

NEWSWIRE: 24th July 2026



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A message from Derek

At home – At rest

Over the past weeks we have been following the Book of Ruth in our sermon series. One way to engage with the passages we read in the Bible is to look out for repeated words and phrases (I colour them in with different colours!) The Book of Ruth has several such key words as kindness, kinsman-redeemer, return, and, here, rest.

In the many uses of 'rest' in Scripture a mosaic of meaning builds up: a sense of permanence, security, freedom and tranquillity all to be received by trusting, believing and obeying God.

In Ruth 3:1 Naomi says to Ruth, *"My daughter should I not try to find a home [= find rest] for you where you will be well provided for?"*. For Ruth 'rest' would mean a happy future, a settled life, security and blessing. Ruth finds rest in her commitment to Boaz. Her story is a piece of the mosaic. Throughout the Bible rest is always found in relationship. The climax of the offer of such rest comes in the words of Jesus, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. . . . and you will find rest for your souls"* [Matthew 11:28-30].

The rest that Jesus offers is a life of trusting, of believing and of obeying Him, a life in close partnership with Him. As St. Augustine says: *"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."* Then at the end of all things, we will know our final Rest as we live with Jesus in the glory of face-to-face relationship with Him.

But what about right now, today? How about Monday mornings? Monday is where we start, obeying Jesus' words to *"learn from me"*.

A prayer. Heavenly Father, I'm worn out with a rest-less life, a rest-lacking life. I hear Jesus' offer of rest. I come to Him afresh. Help me to trust and obey Him in the reality of my days' preoccupations. I come to Him to learn the reality of His rest-giving life - now, today, and until I am finally at Home with Jesus in His eternal rest-given life. Amen

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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

9am - Holy Communion (BCP) at St Leonard's

Readings: Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

10.30am - Holiday Club Morning Worship at St Leonard's and livestreamed on [this link](#)

Reading: Jonah 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: Job 5: 6 -16; James 1:1-18



NEXT WEEK

Monday 27th July

Bump to One meet on **Mondays** from **10.30am to midday** in **St Leonard's**.

Wednesday 29th July

Warm Welcome Wednesday from 10.30am to midday in **St Leonard's Church**. Warm Welcome Wednesday is taking a break in August. We will be back on 9th September.

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd August

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late **Nicholas Goodwin** will be held at **St Leonard's** at midday on **5th August**.



thank you!

FROM CAPTAIN EYE EYE & FIRST MATE KATE:

THANK YOU! TO OUR AMAZING CREW, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO RUN HOLIDAY CLUB WITHOUT OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS!
THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PRAYED AND HELPED PREP CRAFT -
YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN SO GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Prayer for Holiday Club Sunday

.... but first - there is SO much to **thank God** for:

- The children had a fabulous time, and really enjoyed the week.
- The leaders had a fabulous time (and aren't tired at all...!)
- God's hand of protection has truly been upon us this week.
- First Mate Kate and Captain Eye Eye have had the time of their lives in the drama, teaching the children that:
 - God reigns
 - God rescues
 - God forgives and
 - God loves us!!!

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For this coming Sunday:

PLEASE PRAY...

... for energy for all the volunteers and particularly for Laura, Rabea, Duncan and Carmen, that plans will come together well for the service.

... that many children will come to take part in the service.

... that many of their family members will come too.

... that we will be welcoming to any who may not have been to church before.

... that the service will have an impact on all who come, and that the message of Jonah will stay with the children, with their family members and with all of us.

May it continue to challenge and help us all in the days to come.

CHURCH LUNCH - SUNDAY 26TH JULY

Come and join a shared church lunch on Sunday 26 July 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 Jennifer Clarke



CREATION CARE

It has been great to look at scripture to explore a biblical understanding for the place that creation holds in the purposes of God. We are almost there! If you would like to catch up on progress or review, links to the notes are all below. Clearly the Old Testament has a high view of creation in the purposes of

God for all things. Our last session will examine whether the New Testament is interested in creation at all, and if so, how it builds on the theology of the Old Testament. These studies are aiming to provide a biblical basis for our work in Creation Care.

