

## NEWSWIRE: 23rd January 2026

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### *A message from Margaret*

#### **Our time**

*"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."*

*(Lord of the Rings) JRR Tolkien*

Unless you are existing in a media free zone, it cannot have escaped you that we are currently living in more dangerous and unpredictable times than many of us have known. Maybe you feel like giving up reading the paper or social media and hiding under the duvet?

What do we say when people talk about Trump at work, in the streets, amongst friends? What is our Christian response to this? Many people much more learned than me will have their own advice. Mine is simply this:

1. Pray more. God is sovereign and answers our prayers. Pray for those you see on the news, for those being arrested by ICE and for those bravely standing up for their neighbours. Pray for Greenlanders, pray for those in Venezuela, and in Ukraine all waiting for peace. Pray especially for wisdom for politicians and leaders of all countries to seek peace and justice and the good of all.

2. Worry less. We don't get to choose what time we live in, but God has his hand on our lives and he is faithful to be with us throughout life. If we trust him, it doesn't mean everything will turn out perfectly (it probably won't), but he has promised to be with us always.

3. Do just one thing... if you feel helpless about world events it can seem like you are powerless to do anything, but that is not true. Maybe we cannot change the world, but each of us can potentially change at least one person's life for the better today. A smile, a hug, a kind word or deed, a prayer, sympathy, a cup of tea offered, or a listening ear. What will you do?

*Margaret Thornton*

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### **Collect for the third Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.

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### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY**

#### **9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's**

*Readings: Psalm 67; Acts 9:1-22*

#### **10.30am - All age service at St Leonard's and live streamed on [this link](#)**

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20*



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

#### **5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's**

*Readings: Leviticus 24.1-8; 2 Corinthians 3.12-18*

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Monday 26th 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 27th January

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

## Wednesday 28th January

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

## Thursday 29th January

**Ladies Curry Evening** at **7pm** at **Ready Steady Cook** (see below)

## NEXT SUNDAY

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

## Looking further ahead

**The funeral of the late Mike Stephens** will be held at **St Leonard's** in Eynsham at **midday** on Thursday 12th February 2026.

# 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 7-8.30pm (Year 9, 10)  
Sunday Morning Youth runs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during our 10.30am service, up the bell tower.

### THIS WEEK

25.01.26 - All Age Service

26.01.26: Cell Group @ Clover Place (4pm)  
26.01.26: Cell Group @ Clover Place (7pm)  
28.01.26: Cell Group @ The Bitterell (7pm)

### COMING UP

01.02.26: Morning Worship  
*Sunday Morning Youth*

02.02.26: Cell Group @ Clover Place (4pm)  
02.02.26: Cell Group @ Clover Place (7pm)  
04.02.26: Cell Group @ The Bitterell (7pm)

*For more information please contact Laura: [youth.stleonards@gmail.com](mailto:youth.stleonards@gmail.com)*

**Craft and chat Saturday 24th January 22** Falstaff Close 14:00 - 16:00

Please come along for a chance to chat and work on your latest project, or just come and chat. Please let Jennifer know if you can come [jenniferclarke362@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferclarke362@gmail.com)





### Church Lunch - Sunday 25th January

We will be having a shared lunch after the 10.30am service at St Leonard's on Sunday. **Everyone is welcome.** Please either [sign up on Churchsuite](#) or contact me to let me know you are coming. As previously, we are looking for volunteers to bring contributions of soup, bread or cakes as well as helpers to help serve and clear up after the lunch. If you are able to help please sign up [here](#) or contact me to let me know.

*Margaret Thornton*

A promotional poster for 'Ladies Curry Night'. The background is a dark, rustic wooden surface. In the center, there is a bowl of rich, orange-brown curry with chunks of meat. To the right, a large, golden-brown naan bread is partially visible. In the foreground, there is a small bowl of white rice, a bunch of fresh green herbs (likely cilantro), and a small bowl of spices. The text is overlaid on the image in a mix of white and green fonts.

