

## NEWSWIRE: 26th June 2026

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- Services on Sunday
  - Church Lunch - Sunday 28th June
  - Holiday Club - preparations, prayer and sign ups
  - Can you help with Eynsham Carnival?
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### ***A message from Derek***

*And we all, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. II Cor.3:18*

Our verse for the year . . . has it really sunk in yet? We may have sung about this verse in Charles Wesley's hymn 'Love divine all loves excelling'. Wesley points out that each of us are invited to find *a promised rest* in Jesus where we will be:

*Changed from glory into glory  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,*

It is often hard to accept, but in our walk with Jesus a transformation is taking place. Yes transformation, here in the present, right now! This change takes place in the middle of the most ordinary things of daily life. We may not feel it and, in all honesty, we wonder if it is happening at all. And yet, Paul assures us 'we are being transformed into His image'.

In their day the disciples who walked with Jesus would say, *We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son* [John 1:16 & I John 1:14]. But, that is only the beginning. John Newton, in his hymn 'Amazing grace' points out that there will be a time when each of us who walks with Jesus now, will be, finally, in Jesus' resurrected presence, 'bright shining as the sun'.

To paraphrase a point C. S. Lewis makes in his essay 'The Weight of Glory':

.... remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may, one day, be someone who, if we saw them in their future glory, we would be overcome in awe.

John speaking of Jesus says, *all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. And, as God's children, the family likeness will be fulfilled – His glory in us 'bright shining as the sun'.*

So, what of our own Monday-morning lives? In his essay Lewis wants us to grasp that there are no *ordinary* people! There is nothing *mere* about being mortal! We may live ordinary lives but the change is taking place, as Paul says '*which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit*'. The disciples met Jesus, as we do, in the ordinariness of life. His offer now, as then, is to walk with Him and, while walking, be step-by-step moulded into the family likeness, onwards towards the final extra-ordinary life with Him.

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### **Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and 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: Ruth 2.1-13; John 4.31-38*

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

*Reading: Ruth 2*

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: Ruth 2.1-13; Colossians 3.22-24*



## **NEXT WEEK**

### **Monday 29th 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 30th June**

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

### **Wednesday 1st July**

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

### **Thursday 2nd July**

**Cassington Cafe** from **10am** in **Cassington Village Hall**

## **NEXT SUNDAY 5th July**

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

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

**7pm - Revive at St Leonard'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 July** from **9am** to **5pm** and **Sunday 5th July** from **midday** to **5pm**.

**Classical to Cinema** - a concert by 4 local wind bands at **St Leonard's church** at **7pm** on **Friday 10th July** (see below).

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## **CHURCH LUNCH - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE**

Come and join a shared church lunch on Sunday 28 June on the St Leonard's Church land.

Bring something savoury for you and your family to eat and then, if you are able bring some finger-food dessert or cake or fruit to share. Tea, coffee and water will be provided. Please bring your own chairs or picnic blankets. If it is very warm (or very wet) we will have the option of sitting in church too.

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

## CHURCH HALL KITCHEN

The gas cooker in the church hall kitchen has been condemned and needs to be replaced. The PCC need to decide whether simply to purchase another one similar or whether we should be thinking of something bigger to enable more space for hospitality events. This would necessitate some rethinking on the kitchen layout so would take more time and effort as well as expense so the PCC are interested in what you think. Please email any comments to [margaret@2cp.uk](mailto:margaret@2cp.uk) in the next two weeks. Or you can leave written comments with Louise in the office.

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### Volunteers Needed:

#### Eynsham Carnival 4<sup>th</sup> July

##### Early Morning: 7:30am-10.15am:

- Putting up tents and the music marquee.
- Arrange the chairs around the arena.
- Put tables and chairs out for ticket tables.
- Ticket sale signs.
- Help with taking stall holders to their spot.

##### Afternoon / Evening : 5:30pm - 7pm:

- Litter Pick throughout the day.
- Put empty rubbish bins out when others are full.
- Help pack away at the end of day.
- Collect parking cones from the road.

### Why Help Out?

St Leonard's Youth and the Eynsham Carnival Committee have enjoyed a great relationship over the years, and by supporting the carnival, we are supporting our local community! The Carnival Committee are very generous with their thanks to the St Leonard's Youth, and our assistance means that the Youthwork Budget receives a healthy donation, allowing us to support those in our youth group for whom finances may be difficult.

Please let Laura know if you can help out! **Helpers of all ages are most welcome.** Thank You! [youth.stleonards@gmail.com](mailto:youth.stleonards@gmail.com)

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**Paul Murrell** left Monday to travel to Zambia for one week with his Wycliffe UK role. He writes: "The purpose is to get a better idea of the viability of 3 new Bible translations, by talking with the team there, but also the church and some

community members. There's a fair bit of travel even after I've arrived so I'd appreciate prayer for safety and really good connections with everyone I meet. Thank you."

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**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/d0xydxq>

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))

Rabea ([slpfamilies@gmail.com](mailto: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 - 3 ½ weeks to go!**

This week we focus prayer on **the Team** who will be running the Holiday Club.

**THANK GOD** for the 24 adults who have offered their time and energies to be involved - in organising games, in leading small groups, in preparing the 'decoration' of the church and serving refreshments.

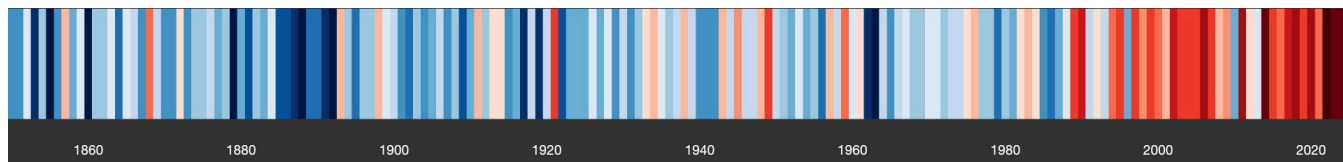
#### **PLEASE PRAY:**

- That the team will gel well together,
- That they will establish good relationships with the children and that no child will feel ignored,
- That they will have God-given sensitivity for each child who is in their care,
- That they will be given much needed energy for the demands of each day,
- That both the team and the children will be kept safe and well throughout the week.

Let's keep praying for the children who will come and their family members.

Each of us, also, are part of 'the team' as we pray and support God's work through this Holiday Club. Thank you!

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Last Sunday (20th June) was [Show Your Stripes Day](#) (a global moment to share our concern about how the climate is changing and the need for urgent action). Above are Oxford's stripes and after this past week's temperatures, no prizes for guessing what they show. At least a few of us are meeting on Tuesday (30th June) at 7:30pm at 33 Old Witney Rd, to lament how we got here and pray for wisdom for ourselves and our leaders in how we respond. It's easy to feel overwhelmed, powerless and depressed. Do join us for some praying community encouragement! - Sally ([just4sally@gmail.com](mailto:just4sally@gmail.com))

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**Newsire** - Newsire has been sent out in a couple of different formats this month. We would like to simplify the production of Newsire, which currently involves several levels of formatting. Before making any permanent 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*

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**Please pray for:**

- For Helen and Mike and their family. Helen is in a mother and baby unit with their son Nathan in Birmingham with postpartum psychosis
- 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.

**Woodstock Deanery** have started a prayer list which you will find [here](#). Please join with prayer for our wider deanery.

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