

NEWSWIRE: 10th July 2026



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A message from Ruth

"You're amazing!"

I wonder how often we say those words? Perhaps not as often as we should...

I suspect we think them much more often. We look around at our colleagues, our friends, our church leaders and our internal narrative strikes up a familiar 'They are amazing', with a sub-text of 'Not like me'.

The story of Ruth, which we have been studying together, has reminded me to re-evaluate what amazing might look like. Ruth's decision to remain with Naomi was a real step of faith and courage, but what followed was far from glamorous. Ruth put in some backbreaking hours in the sun, picking up crops that had been left, living off charity. I'm certain Ruth did not feel amazing!

And yet, Ruth's story has taught Christians for generations and she is part of Jesus' ancestry.

Ruth's story reminds me that what we do, faithfully day by day, however mundane or routine that is, becomes amazing in the hands of God.

What was amazing about Ruth was not impressive preaching, nor a prestigious career. The Bible does not report that she was a talented craftsman, or a great intellect. But, as Duncan reminded us, 'Ruth gave God something to work with'

And that is what made Ruth amazing - she was faithful in the small things and that allowed God to use her in ways she could never have imagined.

So, this week, I am committing my every day, whatever that looks like, into the hands of God, trusting him to use it for his purposes. Because the Bible is clear, God has chosen you and me (all of us) to fulfil his purposes.

And that really is amazing!

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Ruth 3.1-18; Luke 22.24-27

9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Readings: Philippians 2:12 - 16; Ruth 3

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

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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.



NEXT WEEK

Monday 13th 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**.

Wednesday 15th July

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

Thursday 16th July

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

NEXT SUNDAY 19th July

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



Shaped by the Word for July (19th) and August was set to be led by Michael Preuss. He will be leading a time of input, study and interaction concerning our **thirst for justice and righteousness in this world and our society** - best put in Michael's own words in this introductory video ([see here](#)).

Marcella, Michael's wife, is not well at the moment so there is some doubt as to whether they can travel when they were hoping to. (Please pray for Marcella). If Michael is unable to be with us we will continue with our biblical dive into Creation Care where we will recommence our journey with the relationship of the Ancient Church (BC Israel) to Creation.

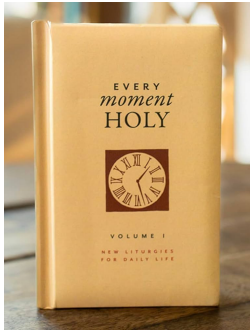
Children's Summer Holiday Activities during sermon

We need your help! During the summer we will be looking at different parables from the gospel of Matthew in our services. Like in the past years, it would be lovely if we could have an activity at the back of the church for children (4-11 years) during the sermon.

I'm looking for people who could help and cover one of the summer Sundays to give the Sparklers team a well deserved break. It means preparing a little activity (about 15 minutes) - ideally linked to the theme of the sermon - and doing it with the children. It could be a craft, some colouring/stickers or a game that's not too noisy.

If you are able to help, please use this link to have a look at the dates and themes and put your name in. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me. [Summer Holiday Activities during sermons](#)

Rabea



Book recommendations for summer reading

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

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



Holiday club is rapidly approaching. Please be praying for the final preparations and for children to continue to sign up.

[SIGN UP IS STILL AVAILABLE HERE](#)

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!

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Rabea (slpfamilies@gmail.com)

PRAYER FOR THE HOLIDAY CLUB

Under 2 weeks to go - and **there are still spaces!**

Please concentrate on praying for this and do let others know who have children /grandchildren/ nieces/nephews who might like to come!

Please pray that parents/guardians who have not been sure whether or not to sign up their children, will be prompted to do so.

Please pray, too, for the safety of all those involved in the week.

Pray for:

- good health for the team and all the children
- for road safety as, in different groups, the children will be taken across the two roads to get to the Church Hall. We all know how dangerous that crossing can be.

Preparations for the Shipwrecked Holiday Club are in full swing and we are nearly there, but still need your help!

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

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- 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)

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



St Leonard's Creation Care

Caring for creation through litter picking is a simple but powerful way to show love for our neighbours and respect for the world God has entrusted to us. By protecting wildlife and creating cleaner, more welcoming spaces for everyone, we help our communities flourish and bear witness to God's care for all creation. One of our members has written about their experience joining the Eynsham Litter Picking. [Read it here](#), or on the noticeboard in the north aisle. Acknowledging their valuable work, some of the proceeds from this year's Flower

festival will go to buying the bags they use. The Eynsham Litter Pickers meet at the Baptist church on the last Sunday of each month at 1.30pm, do join them! Or decide to pick up rubbish that you see lying around where you live or walk.

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 Marcella recovering from an emergency appendectomy in Dallas.
- 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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