

NEWSWIRE: 4th September 2026



- Services on Sunday
 - Help needed - St Leonard's coffee rota
 - Ride and Stride - 12th September
 - Creation Care - St Leonard's churchyard
 - Vacancies at Open Doors
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There is no Newswire message this week whilst Duncan is on holiday.

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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: Psalm 8; Psalm 19; Matthew 6:25-30

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

Readings: Psalm 104:1-18, 31-35; Matthew 6.25-30

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 7th September

Walkie Talkies meet on Mondays (term time) from 10am to 11.30am in St Leonard's church hall.

Bump to One is taking a break. We will be back on Monday 14th September from 10.30am to midday in St Leonard's church

Tuesday 8th September

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

Wednesday 9th September

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

NEXT SUNDAY 13th September

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Peter's

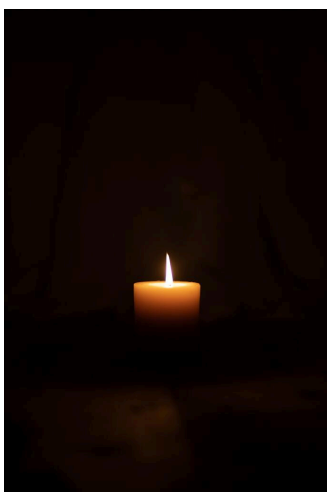
10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

7pm - Revive Eynsham at St Peter's Catholic Church (see below)

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Christine Edwards will be held at St Leonard's at 2pm on 15th September

People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis on Sunday 20th September at 4pm at St Leonard's



Revive Eynsham - 7pm on Sunday 13th September at St Peter's Catholic Church

An opportunity for Christians from all churches in Eynsham and for others who live in Eynsham but worship elsewhere to worship together and to pray for our village.

This time it will be hosted by St Peter's Catholic Church.

All are very welcome

Help needed please for the Sunday coffee team! We are looking for new team members to serve refreshments after the Sunday morning service at St Leonard's. We particularly need help on the SECOND SUNDAY of every month. If you are interested in being part of this vital ministry please do contact Angela Holton or Jenny Hogan for further details. Thank you.
adwilkinsonholton@gmail.com

WANTED: A NEW HOME FOR WEDNESDAY YOUTH CELL

For many years our youth cell groups have met regularly in homes. It's more cosy than the hall or the church and it keeps young people involved in a way similar to adult home groups. Maybe you have older children who benefited from meeting in other people's homes? It's a vital part of our youth ministry.

Caroline Cazyer has hosted cell groups for many years but is now stepping down and we are looking for a new home for our middle cell group (six lovely young people just going into Year 11, age 15). You don't need to be involved in the group, just make your home available on Wednesday evenings 7-8.30pm most weeks during term time.

If you are interested and need more information please speak to Laura Churchyard or Margaret Thornton.

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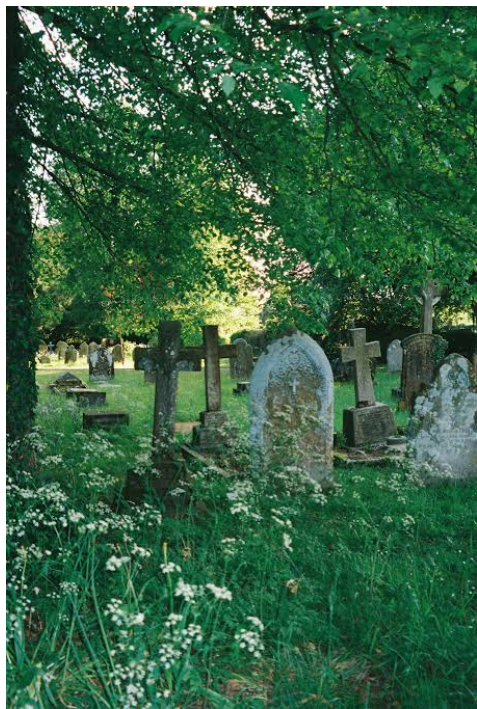
Paul Murrell is on another work trip to Bangui (Central African Republic.) Before he left, he had various visa hassles and was unsure what would happen. But God answered many prayers; he caught his flight and arrived safely last Saturday. Paul is leading a workshop for 3 translation teams and they began work on Monday. Paul has written, "So far things are going well. The

teams are keen, and we are already learning some new things about these three languages. Please pray for clear communication with the participants and for important discoveries that will be able to be applied to their translation work in the future. Thanks for praying!"

