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

NEWSWIRE: 6th November 2026



- Services on Sunday
- St Leonard's Welcomers Meeting - 4pm on Sunday
- Newcomers Tea - Sunday 15th at 3pm
- Men's Curry Night
- Carol Singers at St Peter's

A message from Ruth

Fireworks and poppies - both symbols of remembrance that are markers of this season.

Remembering can be really helpful. Precious memories of people and places bring us joy, they shape us and encourage us. They can also help us avoid previous pitfalls and increase our resolve for better things.

Remembering is also important in our journey of faith. God's people have always re-told their story, reminding ourselves of God's faithfulness from generation to generation. Over millennia, remembering has engendered celebration, increased faith and reminded us of who God is.

And yet, even in this season of remembering, a couple of verses from Isaiah 43 keep coming to mind - 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing.'

Because, as helpful as remembering is, it can also weigh us down. Our eyes are easily turned from God's faithfulness to our shortcomings. Memories can be bitter sweet and filled with regret or pain.

As we all consider taking the next step in following Jesus, remembering can be useful; but my challenge is to look ahead to the new thing that God is calling me into. What next step that I take now, will one day be part of my remembering, revealing God's ongoing faithfulness and taking its place in further shaping me into the likeness of Christ?

Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 - Remembrance Service at St Peter's
Readings: Isaiah 2:2–5; Matthew 5:1–16

10am - Remembrance Service at St Leonard's and livestreamed on this link
Readings: Isaiah 2:2-5; James 4:1-2; John 15:12-17

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.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th November

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 10th November

Tinies and Toddlers meet in Cassington village Hall at 1.30pm - 3pm on Tuesdays in term time.

Wednesday 11th November

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

NEXT SUNDAY 15th November

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's
10.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's
6.30pm - Shaped by the Word

Looking further ahead

Men's Curry Night - Thursday 19th November (see below)
Advent Service of Light - Sunday 29th November at 6.30pm at St Leonard's

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I have just come back from 2 weeks in **Eswatini** (formerly Swaziland) . I was there to see, and join in with, the work of **Challenge Ministries**. Challenge Ministries is a Christian based charity that began in 1997 at the height of the HIV/AIDS crisis in Eswatini. It has grown to focus on caring for orphans, vulnerable children and rehabilitating people with life controlling habits or those having escaped from domestic violence.

Whilst there I saw the amazing positive impact on individual lives in all of these areas, and heard several testimonies. As well as being inspired by this, I was humbled by the faith of all the members of the CM team. Their lives are deeply rooted in prayer and the total belief that God will provide, and he has. They face many challenges but they meet them all trusting in the Lord, and continue with their far-reaching vision of how to help those in need. I also witnessed the healing of one the team that I was with, it was a truly amazing two weeks! If anyone would like to know more, please do ask me, or have a look at their website, https://cmswazi.org. *Hazel Petty*

Everybody's welcome!
We are so grateful to the team of people who week by week welcome everyone to church. However, we are in **urgent** need of more people to join the team. We are running a short information and training session on **Sunday 8th November at 4pm** for all current welcomers and anyone who is interested in finding out more. If you can be in church half an hour before the service starts, even once in a while, please do come along on 8th November, we look forward to seeing you there. *Catherine and Ruth*



NEWCOMERS TEA
Sunday 15th November at 3pm

If you are new to St Leonard's, we would love you to join us for tea on Sunday 15th November at 3pm. Come along and meet some more people and find out more about life at St Leonard's. Sign up on this link and we will confirm the venue closer to the date.

Church Cleaning help needed once every 4 weeks: One more person is needed to join one of the teams either now or from January. It's possible that two new people will be needed for this team in January. For more information or to offer help please contact Jenny Griffiths (co-ordinator): jennifer@grahamg77.plus.com or 07835 961830.



