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A message from Duncan

O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you! (Jeremiah 32.17)

I have been delighted to spend the last few weeks, and months, examining the place that creation holds in the great salvation plan of God. I pray you have caught a bit of the vision. The Christian story is truly good news for 'all things' and worth celebrating and proclaiming together with all our being.

The Christian worldview also gives us a uniquely positive outlook for the future of the planet and a confidence and joy in partnering with God in the restoration of all things in the present. Jeremiah is not known for his happy tone but the verse above exudes utter confidence in the great Creator of all things.

I wonder if there are other areas of life where we are tempted to give in to discouragement and despair. I can be prone to this at times. Often it is small things that loom large because they dominate our lives for a brief moment as things seem to spiral out of control. Sometimes it is more serious problems we face or perhaps it's a longed for change in our lives, or the lives of loved ones, that always seem to remain out of reach.

Perhaps we need to step outside and look at the world in which we live and proclaim to the Creator of it all - *nothing is too hard for you!* There still may be tough times ahead. That was true in Jeremiah's day, just read ahead in chapter 32. But if you do, keep reading, for our God is one whose instinct is to forgive, bless and restore - (v41) *"I will rejoice in doing them good...with all my heart and all my soul."* What a God we serve and follow. The One who made all

things does not just deign to throw us a few morsels, but is delighted to joyfully do us good.

Let us follow his lead this week and rejoice in doing good in our families, amongst our work colleagues and friends and in all of creation.

Grace and peace to you all,

Duncan

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 - Harvest Service at St Peter's

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-11

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

Readings: Psalm 8; John 13:1-5 and 13-17

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.

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's



NEXT WEEK

Monday 5th October

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 6th October

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

Wednesday 7th October

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

Thursday 8th October

A memorial service for the late Rachel Collins will be held at St Leonard's church at 11am on Thursday 8th October

NEXT SUNDAY 11th October

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's

3pm - Holiday Club Connect in St Leonard's church Hall (see below)

Looking further ahead

A memorial service for the late Christine Ward will be held at St Leonard's church at 1pm on Tuesday 20th October.

Memorial Service for the Bereaved at 6pm on Sunday 25th October at St Leonard's church

Harvest at St Peter's on Sunday (4th October) at 9.30am

Contributions of non-perishable items will be gratefully received for local Food Banks. A list of items can be found on the North Oxford Food Bank web site. Financial donations can also be made directly to: North Oxfordshire Food Bank [North Oxfordshire Food Bank \(Kidlington Baptist Church\)](#)



Links to Creation Care Sermon Notes and Resources

[Rejoicing in a Wonderful World - Psalm 104](#)

[Lamenting a broken World - Romans 8:18-25](#)

[Hope for Creation - Colossians 1:15-23](#)

[John Stott on Creation](#)

[Martin Lloyd Jones on “All things reunited in Christ”](#)

[Shaped by the Word - Creation Care](#)

Week of Prayer : 11th - 18th October We have started making plans for the Week of Prayer. There will be morning and evening prayer during the week, in both churches, as is our tradition. We would love to invite home groups and others to set aside evenings for prayer and invite others to join. All church groups and individuals are invited to hold a meeting of prayer, a prayer walk, a prayer lunch etc with others. Please let the office know what you are planning, so we can publicise these gatherings and events. More details will follow later.



Light on Halloween



Like in past years, we want to bless people in our village on Halloween evening by giving out hot chocolate and little treat bags that point to Jesus.

We will need helpers to prepare the hot chocolate in church and others to be in front of the church giving out the drinks and treat bags.

If we get enough helpers, we would like to invite the families into church for some craft activities.

Timings will be 5pm - 8pm, but you can just help for an hour, too.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Rabea as soon as possible (slpfamilies@gmail.com).



Holiday Club Connect

Captain Eye Eye and First Mate Kate warmly invite children and their families for an afternoon of Bible stories, crafts, games and drama on **11th October, 3-5pm** at **St Leonard's Church**.

There will be a meal towards the end of the afternoon, please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements on the form.

This event is for all the family, feel free to bring older and younger siblings but please ensure there is a parent or guardian supervising them at all times.

Please also invite other families along - you don't have to have taken part in Holiday Club to enjoy this event!

Sign up using this link:

<https://stleonardseynsham.churchsuite.com/events/bcn9o63y>

Captain Eye Eye and First Mate Kate are looking forward to inviting you back onboard!



BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please support this very worthy cause and bring a smile to someone this Christmas.

This year's Shoebox Appeal is now operational and shoeboxes will be going to very needy people in Eastern Europe including Ukraine. Shoeboxes can be filled for girls, boys, teenagers, women, men and elderly women. You can find out more about the appeal on [this link](#). Leaflets with instructions and what to put inside your shoebox can be found inside the porch at St. Peter's Church and will shortly be available in St Leonard's.

Completed shoeboxes can be left in St Leonard's church or delivered to Jane Aston at 9, Bell Close, Cassington before the end of October.

If you would like to know more about this appeal please contact:

Cassington - Jane Aston 01865 880757 or by email janeaston53@aol.com

Eynsham - Janet Haskett - jehaskett1@googlemail.com

Open Morning at The King's School, Witney

Join us for our whole school Open Morning on Tuesday 6th October from 10:30 am until midday. Discover The King's School, a small and friendly Christian school, for ages 3-16, on the outskirts of Witney.

- Date: Tuesday 6th October
- Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Location: The King's School, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX29 6TA
- Website: www.tkswitney.org.uk
- Please join us by [registering here](#)

At The King's School, we believe this is an amazing space to be all God made you to be. Children are truly known, loved, and nurtured. A place where academic success and spiritual growth go hand in hand.

We warmly invite prospective families to explore our welcoming school community. To find out more about the Open Morning, please email Olivia Watterson, Head of Admissions - registrar@tkswitney.org.uk.

Please pray for:

- 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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