Look out in next week's Newswire for a further update from Paul, as well as news on Jo.

Creation Care – the Climate Crisis:

As part of the A Rocha UK's Eco Church programme, we are committed as a Church to protect and manage our land for nature, providing habitats to encourage and increase biodiversity. One such vital piece of land is our Churchyard. Churchyards are vital biodiversity refuges as they have never been



farmed and are free from fertilizers and chemicals. This provides an ideal shelter for dwindling wildflower species. Ancient trees provide nesting sites and food sources for birds, bats and invertebrates. Stone walls, old monuments and weathered gravestones provide ideal conditions for a variety of lichens. Dry stone walls and ivy-clad structures provide safe places for amphibians, reptiles and small mammals.

In our Churchyard we have areas such as these as well as areas we have been gradually improving to encourage and protect biodiversity. We have left areas of longer grass around the boundaries along the stone walls and provide extra cover such as corrugated sheets for slow worms and newts. Only

grass on footpaths is mown short to mark the walkways through the Churchyard. If you look up you may see bird and owl boxes high in the trees.

We have also been working very hard supported by the volunteers from the Nature Recovery Service to re-introduce areas of native wildflowers to the Churchyard.

I spent a lovely morning in the sunshine last weekend helping cut back and clear the spent wildflowers. Volunteers from the Nature Recovery Service came with scythes to cut down the wildflowers close to the ground. Scything is an old farming skill, which makes no noise and does not frighten any resident birds and mammals, it uses no fuel and moves slowly, allowing small insects to escape safely. It can also be used in more intricate areas such as between headstones where mowers cannot go.

As the scything cut back the wildflowers, some Church volunteers used hay rakes to collect the stems and grasses into large bundles and took them to the compost heap. Removing the old flowers prevents the nutrients going into the ground as they rot down, providing perfect conditions for next year's wildflowers.

The old stems and grasses will rot down on the compost heap providing nutrient rich compost for other areas of the land later in the year. The compost heap also provides a refuge for slow worms and hedgehogs.

It was a very relaxed and social morning listening to the array of birds in the Churchyard and the grasshoppers in the dry grass, being immersed in nature and working with the land doing something physical, which is not only good for biodiversity but good for our mental health as well! *Penny Thomas*



The annual **Ride and Stride** for **Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT)** will take place on **Saturday 12th September**. Ride and Stride raises funds to support the repair, maintenance and improvement of historic churches across the county. Click [here](#) for more information about taking part, including suggested walking and cycling routes.

Love to sing? Come and join Oxford Gospel Choir! 🎵

Oxford Gospel Choir is a friendly, inclusive community choir for adults aged 18+, and new members are very welcome this September.

- **Tuesdays, 7.30–9.30pm**
- **New Road Baptist Church, Oxford city centre**
- **First TWO rehearsals FREE**

There are **no** auditions to join Community Choir, no previous singing experience needed and you don't need to read music – just come along and give it a go.

Whether you've sung in choirs for years or mainly sing in the shower, car or kitchen, you'll be very welcome!

🎵 Sing uplifting gospel and soulful music

🎵 Be part of a friendly, inclusive community

- 🎵 Lots of opportunities to perform at concerts, festivals and community events
- 🎵 Pay weekly or for the term

Find out more: www.oxfordgospelchoir.co.uk or contact Jules on **07519 668137**

Instagram: @oxford_gospel_choir

Facebook: Oxford Gospel Choir

Vacancies at Open Doors - Witney / Home based

- [Executive Assistant to the CEO](#) – closing date **Friday 4 September 2026**
 - [Social Media Manager](#) – closing date **Sunday 6 September 2026**
 - [Marcomms Delivery Manager](#) – closing date **Sunday 6 September 2026**
 - [Relationship Manager](#) – closing date **Monday 7 September 2026,**
 - [Trusts Manager](#) – closing date **Monday 7 September 2026,**
 - [Church Relations Developer](#) – closing date **Friday 11 September 2026**
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International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) Vacancies

2 vacancies have arisen at IFES in Oxford for a Financial Controller and an Administrator. Click [here](#) for more information.

Please pray for:

- For Marcella recovering from surgery.
- 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.

www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk | www.stpeterschurchcassington.org | [Youtube channel](#) | [facebook page](#)

Church Office - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am – 2pm

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Revd Duncan Fraser: 07810 324088 (Day off – Friday)