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A message from Duncan



Sunday is the feast of Pentecost, the annual remembrance of the moment the Holy Spirit was given, falling on those gathered together, with wind and fire. The room where they were could not contain what the Spirit was doing and they spilled out onto the streets with hearts ablaze and lips full

of praise. And the gospel was taken to all nations under the steam of the Spirit. And so we will gather, Christians across the globe on Sunday (or the following Sunday in the East) to pray the ancient prayer of the church:

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus; Come, Holy Spirit,
ignite in us your holy fire;
fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.*

We pray this prayer that we might be, through the enabling of the Holy Spirit Christ's faithful witnesses in Eynsham, Cassington, Oxfordshire, England, the United Kingdom and to the ends of the earth.

So I invite you to prepare your hearts as we move through the last few days before the feast, to receive a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit in your life, yes for your own blessing, but also together as the Church for the sake of the gospel in our generation. You might like to use this simple prayer.

As we wait in silence, fill us with your Spirit,
As we listen to your word, fill us with your Spirit,
As we worship you in majesty, fill us with your Spirit,

As we long for your refreshing, fill us with your Spirit,
As we long for your renewing, fill us with your Spirit,
As we long for your equipping, fill us with your Spirit,
As we long for your empowering, fill us with your Spirit,
Amen

Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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: John 16:5 - 15; Acts 2:1 - 12, 36-37

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

Readings: Acts 2.1-21

Click [here](#) for the Service Sheet

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: Joel 2:21-32; Acts 2:1-21

NEXT WEEK

Monday 25th May

No Bump to One or Walkie Talkies this week due to the Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th May

No Tinies and Toddlers this week - half term.



Wednesday 27th May

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

NEXT SUNDAY 31st May

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

The marriage of **Guy Scotece and Michelle Johnson** will be held at **St Peter's** in **Cassington** at **4pm** on **Saturday 30th May**.

Church picnic

On Sunday 24th May there will be an opportunity to bring a picnic and share some time together with others from our St Leonard's church community after the morning service. All are welcome.

Please bring your own food and drink and something to sit on. If it is wet (Surely not on a bank holiday weekend?!) it will go ahead inside the church.



We had a great session last Sunday looking at a **biblical foundation for Creation Care**. You can look at the **summary notes from the session** [HERE](#). We only got through about a third of what I expected(!) so we may need more than two sessions. We can always return to it in the Autumn.

NEXT session we will begin with looking at humanity's role in creation (from Genesis 1 and 2) to exercise dominion, to subdue, to work it and to keep it. That session will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st June.



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St Leonard's Creation Care

St Leonard's now has a small group to help put the New [Environmental Policy](#) into effect. One of our aims is to keep the congregation informed so there will be regular updates in Newswire that will cover events, issues and suggestions about the part we can play in caring for God's creation.

And here is the first!

St Mary's Magdalene Woodstock has gained the Silver [A Rocha](#) award for Creation Care and is having an [open day in the company of its Eco Church group](#) to look at what it has been doing to make its churchyard wildlife friendly. This is on **Saturday 23rd May at 10.30**. If you would like to join a few of us who will be going, please speak to Margaret Johnson or Sally Owen or email us (madevereux@hotmail.com or just4sally@gmail.com)

Marcelo and Sylvana Vargas - our mission partners in Bolivia

A recent prayer/newsletter, is informative and challenging, telling of their on-going work in training others in Christian ministry as well as describing the troubling political, social and economic situation in Bolivia, which affects many aspects of their life. Do pick up a copy of their letter from the Mission table - and **PRAY FOR THEM.**



HOLIDAY CLUB SIGN-UPS WILL OPEN TOMORROW!!!

We are excited to announce that we are able to run our holiday club this summer, and we are even more excited to announce that the sign-ups will be open from 9am on Monday 25th May via this link:

<https://stleonardseynsham.churchsuite.com/events/d0xyxdxq>

Please note:

- This event will be capped at 60 children. Once tickets are gone, they're gone!

- The club costs £10 for each child, and £5 for second / subsequent children. Please carefully select the appropriate ticket for your sign-ups.
- This event is for Children **going into** Year 1 to Children **going into** Year 6.

Please contact us if you have any questions or queries!

Laura (youth.stleonards@gmail.com)

Rabea (slpfamilies@gmail.com)

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) Names will be added to the list by express permission, and only first names will be published.

www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk | www.stpeterschurchcassington.org | [Youtube channel](#) | [facebook page](#)

Church Office - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am – 2pm

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