

NEWSWIRE: 12th December 2025



- Services on Sunday including St Peter's Carol Service
 - Christmas around the world
 - Carol Celebration Refreshments
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Advent Devotion for today

Daniel 7:13-14

New International Version

¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.



[Sunset over Beachy Head, Eastbourne]

I wonder if you have visions?

Not necessarily visions of grandeur, like Daniel, but perhaps something more simple?

Are you having visions of Christmas dinner with all the trimmings? Or maybe you're looking forward to the end of the hustle and bustle of the busy season, ready to rest in the gentle glow of candles on Christmas Eve at Midnight Communion?

Maybe you're pondering on the long-term future, what will next year bring? What will the next five years bring?

Our own imaginings can never be certain, and as much as I hope that there will be a White Christmas in Eynsham, I think it is probably unlikely. (Watch this space!)

Daniel's vision here is far more certain than snow on Christmas morning.

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

This is a vision of hope, a certainty of what is to come.

This advent, I pray that we can all fix our eyes on the certainty of Christ, on his kingdom, which will never be destroyed.

Prayer:

Father,

We pray for peace this advent season. Where there is worry, stress, poverty or conflict, we pray for your peace. Draw alongside us this Christmas, and fill us with the Holy Spirit, so that we may fix our eyes fully on you.

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 Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Psalm 113; Luke 1.39-56

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.

2pm - Christmas around the world at St Leonard's Church Hall

4pm - Carol Service at St Peter's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 15th December

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

This is the last Bump to One of 2025. We will meet next on Monday 12th January 2026.

Walkie Talkies meet on Mondays (term time) from 10am to 11.30am in St Leonard's church hall. This is the last Walkie Talkies of 2025. We will meet next on Monday 12th January 2026.

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

Scout Carol Service at 6pm at St Leonard's

Tuesday 16th December

Tinies and Toddlers are not meeting this week. The next session will be on Tuesday 6th January.

Wednesday 17th December

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

This is the last Warm Welcome Wednesday of 2025. We will meet next on Wednesday 14th January 2026.

Youth Christmas Social at 6.30pm at St Leonard's

NEXT SUNDAY - 21st December

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's starting with coffee and croissants

7pm - Christmas Carol Celebration at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

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

**Big Apple Baroque invites you to a short concert of seasonal music
at 7.30 pm on 30 December 2025:**

Bach & Bubbles
Charpentier & Canapes
Handel & Hogmanay

Donations in aid of Tear Fund

Many thanks to everyone who delivered Christmas cards with details of our services. It's a big job to deliver cards to all of the houses in Cassington and Eynsham and we really appreciate your efforts.

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 with this please let me know Margaret Thornton (margaret@2cp.uk 07971857711)

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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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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