

NEWSWIRE: 19th June 2026



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A message from Margaret

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 19:1

This Sunday 21st June marks the Summer Solstice when daylight is the longest and nighttime is the shortest in the UK. People will gather at Stonehenge and other ancient sites celebrating the solstice as they have since Neolithic times.

Should we as Christians celebrate the solstice? Not in the sense of worshipping the sun or getting involved in pagan rituals. But certainly, in the sense of celebrating the rhythms of nature. We know that God created the sun, moon and stars to separate light from darkness (Genesis 1:14-19). And that God thought this was good. Psalm 19 talks about how all of creation declares God's glory. You can certainly see it in both gardens in Eynsham and in the meadows, fields and woodland that surround us.

The Psalmist describes the sun's passage across the sky *"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course"* (Psalm 19:4-5).

So on this weekend when days are longest, we can hopefully get out (weather permitting!) and celebrate the wonderful creation that God has made, the warm sunshine, the long summer evenings and the crisp early dawn choruses, but we should also lean in to listen to what it tells us about the glory of our Creator God and his incredible care for his world.

Maybe take time to pause and consider how different types of light reveal different things about God: Dawn, noon, twilight and firelight. How would you describe your life right now in types of light?

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity
Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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: Ruth 1.1-22; John 13.9-17

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

Reading: Ruth 1

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.

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

NEXT WEEK

Monday 22nd June

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 23rd June

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

Wednesday 24th June

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

NEXT SUNDAY 28th June

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

10.30am - All age service at St Leonard's

5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's



Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Marion Clarke will be held at St Leonard's church at 2pm on Thursday 9th July.

A thanksgiving service for the late Yvonne Arnst will be held at St Leonard's church at 2pm on Thursday 16th July.

Flower Festival at St Leonard's church on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July.

CHURCH LUNCH - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

Come and join a shared church lunch on Sunday 28 June in the Church Hall where there will be outside and inside options depending on your preference for sunshine!

Bring something savoury for you and your family to eat and then, if you are able bring some desert or cake or fruit to share. Tea, coffee and water will be provided.

No need to sign up - just come. You are also welcome to bring friends and neighbours who might enjoy it.

Any queries please speak to Jo Murrell or Sally Owen



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

Prayer for the Holiday Club

- Please pray for the parents / guardians of the children who will come - that they will prepare the children positively.
- Pray that those who are not used to anything connected with church may feel at ease and assured that their children will have a really great time.

- Pray that as the children go home each day, they will talk about all that they have enjoyed and learned - so that their parents/ guardians will want to know more!

Last week we asked you to pray for the children who will be coming. **THANK YOU** and **please don't stop!** Applications are still coming in.

Job Vacancies at Adventure Plus. Click [this link](#) for more details including job and person specifications.

Last Sunday 11 of us from St Leonard's joined about 60 others in the village hall to watch the People's Emergency Briefing [a 45-minute documentary and public information initiative in the UK designed to clearly explain the realities of the climate and nature crisis]. [Victoria wrote this](#) last week about why she was attending. It was sobering watching but good to see some good heads thinking about solutions and urging the government to act. We were given some papers with suggested actions, but the

other action that some of us decided on was to meet to pray, lament, and ask for wisdom. As a result at least a few of us will meet on Tuesday 30th June at 7:30pm. If you'd like to join us please contact Sally - just4sally@gmail.com

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(and Everything in Between)

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Tickets on the door £7.50 (Under 18s Free)

Newsire - During my recent holiday, Newsire was sent out in a couple of different formats:

- On 5th June a shortened Newsire email with a link to the website.
- On 12th June, Newsire was sent via Churchsuite with a pdf attachment and website link.

We would like to simplify the production of Newsire, which currently involves several levels of formatting. Before making any changes, we would appreciate your feedback. [Please let me know](#) if you have any views (positive or negative) on the way in which Newsire has been sent via email this month. Thank you. *Louise*

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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