

## NEWSWIRE: 24th April 2026

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### *A message from Derek*



### **Waiting**

*“ . . . wait for the gift my Father promised . . . ” Acts 1:5*

‘Wait’. Reading through the Bible, it strikes us just how much time is spent waiting. From the earliest chapters of Genesis right through to Revelation, God’s people find themselves given a promise for which they are to wait, sometimes waiting centuries.

In the first chapter of Acts the disciples, thrilled by Jesus’ resurrection, are excited and expectant. They ask, *“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”* Jesus answers them firmly, *“It is not for you to know the times and dates . . . !”* So, what are they to do? They are to wait.

Waiting. They are to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit whose empowering will transform their limited view of a ‘kingdom for Israel’ into a personal transformation to take the good news of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Waiting. So, now what? What do they do as they wait? *“ . . . they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.”* (Lk.24:53). When they were not in the Temple, they were together, constantly in prayer. (Acts 1:14)

And now, these many centuries later? We were reminded a few Sundays ago to live 'in the moment'. We live in the moment of a further promise, *"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven"*. (Acts1:11)

We live 'in the moment', the waiting time between promise given and promise fulfilled – the return of the Lord Jesus. Those first believers set us an example as they prayerfully waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our living 'in our moment' is to live prayerfully and obediently waiting for the Lord's return. We pray, as we face all that the coming days bring – for ourselves, each other and the world around us -praying with one or two others, praying as we meet Sunday by Sunday.

*I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope.*

*I wait for the LORD . . . (Psalm 130:5)*

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### **Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he 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: Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 1:26-38*

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

*Reading: Colossians 1:18b-21a*

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

**4pm - St Peter's Annual Meetings followed by Evening Prayer at 5pm**

*Readings: Isaiah 44.1-8; Colossians 1.15-23*

**7pm - Revive Eynsham at the Baptist Church**



## NEXT WEEK

### Monday 27th April

**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 28th April

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

### Wednesday 29th April

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

## NEXT SUNDAY 3rd May

**9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's**

**10am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's followed by APCM**

### Looking further ahead

**A memorial service for the late Enid Anderson will be held at St Leonard's church at 2pm on Wednesday 6th May.**

**The funeral of the late Alec Harris will be held at St Leonard's church at 2pm on Monday 11th May.**



### Church Lunch

We will be holding a simple shared church lunch after the all age service on Sunday. Everyone is welcome - just [sign up](#) . Lunch will be around noon.

Are you are able to help with the catering?

Please sign up [here](#)

\* either bringing some hot soup in a slow cooker (or bring it hot at 12pm),

\* or bread or rolls (shop bought or home made is fine but please slice in advance)

\* or a cake or traybake for afterwards (again shop bought is absolutely fine)

Please bring a list of ingredients for those with allergies.

If you are willing to help serve food and clear up afterwards then please either sign up or let me know. Any queries please contact Margaret Thornton.

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**Revive Eynsham!**  
**Sunday, April 26**  
**@ Eynsham Baptist Church**

7.00 p.m.—an opportunity for local  
Christians to worship together  
and pray for our village.  
Refreshments served afterwards



**Revive Eynsham - 7pm on Sunday 26th April at the Baptist church.** We will be joining in prayer with fellow Christians from the village. The next Revive at St Leonard's will be on 7th June.

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**St Peter's APCM** - The annual meetings at St Peter's will be held at **4pm** on **Sunday 26th April** in church. Follow the links to see the [2025 Accounts](#), [Annual Report](#), [Agenda](#) and [Minutes of the last APCM](#). There are also printed copies in church.

**St Leonard's APCM** - The annual meetings at St Leonard's will be held after the 10am service on **Sunday 3rd May**. The paperwork will be distributed next week.

There are a number of vacancies for members of the [Parochial Church Council](#) and Deanery Synod representatives in both parishes. Should you be interested in serving on either, please speak to Duncan or any member of the PCC.

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### **Safeguarding at St Leonard's**

St Leonard's strives to be a welcoming environment for all ages. Children are especially welcome! We would like to kindly remind all parents and carers that they remain responsible for their children's safety and wellbeing while in the church, both during and after the service.

If you notice a situation involving a child that may require parental guidance, we encourage you to **alert the parents directly** so they can manage the situation. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and supportive for everyone.

**Sue Greenwood.**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer.**

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### **St Leonard's Environment Working Group – Get Involved**

The PCC has recently approved [St Leonard's new Environment Policy](#), developed as we use the [A Rocha Eco Church](#) framework to work towards a Bronze Award.

We're now forming an Environment Working Group to help take this forward. You don't need lots of time or expertise—just a willingness to support the policy and contribute what you can.

If you'd be interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Sally Owen or Margaret Johnson or email us ([just4sally@gmail.com](mailto:just4sally@gmail.com) or [madevereux@hotmail.com](mailto:madevereux@hotmail.com))

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### **Please pray for:**

- Dave following his move to a care home.
- Ben and healing for his mental health.
- 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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