St Leonard's & St Peter's
BENEFICE OF EYNSHAM & CASSINGTON

NEWSWIRE: 16th October 2026

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A message from Duncan

"What is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,and to walk humbly with your God" Micah 6.9

What a privilege it is to be called to walk with God. If you stop and really think about it, this is amazing. It is not what one would expect of a monarch, or supreme leader or an influential politician. They are much likely to walk *through* you aided and surrounded by an entourage of advisors and security. But the Creator of all things invites us, indeed requires us, to walk *with* him. To keep in step with him. That we are required to do this with humility is self-evident. But the surprise is God's humility in inviting us mere mortals to his side.

In this week of prayer my hope is that we will celebrate the privilege we have in walking with God, and seek to follow him more closely, day by day.

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne
and worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb

Listen to Stanford's beautiful anthem setting of this hymn here

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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: Luke 10:1-20; 2 Timothy 4:1-11

10.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's and livestreamed on this link
Readings: Psalm 51:1-6; Luke 4:40-44, 5:15-16

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.

6.30pm - Shaped by the Word at St Leonard's

7.45pm - Night Prayer at St Leonard's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th 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 20th October

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

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

Wednesday 21st October

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

NEXT SUNDAY 25th October

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's
10.30am - All age service at St Leonard's followed by Church Lunch
5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's
6pm - Memorial Service for the Bereaved at St Leonard's (see below)

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Denise Ridler will be held at **St Leonard's church** at **1pm** on **Thursday 29th October.**



Shaped by the Word on Sunday at 6.30 -7.30pm (followed by Night Prayer)
We will be finishing the series on creation in scripture by looking at the hope of Creation restored in the New Testament. Do come armed with any questions you have relating to the whole series (and other people will answer them!)

The St Leonard's PCC's Building Team are keen to know of any local contractors that you have recently worked with and could recommend. We're looking for:-
Plumbers
Electricians
General Builders
An odd-job man

If there's someone you could recommend, please could you let Andy Greenwood know on 07901 337922 or by email at amg1954church@gmail.com. Thank you!

Remember with Thanksgiving - A service for the bereaved

We will be holding a Memorial Service for the bereaved at St Leonard's on Sunday 25th October at 6pm. This is a special service where the death of a loved one is remembered and an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. If you would like the name of a loved one read out, please contact the Church Office (stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com or 01865 883325).

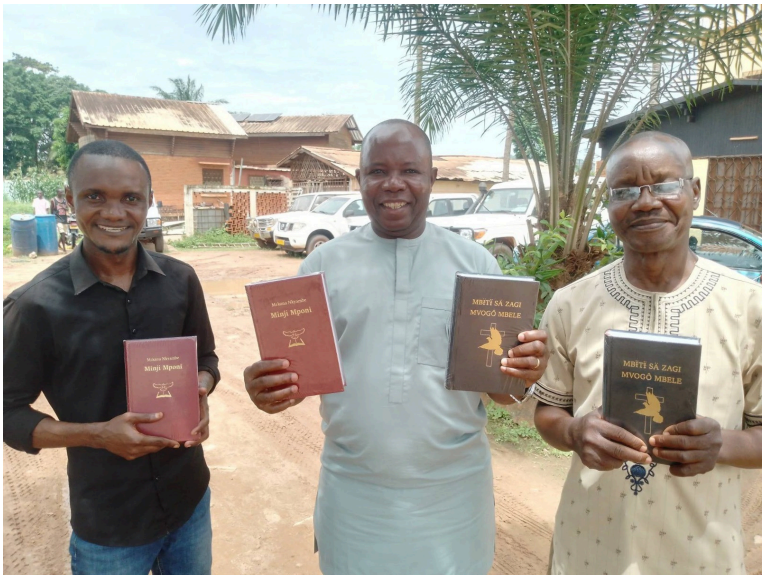


CHURCH LUNCH

There will be a simple shared lunch in the church hall after the All Age service at St Leonard's on Sunday 25th October. **Everyone is welcome**. If you are planning to come please sign up here to help with organising catering. We will be having soup, bread rolls, fruit and cake. If you are able to bring soup, bread rolls, fruit or cake, or if you are willing to either help set up or clear up, please either sign up on this link or contact Margaret Thornton (margaret@2cp.uk)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Some of you may know that when we first went to CAR we worked for several years with the Mpyemo people and were involved in translating the New Testament into their language. The translation work began in 2006.



Rejoice with us! The Mpyemo and Nzakara New Testaments were printed in the Czech Republic earlier this year and, after a long journey by container ship and truck, have now arrived in the capital Bangui! They arrived much more quickly and easily than any New Testaments in recent years. We don't yet know when and where the launch events will be, but

we are excited that the Mpyemo people can now start planning for them! We hope we may be able to attend too.

In other news, Jo is now at Moorlands College teaching on the Healthy Community Engagement module for new Wycliffe members. She'll be there for three weeks over the next month. She's looking forward to meeting her new students and getting stuck into teaching again.

Please pray for:

* God to be at work preparing communities to receive the New Testament

* Jo to teach well and build good relationships with her students

* Paul to catch up on his backlog of work since his last trip

THANK YOU!"

CAP Christmas Hampers For several years now we have been inviting individuals and small groups from supporting churches to put together and donate a hamper of Christmas extras for a local CAP client. It is that time of year again, and I am starting the process of coordinating this year's hampers.

The idea is that hampers are given to CAP clients who are struggling with their finances and can't afford some of the extra Christmas luxuries most of us take for granted.

In order to give us time to match donors to clients, I will be grateful if offers of hampers could be sent to me at alanthornton@capuk.org **no later than 2 November, but preferably before!** We would like to have all hampers ready for delivery by Monday 7 December, to give us time to get them to the clients.

In the past we have nearly always received more offers than we need, and we anticipate needing a smaller number of hampers this year. Several church groups have previously offered to provide a generous number of hampers, but I do not expect to need to ask any to provide more than one or two this time.

I know that many people enjoy joining in this venture each year. It always brings a lot of joy to our clients and is a wonderful expression of God's love and provision.

Please contact me if you have any questions and I will do my best to answer them. Kind regards. *Alan Thornton*



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

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

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