**LADIES CURRY NIGHT**  
THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JAN - 7PM  
READY STEADY SPICE

**Please contact: June Middleton**  
**[billandjune@gmail.com](mailto:billandjune@gmail.com)**

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### Diocese of Oxford Consultation

A process of discernment has started to appoint the **new Diocesan Bishop for Oxford**. Anyone living, working or worshipping in the diocese can contribute their views via [this link](#). On the same link, you can also download the questions to view in advance or discuss with a small group. Feed back from children and young people is particularly welcome.

(Please do not give us your eggs)



## **WE WANT YOUR RUBBISH! (SORT OF!)**

With Youth Weekend Away on the horizon, please would you consider sparing your clean rubbish for us?

We are looking for egg boxes, cardboard tubes & boxes, bubble wrap, milk cartons, chocolate biscuit boxes (let us know if you need help eating the biscuits first), that sort of thing!

As spotlessly clean as it can possibly be please!

**Deposit in the Youth Office Mon-Thurs 9-3pm**

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### **Wycliffe Hall - New Renaissance Project Events**

We're hosting a [series of events](#) this term as part of our New Renaissance Project, and we would love to invite your congregation. We would be especially keen to invite you to the event below:

#### **Event details - God's Homecoming with NT Wright**

Join us for the launch of Tom Wright's newest book, God's Homecoming , including a live taping of the 'Unbelievable' podcast with Premier

Date: **Monday 2nd March**

Time: **6:00-8:00pm**

Venue: **The Chapel at Wycliffe Hall**. 54 Banbury Road, OX2 6PW

All are welcome: the event is open to the public, but a paid ticket is required to attend. Books will be available to purchase on the night, and one can also be purchased as part of the ticket price.

Please book your ticket [here](#)

More information can be found at Book launch: [God's Homecoming | WYCLIFFE HALL](#)

# HILARY TERM 2026

*at Wycliffe Hall*

# NEW RENAISSANCE PROJECT

Wycliffe Showcase-  
Grove Booklets

Leadership over  
lunch

Film Showcase with  
the Pitch Film Fund

*Reading Psalms with  
the Scribes*  
with John Screnock

Leadership over  
lunch

*God's Homecoming*  
with Tom Wright

*Science and Religion  
in the Imagination  
of CS Lewis*  
with Alister McGrath

19<sup>th</sup> January  
5.30pm - Lower  
Common Room

2<sup>nd</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup> February  
Phoenix Picturehouse

18<sup>th</sup> February  
5.30pm - Lower  
Common Room

23<sup>rd</sup> February

2<sup>nd</sup> March  
6pm - the Chapel

12<sup>th</sup> March  
6pm - the Chapel



BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT [WWW.WYCLIFFE.OX.AC.UK/WHATSON](http://WWW.WYCLIFFE.OX.AC.UK/WHATSON)



**Have you started thinking about Easter break yet?**

We'd love to see your **8-11-year-olds** for our incredible [Total Adventure Holiday](#) at [Adventure Plus!](#) They will spend an amazing four-day week exploring 80 acres of space designed

for incredible fun and adventure! With a mix of outdoor and indoor activities, everything from climbing, archery, stand-up paddleboarding, biking, slacklining, fencing, and so much more! During downtime, the fun doesn't stop: enjoy 9-square, Octoball, Bouldering, and plenty of space to relax and connect with friends. And each evening, we'll wrap up the day with the TA Roadshow, packed with hilarious games and an inspiring speaker.

It's going to be an incredible, fun-filled week that they won't want to miss!

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### **Will you join with Christians across the globe to pray for the Muslim world during their fast month of Ramadan?**

Ramadan begins on 18 February 2026. Join with hundreds of thousands of believers around the world for this annual prayer event by using the 30 Days of Prayer booklet which is now available to order. The 2026 guide focuses on Muslim peoples from whom there are now radiant believers, sharing the good news of Jesus with their own or nearby Muslim people groups. They are co-labourers with God, and we are invited to co-labour with them, as we join with them in prayer.

Rosemary Foster will be ordering copies for any who may want one (Price £2.20 each). Please talk to her in church or email: [derekrosemary@gmail.com](mailto:derekrosemary@gmail.com)

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### **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](mailto: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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