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A message from Duncan

Some of you may have come across 'Every Moment Holy'. It is an increasingly popular book of liturgies. Three books actually. And I love them.

It's not simply the prayers included that I love, or the beautiful and well thought through linoprint illustrations, it's the concept behind the project. These 'liturgies' grasp the metal of ordinary life and everyday circumstances we all face, and drags them into the light of Christ that every moment might be made holy. It reminds me of what we have learnt from Ruth chapter 2.

There are not some activities or moments in our lives which pertain to God and the rest to normal life. Every moment is holy and lived in the presence of God. It is helpful and appropriate to set aside specific time to consciously dwell in God's presence, but that doesn't mean we leave his presence when we plan the diary, load the dishwasher, go to work, help relatives and friends, shop, garden, cook, create. Every activity of life, ordinary and unexpected ones, are opportunities to acknowledge with gratitude that God is interested in all of our lives. It also reminds me that every circumstance is an opportunity to be "transformed from one degree of glory to another".

Some of those circumstances will be painful and confusing at times, and we come to him in tears and frustration. But where else can we go? Other circumstances seem a needless and mundane distraction to what we think is the real stuff of life. But I challenge you to try to live this week as though *Every Moment is Holy*. In every moment we are a beloved child of God. In every

moment we are a servant of Christ who gave himself for us. In every moment we are a temple of the Holy Spirit.

And I leave you with a liturgy for when washing dishes!

*As I wash and scrub and rue the lack
of tangible evidence of my daily labours,
let me instead take joy in this:
I am loving well the next person
to eat from this dish,
and, O my Lord,
it is enough.
Amen*

Grace and peace to you all,

Duncan

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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: Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,
25-end*

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

Reading: Mark 2:1-12



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.

Please note - we have been experiencing some difficulties with the livestream camera. We hope to have everything working as normal on Sunday, but please be aware that the livestream may just be audio.

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 6th July

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 7th July

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

Wednesday 8th July

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

Thursday 9th July

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

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

Friday 10th July

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

NEXT SUNDAY 12th July

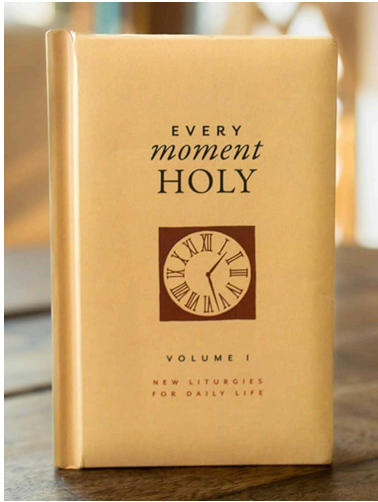
9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

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



Book recommendations for summer reading

Duncan recommends vol. I and vol. III of Every Moment Holy and I'm sure vol. II will be helpful to some.

Every Moment Holy, Volume I: New liturgies for daily life

Every Moment Holy, Vol. 2: Death, Grief, & Hope

Every Moment Holy, Volume III : The Work of the People

We would like to recommend more Christian books for summer reading. If anything has inspired you recently please let Duncan know.

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 in the next two weeks. Or you can leave written comments with Louise in the office.

The graphic features a brown wooden log floating in blue water. On the log, there is a small crab and a blue nautilus shell. The text 'school years 1-6' is written in white on the log. Below the log, the word 'SHIPWRECKED' is written in large, white, stylized letters. Underneath that, the dates '21ST-24TH JULY' are written in white. At the bottom, 'SIGN UP NOW!!' is written in large red letters, and '9AM-12:30PM' is written in white. Three red arrows point towards the 'SIGN UP NOW!!' text.

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

Please continue to pray for the Holiday Club - only 18 days to go!

SHIPWRECKED is the theme of the four days, so this week we focus our prayer on

- all the practical preparation needed to decorate the church - so that it looks more like a beach on which the children might be shipwrecked!
- the items needed for this and for craft activities, which are numerous - see the list elsewhere in this Newswire. Please play your part in helping in this very practical way.
- the paper work which needs to be in place before the week begins, beginning with the necessity for everyone on the team to be checked in the important area of safeguarding.

Let's also be continuing to pray for the children who will come, their parents/guardians and all the team involved.

THANK YOU!



Creation Care Group Report

Have you heard the screeching sounds of swifts flying high above our village this summer? Do you notice them racing through our streets, whooping and swirling as they dodge the traffic? They spend their winters in sub-Saharan Africa, migrating 7,000 miles every year to nest in the eaves of roofs across Europe. On Sunday 5th July a group of local swift enthusiasts will lead a walk around their nesting sites here in Eynsham. We meet in the square for

7.30pm; do join us?

The swift is a most incredible feat of creation; an acrobatic aerial bird; a sprinter and endurance flyer, who can reach speeds of up to 70mph, and rarely touches the ground. After several years in perpetual flight, feeding on airborne insects, even mating and sleeping mid-air, they find a nest to rear their chicks, and return to the same nest site year on year.

I have the wonderful privilege of hosting swifts in the eaves of my roof. A number of my neighbours including Geoff and Jenny Hogan and The Swan Inn also house regular nest sites.

Writing this on Thursday, I shared the joy of watching a swift fly in and out of their entry hole to my roof this morning with Sally, one of our Eynsham swift enthusiasts and Penny Marks; we listened in the hope of hearing some hungry chicks.

Sadly the swift population is in great danger with the steep decline in insects for them to feed on, adverse weather during their migration and because they are losing traditional nesting sites in the crevices of old buildings. When my roof was re-tiled, I was given helpful advice to guide my builder and to preserve the swift's ability to continue nesting in my roof.

Other ways we can help to protect the swift population is through wildlife friendly gardening, a pond to attract flying insects, by putting up swift boxes or installing swift bricks. Caroline Cayzer has three beautiful boxes on the east side of her house, attracting much interest from young swifts.

A swift brick is a hollow brick which slots into the brickwork of new or old homes, providing a space where swifts or other cavity nesting birds such as the red-listed house-martin, house sparrow or starling can raise their chicks (tits, nuthatches and wrens may also use them!). Some developers include them in new homes, but campaigns have so far failed to persuade the government to mandate this.

Further information can be found on:- [swift-conservation.org](https://www.swift-conservation.org)

St Andrews Bookshop in Witney - sadly it has been announced that St Andrew Bookshop in Witney will close down on 12th July 2026. You will still be able to shop [online](#).



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

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