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A message from Duncan

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" John 21.15

Breakfast on the beach was a turning point.

It's a bit like when we are reunited with beloved family members or friends after a long absence, or after we have enjoyed a great success or achievement; perhaps it's a bit like a wedding day. There are wonderful moments of euphoria and overflowing expressions of shared joy, but eventually it all calms down a little - it has to - and we begin to work out what life is like in the wake of the big event.

I wonder whether it was a bit like that on the beach. Peter had leapt out of the boat, others were marvelling at the catch of fish, thrilled to see Jesus, no doubt a hubbub of conversation over the morning fire. But eventually, Jesus takes Peter to one side. All the disciples, particularly Peter, need to work out what life is going to be like in the wake of the big event. And in view of everything that lies in the future for them he asks the critical question: *"Do you love me?"*

Obviously Peter had particular reasons to hear that question. He needed the gentle but firm restoration of Jesus. But we all need to hear the same question ourselves. It stands at the beginning of our pilgrim journey, and it remains at the centre of our ongoing life with God everyday. If our love for Jesus is not at the heart of it all our Christian life will be cold, wet drudgery and joyless. With love for him as our foundation, our reason, our anchor, we can weather the fiercest storms with unstoppable hope.

So as we continue into Spring and the rest of the year, let's take a moment to reflect on our love for Jesus. Does it stand at the centre of our everyday? Do we want it to? As we draw closer to Pentecost do we need to pray for the work of the Holy Spirit to:

*kindle a flame of sacred love
upon the mean altar of my heart,
there let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.*

Eastertide joy to you all.

Duncan

Collect for the fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
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 at St Leonard's

Readings: Romans 12.1-2; John 6.25-35

10.30am - All in at St Leonard's and live streamed [on this link](#)

Reading: Romans 12.1-2

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: 1 John 4:7-21; John 13:31-38

NEXT WEEK

Monday 29th April

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**.

The funeral of the late Raymond Clarke will be held at **St Leonard's** church at 2pm on Monday 29th April.

Tuesday 30th April

Tinies and Toddlers meet at **Cassington Village Hall** on Tuesday (term time) from **1.30 to 3pm**

Wednesday 1st May

Warm Welcome Wednesday from 10.30am to midday in **St Leonard's** church.

NEXT SUNDAY - 5th May

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's and livestreamed followed by APCM

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

Working Party on St Leonard's Church Land (see below)

St Leonard's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Sunday 5th May following the 10am morning service.

Due to local elections next week **Cassington Cafe** will be held on 9th May from 10am in Cassington Village Hall.

The Chosen - episodes 7 & 8 in the **Tolkien Room**, St Peter's Catholic Church at **7pm on Monday 13th May**.

Please pray for:

- Dave recovering from a stroke.
- Ben and healing for his mental health.
- Scarlett's recovery from long Covid.

- 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.



Witney to Westminster Canoe Marathon

Jo Murrell, Penny Marks, Jonathan Marks and Matthew Marks are all taking part in Adventure Plus Witney to Westminster canoe marathon. Jo and Penny for the first 2 days; Jonathan and Matt for the whole challenge of 127 miles.

They would value your support as they pass through Eynsham lock. Walk or cycle down to the lock if you are free on Monday 29th April at about 12.30pm. (some flexibility on timing!) Bring your sandwiches and sit in the sunshine(!) while the paddlers enjoy a short break.

If you would like to sponsor one of us, we each have a Just Giving web page available.

All the funds raised go to the same cause so don't worry about which one of us you pick to sponsor!

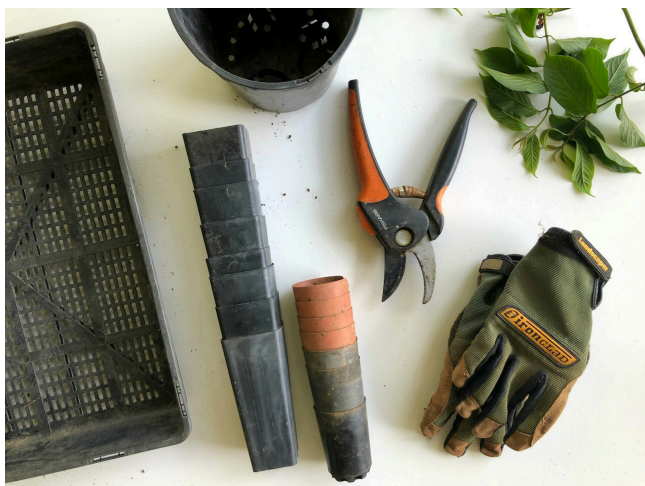
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THANK YOU.



**Saturday 4th May from 10am - 3pm –
Volunteers needed for a “one day
working party” on the church land.**

We have decided that it would be good to make better use of the church land. The plan is to tidy up the area, make it more attractive and make a small section into a community allotment area.

There will be a flower bed created along part of the back wall, a proper compost bin in the corner and four raised beds on the long thin strip of land on the left as you enter the site. There will also be a water butt connected to the downpipe on the shed.

If you feel you could help with this project, for an hour, part of the day or more, or if you have anything to donate that you think could be useful (garden tools, watering can etc. or plants for the flower bed) please get in touch with either Hazel Petty (07939879319) or Sharon Anderson (07756862168). Many thanks

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