternatives) together with mince pies and tray bakes at the end of the Celebration. I'm looking for a number of people who might help get ready, serve or clear up as well as others who might be willing to donate a tray bake or some mince pies (home made or shop bought - whatever!)

If you are able to help any of this please let me know Margaret Thornton (margaret@2cp.uk 07971857711)

Noel Lindsay has recently moved into Middletown Care Home in Hailey. Noel and Angela will be known to many of you, as they have been worshiping at St Leonard's for 55 years. Noel will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Saturday. Please pray for Noel and Angela at this time of change in their lives.

We have a 3' artificial (quite realistic looking) Christmas tree, which we would be happy to pass on free to the first person who is able to collect. Christmas greetings to everyone, Dorothy Berry 01865 882570, 27 Stratford Drive.

We are **decorating St Leonard's church for Christmas on Wednesday 10th at 2pm.** All welcome to come and help. There will be refreshments! Any greenery welcome. *Margaret Johnson*

Last year St Leonard's Church organised a '**Christmas around the World**' event which was attended by around 60 people, many of whom had no church connection, but did have links with other countries. We are repeating the event this year, on Sunday December 14th, and we need your help!

- Do you have any children's books about Christmas that we could borrow?
- Would you like to take a 15 minute slot reading the above books to children in a 'quiet corner' in the hall?
- Do you have any photos of yourself celebrating Christmas in a different country, that we could use for a quiz? If so, please email it to josephinemurrell@gmail.com and tell me which country it was in!
- If you are available on the afternoon and would like to help in setting up or assisting with the event, we'd love to have you.
- Please pray for God to use the event to draw people closer to himself this Christmas.

Thank you! For more info or to offer help, please see Luda Repetska, Olha Nikulin, Jo Murrell, Sara Tindall or Ruth Webster.



Christmas around the World

Sunday 14th December,
2 - 4.30 pm

St Leonard's Church Hall
Thames St, Eynsham
Witney OX29 4HF

A free family-friendly event with crafts, quizzes and food celebrating the diversity of Eynsham. (Please bring some food from another country to share, if you feel able)



Eynsham Community Choir present

SING WE ALL NOEL!



SONGS AND READINGS FOR THE SEASON

Saturday December 13th

7.30pm - 9.15pm

St Leonard's Church, Eynsham

Ticket price £10 / £5 for under 16s available from Evenlode DIY from 1st December (cash only) & on the door. Cheese & wine / juice included in the ticket. Supporting the Friends of St Leonard's & Eynsham Food Bank.



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Reply

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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