



12th June 2026



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

A message from Margaret

Lord Have Mercy

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry for ever but delight to show mercy.

Micah 7:18

Mercy is an old-fashioned word we don't use much in general conversation. Is it God's feeling of compassion or pity toward people? Or does it also include a divine willingness to relent from punishment we deserve? I think it includes both of these ideas, but interestingly the underlying Hebrew word which is most often translated into English as mercy is Racham (רחם), which shares the exact same three-letter root as the Hebrew word for womb, Rechem (רחם). This invokes a sense of God's divine care and protection being similar to a baby carried in its mother's womb.

Recently, I watched my daughter carry my grandson in her womb for nine months. Her body was willing to do anything to provide for the wellbeing of that baby. She cared passionately for him regardless of the cost to her body. Is that how God thinks of us? Is His heart always merciful, regardless of if we deserve it?

Maybe you are not sure you are good enough to deserve His mercy. Trust me, God's mercy is not limited to those who deserve it otherwise there would be very few recipients – certainly not me! Or maybe, like me, you have not taken time recently to value it. Christ died on the cross to balance the scales of Justice and mercy without punishing us. As Micah says 'Who is a God like you?'

And, if God has been that merciful to us, we too should show mercy to others. What kind word or action can we do for those we meet this week, maybe particularly for someone who doesn't deserve it?

Margaret Thornton

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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:

9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Readings: Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

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

Click [here](#) for the Service Sheet

Readings:

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



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 21st June

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

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

Looking further ahead



HOLIDAY CLUB SIGN-UPS ARE NOW OPEN!!

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 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)

Rabea (slpfamilies@gmail.com)

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

Holiday Club - just over 6 weeks to go!

We can all play our part by contributing things for craft, dressing up and decorations.

But there is another part we can all play and that is to **PRAY!** Each week we will be giving a special prayer point for aspects of the Holiday Club.

This week, we will pray for the **CHILDREN** - without whom nothing can happen!

PLEASE PRAY :-

- That God will bring to the Holiday Club those children who he wants to hear His message. Numbers are limited to 60 = 10 in each year group.
- (The ideal would be that all the children come who want to come - with none on the waiting list! But God knows!)
- That the children will have a great time and also be receptive to what God wants to teach them.
- That shy ones will quickly feel at ease, both in their groups and in the 'all-together' activities

- That they will all be kept safe, particularly in crossing the road to the Church Hall for refreshments.

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

This weekend there's lots to join in with in Eynsham, [See the plans here](#) and if you're too busy for events, why not try something plant-based at one of these [food outlets](#).

On Sunday (14th) evening, at least 5 of us plan to attend the [People's Emergency Briefing](#) in the Village hall. Victoria Thomas has explained what it is and why she's going [here](#) (also on the Creation Care noticeboard). Do join us if you can ([booking](#) is recommended). And if you can't join us do pray for wisdom and good discussion after the film.

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

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

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