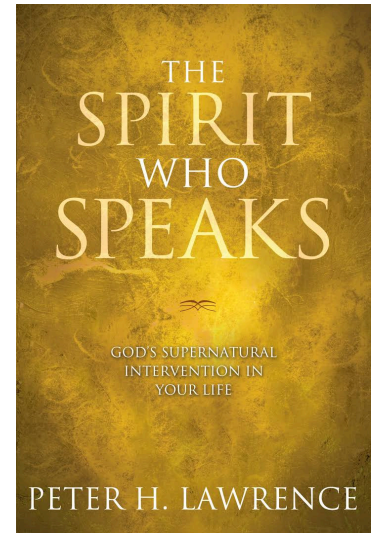
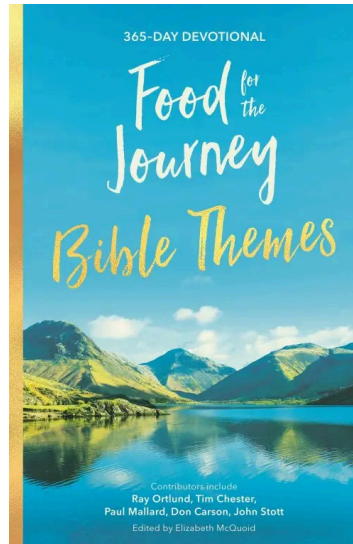
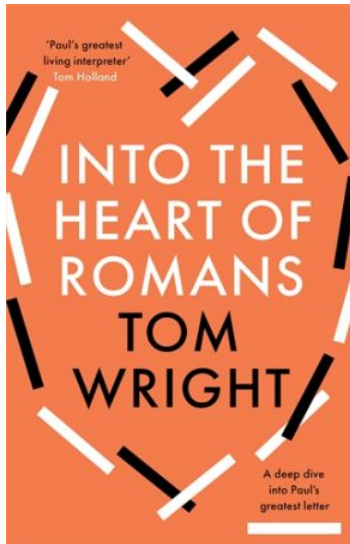
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[Creation Care 2 - Humanity's role within creation & Creations frustration](#)

[Creation Care 3 - Israel and the Land / Creation in the Prophets](#)

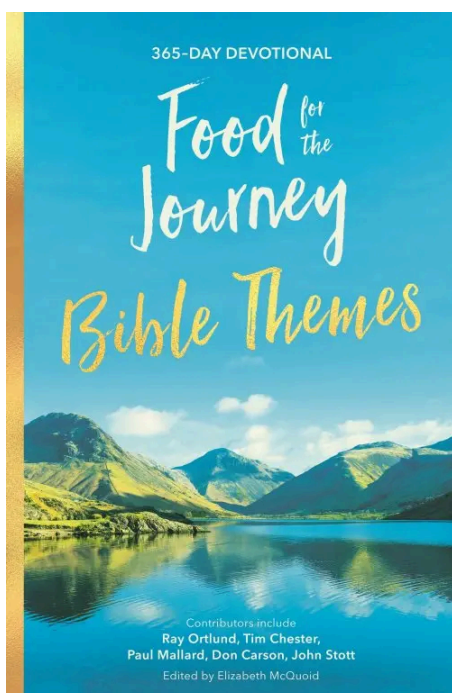
Dave Russell

Dave has recently moved to Oaken Holt care home. If you are planning a visit, please contact Alex to see if you can give her a lift. She normally travels by bus, but it is a long walk up hill from the bus stop. Please keep praying for Dave and Alex as they adjust to this change.



Book recommendations for summer reading

We have 3 book recommendations for you. Last week, John Anderson recommended “Into the Heart of Romans” by Tom Wright. This week, Sue Greenwood recommends “Food for the Journey: Bible Themes”



Food for the Journey: Bible Themes

Recommended by Sue Greenwood

I would like to recommend a book that I bought at Keswick last year. The 365 daily readings are numbered not dated so you can choose your themes.

There is background reading included for each theme at the beginning of each chapter.

Subjects covered: Holy Spirit, faithfulness, Grace, Suffering and many more.

I have found the daily notes a lovely gentle introduction to each subject but also challenging at times!

A good book to read for the summer?

There's a **new selection of books on the St Peter's book trolley.**

Inspiring biographies and other devotional books to take away on holiday with you. Also, some of the St Peter's library can now be found in the village "Little Libraries"

The Lions need to go hungry this year!!!

It's too long since we have had a win.

It's **The Christians vs the Lions Aunt Sally.**

The Church vs the Red Lion Cassington.

We've done it before and we can do again.

"It's coming home, it's coming home.

The Doll is coming home!" (repeat ad nauseam)

Just turn up at the **Red Lion, garden Cassington.**

Sunday 9th August 2.00am onwards.

Roger Aston

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*



Creation Care - Butterflies

Butterflies are vital to the ecosystem primarily as pollinators, foundational food sources for wildlife, and as key bioindicators that tell scientists about the overall health of an environment

The 2026 Big Butterfly Count is something we can all get involved with (if you don't do apps and online things, ask a friend or family member to log the

butterflies you see). It will take place from **Friday, July 17 to Sunday, August 9**. Run by [Butterfly Conservation](#), the free nationwide citizen science event asks you to simply spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot—such as your garden, local park, nature reserve, or churchyard—and record the butterflies and day-flying moths you see.

How to Take Part

1. **Get the Tools:** Download the free app or print an ID chart directly from the [Big Butterfly Count](#) website.
2. **Find a Spot:** Pick a bright, sunny outdoor location.
3. **Count and Record:** Spend 15 minutes recording the types and quantities of butterflies and moths that you spot.
4. **Submit:** Log your findings via the app or directly on the website to add your data to the national conservation map.



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Please pray for:

- For Marcella recovering from surgery.
- 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 Oaken Holt 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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