



**St Leonard's & St Peter's**

BENEFICE OF EYNHAM & CASSINGTON



# NEWSWIRE

**5th June 2026**



- Holiday Club - preparations and sign ups
- Warm Welcome Wednesday - volunteers needed
- Tearfund Ebola Appeal
- Great Big Green Week

## ***A message from Duncan***

*And Jesus said to him, "Follow me."*

*And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.*

Luke 5.27-28

I love the simplicity of the gospels. The verse above is from an account of the calling of Levi in Luke's gospel. He was sitting at this tax booth when Jesus passed by. Our natural curiosity might wish for the backstory, the context. What prompted such a radical response to the call of Jesus? But Luke obviously does not think that this is a priority. Levi's story is his own. He wants us to observe what it is to be a part of Jesus' people. We are those who encounter Jesus and hear his voice, then we leave everything, rise up and follow Jesus. This happens in different ways to each of us. That is *our* story.

Some of us relate to this as a particular moment in our lives, others as a process over time. I also wonder if it is a process which is to be repeated at different stages of our walk with Jesus, as he calls us to himself in new and ever deeper ways. The question remains the same: Will we follow? We are seldom told the destination. That's where faith comes in. Do we trust Jesus enough to follow him, even though we do not know where he is taking us?

One question we are beginning to think about in the Benefice in relation to this is: *'What is the next step?'* In our lifetime of following Jesus what is the next step? Perhaps, like Levi, it will mean letting go of something that is hindering us. Or

perhaps it is embracing a simple habit in our daily routine. My devotional prayer time has been so enriched over the last 18 months by deciding to memorise Psalms or parts of Psalms to use during those times.

Whatever it might be for you, it is the next step in following Jesus. Let me encourage you to take it. We may not know where following Jesus will take us in two, or five, or ten years time. But it begins with the next step as he calls to us, "Follow me."

Grace and peace to you all,

Duncan

### Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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

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

*Readings: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26; Romans 4:13-end*

**10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's** and live streamed on [this link](#). Click [here](#) for the Service Sheet

*Readings: Acts 4: 23-31; Ephesians 6:10-20*

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 8th June

**Bump to One** 10.30am to midday in St Leonard's.

**Walkie Talkies** 10am to 11.30am in St Leonard's church hall.

### Tuesday 9th June

**Tinies and Toddlers** 1.30pm - 3pm in Cassington Village Hall.

### Wednesday 10th June

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

## NEXT SUNDAY 14th June

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

**9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's**

**10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's**



**Warm Welcome Wednesday** is now in its 4th year and has proved to be very popular with our older friends. There is a regular team of helpers but that has reduced in size since we began and we would welcome some more people to join us. For more information please speak to Maureen McCreadie

## **HOLIDAY CLUB SIGN-UPS ARE NOW OPEN!!**

We are excited that we are able to run our holiday club this summer, and that sign-ups ARE NOW OPEN 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](mailto:youth.stleonards@gmail.com))

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**Preparations for the Shipwrecked Holiday Club** are in full swing and we need your help!

You might have any of the following items in your loft/shed/garage/recycling bin:

#### CRAFT

- big Cardboard pieces or boxes
- smaller cardboard boxes from toothpaste, cookies, etc
- Egg boxes (6 eggs)
  
- Clean clear plastic bottles with lid (size 0,3 or 0,5 litres)
- Corks from bottles

#### DECORATIONS *(we'll try our best to keep it safe, but it could get damaged)*

- Anything tropical / beach / sea-side themed (even things like inflatable fish or palm trees!)
- seashells

#### DRESSING UP *(you will get it back)*

- tropical / hawaiian shirts
- Sailor outfits
- Fish outfit
- Tattered outfit (someone who has been stranded on an island for a long time)

Any of these items can be dropped at Laura's and Rabea's office (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 9am-2pm). Please make sure that things you want us to give back to you after the Holiday Club are labelled with your name. A big thank you in advance from Rabea and Laura



#### **Great Big Green Week 2026 - Together for Good - 6th-14th June**

This is a UK wide celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

St Leonard's Creation Care Group would like to

encourage you to join in with something going on Eynsham for this week.

There's lots to choose from: at the start of the week (Sun 7th - 1-5pm) Eynsham Nature Recovery Network have a [Community Meadow Restoration Day & Picnic](#).

Then later in the week Eynsham Green Tea have organised a number of events/opportunities, for all ages and interests. [See the plans here](#), and choose something to join in with.

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**Tearfund Ebola Crisis Emergency Appeal:** Tearfund has a long history of working in the DRC, and they have responded to outbreaks of Ebola in the past. Right now, Tearfund is working with local partners and faith leaders to deliver

life-saving hygiene supplies and information about how to stop the virus from spreading. Their Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions are operating in health centres and at border points to prevent the risk of spreading Ebola. But to stop the virus in its tracks, they need to do more – and quickly.

To find out more including helpful points for prayer and how to donate to this appeal, go to: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/ebola-crisis-appeal>

Tearfund is one of St Leonard's mission partners which we support financially and with prayer.

**Louise will be on holiday from 1st to 12th June.** Rabea and Laura will occasionally be in the office during this time, but please speak to a Churchwarden or to Duncan if you have any issues. For anything that is not urgent, please leave a message. Thank you.

**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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