What has helped you to 'take the next step' in following Jesus? Perhaps a verse that keeps you going in your faith, or helped you turn a corner in your discipleship in the past. Perhaps there is a song or hymn that has helped you, or a piece of art work. God encourages us in so many different ways.

Rather than strictly an Advent or Christmas theme, I would love our Advent Devotions this year to be an opportunity to hear from each other what has helped us to take the next step. It will be a great opportunity to get to know each other a little more, so please don't think that this doesn't include you. **If you've never done this before this is for you.**

150 words is a good guide for length. You could also include a bible verse and a prayer. If you don't usually do this sort of thing and would like some advice just let me know (vicarslp@gmail.com). **We would need to gather most of the reflections before Advent begins** - **by 22nd November** so we can place them in a helpful order for Advent. Speak to Margaret or Duncan for advice or send them directly to Margaret (margaret@2cp.uk).

**Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal - ** Another bumper year - THANK YOU

Many thanks again to everyone from St Leonard's and St Peter's who gave to the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal this year. The shoeboxes were collected from St Leonard's yesterday morning and will soon be on the way to Eastern Europe.

In Cassington 25 shoeboxes were produced by those from St.Peter's Church, School and Village. The shoeboxes are full of basic items(as well as simple gifts to bring joy) for those in extreme poverty in Eastern Europe including Ukraine and will go to those in desperate need. Your generosity is much appreciated and will bring happiness to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you again, Jane Aston and Janet Haskett



POP-UP SINGERS

We are looking for an enthusiastic group of singers to be led by Revd Duncan Fraser, for the

Carols by Candlelight
St Peter's Church
Sunday 13 December at 5pm

No previous experience is necessary.
There will be practice sessions
Saturday mornings at 10am on
14, 21, 28 November & 5, 12 December.
If you would like to join the group and are able to attend a minimum of 4 practice sessions, please contact Jan Macdonald janmacdonald78@aol.com or WhatsApp message on 07941 419219



St Andrew's Bookshop 20% Discount

St Andrew's Bookshop is offering a 20% discount for any purchases from their website www.standrewsbookshop.co.uk before the end of the year. Use the code **WITNEY20**



An Evening With Noël Tredinnick

Saturday 14th November at 7pm

Witney Methodist Church

All proceeds to Adventure Plus

Join Noel for an uplifting and inspiring celebration of music and faith. Hear much-loved orchestral classics. Raise your voice to sing some favourite hymns and songs.

Discover more about the youth outreach work of Adventure Plus and be encouraged by stories of God's faithfulness at work along the way.

With The Emmaus Ensemble and soprano soloist Kate Sharp.

Interval refreshments will be available. Tickets on this link.



Some of you may know that I'll soon be trekking to the summit of Mount Toubkal (4,167m), the highest peak in North Africa, in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains. I'm one of 34 Access colleagues making the climb, covering around 26km over three days of rough mountain terrain.

I'm doing it for CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably), a charity that works to prevent suicide. Many people have suicidal thoughts. CALM is there for those moments, through a helpline, webchat and WhatsApp staffed by trained professionals. It also equips all of us to notice the signs and reach out to the people around us. Answering one helpline contact costs £12.20. One caller told CALM: "talking with CALM's helpline service made me feel like I can and will get through tonight." Access aims to match all donations, so your gift can go further.

Please keep the team in your prayers as we prepare and climb. If you're able, please also support us with a donation. We're aiming to raise £4,400 each.
Donation link: https://accesscharityoftheyear.enthuse.com/pf/ginta-chukwu
Thank you for your prayers and support. Best wishes, Ginta

Please pray for:

- Gill who is being treated for blood cancer.
- Ray, who has a very rare form of cancer, for which all forms of treatment are unsuitable to him.
- Michael and family following his sister's recent death. Please pray especially for her husband, daughters and grandchildren.
- 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.



Charity Christmas Cards



£4 for a pack of 10

All proceeds towards supporting Adventure *Plus*

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