

NEWSWIRE: 9th January 2026



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A message from Duncan

Happy New Year to you all!

I do hope you had a lovely time over the Christmas period and are raring to go in 2026! If it has been a sluggish start of the new year for you and the Christmas decorations are still not down, fear not. I was reading a book recently which suggested that decorations traditionally would be kept in the home until Candlemas - February 2nd. So you have plenty of time!

The New Year does, however, beckon us. There is plenty of time and many opportunities before us as we seek to walk with Jesus through life. It is a useful practice to take time to prepare our hearts somehow for what may lie ahead. Perhaps find a few hours, or a particularly long walk, to pray about the year: sharing with the Lord the concerns that we have, the hopes and dreams, and the challenges coming up. And most of all spend some of the time waiting on the Lord in quietness. What does he desire for us or for those around us? What areas of our lives does he think we should address in our lives? What is his agenda for us in 2026? Says the Psalmist: *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him...pour out your heart before him* (Psalm 62.5&8)

It may be that some of our regular chores and routines have to continue, but even consciously setting aside a day to avoid the noise of everyday, turning off the notifications from our phone (or the phone completely!), and simply saying "*Lord, your servant is listening*", can open us to the Divine voice *guiding us on right paths for his name's sake*. And whether there be dark valleys or green pastures ahead, we can be confident that goodness and mercy will pursue us every day of the year, and forever.

Grace and peace to you all in 2026,

Duncan

Collect for the first Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Leviticus 24.1-8; 2 Corinthians 3.1-18



9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Readings: Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 8:18-25

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

Readings: Leviticus 24:1-8; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

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 12th January

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 13th January

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

St Leonard's PCC meeting.

Wednesday 14th January

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

The funeral of the late Noel Lindsay will be held at **St Leonard's in Eynsham** at **2pm on 14th January 2026**

NEXT SUNDAY

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

6.30pm - Shaped by the Word at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Cecil Mark Pratley will be held at **St Leonard's in Eynsham** at **1.30pm on 19th January 2026**

The funeral of the late Pat Evans will be held at **St Peter's in Cassington** at **1pm on 20th January 2026**

Please keep praying for Jo and Paul at the start of this New Year.



Prayer points:

- pray for Paul to make a valuable contribution to the linguistic foundations for Bible translation projects in CAR
- pray for strong relationships with the translation projects Paul supports in Nigeria and Zambia, and for wisdom as he helps them administer their activities
- pray for peace throughout Africa, where instability is having a major impact on translators and their work
- pray for Jo to be more prayerful in her work supporting Wycliffe members

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.

We're delighted to invite you to our upcoming **Residents' Forum**, hosted by **Age UK Oxfordshire**. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your community, enjoy some coffee and cake, and share your views on how well you feel represented.

What's happening?

 Coffee & Cake

 Fun Quiz

 informal chat – your voice matters!

Your feedback is important to us, and we'd love to hear your thoughts on local representation and community needs.

Come and see us at Eynsham Residents Forum:

When: Tuesday 13th January 11.30am – 1.30pm

Where: Eynsham Village Hall, 46 Back Lane, Eynsham, Witney OX294QW

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