

NEWSWIRE: 5th July 2024



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A message from Duncan

By the time you read this, we will know the result of the General Election. In the run up to the big day it's been very helpful to spend extended time with others praying this week, and it's probably a good idea for us all to keep praying as MPs, particularly those who are serving for the first time, settle into the strange routines of Westminster, as well as for the elected government as they turn from the slogans of campaign to the stark reality of the challenges they face.

During our prayer times we used readings and prayers from the Daily Office, and they were particularly relevant for the week. We began on Monday with a welcome reminder from Psalm 99 that, whilst the various parties and candidates vie for power in this land, it is ultimately the Lord who is King. And the New Testament reading demonstrated that God's powerful rule is exercised through one who is humble and riding on a donkey (Luke 19.28-40). Tuesday got quite political as Hannah sang her song of praise which one day Mary would imitate whilst carrying the Messiah in her womb. Yahweh is the one who *"raises the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap"* (1 Samuel 2.8). There is no doubting the contents of God's manifesto! On Wednesday Psalm 146 exhorted us to *"Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power"*. We will pray for and honour those who are elected to govern but they will make many mistakes and not every policy will prove to be prudent or wise. It is inevitable. It would be helpful if those who govern would be willing to admit this every so often.

But I was most moved by the Collect for the week from the Book of Common Prayer (5th Sunday after Trinity). It seemed to be amazingly relevant, almost as though this was the reason Rishi Sunak called the election for this week! So I trust you will join me in continuing to pray:

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Mark 6:1-13

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

Readings: Luke 9.10-17, Acts 2.42-47



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 8th July

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 9th July

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

Wednesday 10th July

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

Thursday 11th July

Mum's Bible Study meet every Thursday morning (term-time) 10 - 11.30am at 95 Hazeldene Close.

Cassington Cafe from 10am in Cassington Village Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY - 14th July

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's and livestreamed

4pm - Families@4 at St Leonard's

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Iain Ross will be held at 1.30pm on 22nd July at **St Leonard's** church.

St Peter's School Leavers service - 23rd July at **St Peter's** church.

The funeral of the late Tony Darlow will be held at 11am on 24th July at **St Leonard's** church.

Eynsham Carnival Ticket Selling - Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a ticket seller at the carnival this year. The carnival committee has made other arrangements for ticket sellers, so your services are not needed this year. Enjoy the carnival.

Warm Welcome Wednesday is taking a break for the summer after Wednesday 10th July. We will start again on Wednesday 11th September. If you are able to help with Warm Welcome Wednesday from September onwards, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Maureen McCreadie mamccreadie@gmail.com or 883464



CAP Student Money Management Course: Friday 12th July 7pm. Aimed at young people heading to University or College or a gap year. For details please contact jenniferclarke362@gmail.com

Is it the year for the Christians to devour the Lions? The annual gladiatorial combat of Aunt Sally between members and associates of St Peter's Church (and St Leonard's friends) vs the Red Lion Cassington will take place on Sunday 11th August at and from 2.00pm in the garden of the Red Lion Cassington.

New (and old) blood most welcome. Definitely no previous experience required. Come to take part or to watch and enjoy a family afternoon.

Don't let the lions have it all their own way. Sign up before you are called up - Roger Aston rogera52@aol.com.



When it comes to devotional life, we can struggle to get started for all kinds of different reasons. Perhaps we feel so busy that we can't possibly add yet another thing to our 'to-do list'. Or maybe Bible study time feels more like a strain on the brain rather than fuel for the soul, and we wonder if it's worth keeping going.

In [Time Well Spent](#), Colin Webster takes on these concerns, tackling them head-on. This short book will show you what a devotional involves, how to set aside common distractions, and why our time with God really is time well spent.

Let this book be a gentle encouragement and practical pointer in your desire to set aside time with God either for ourselves or, perhaps, a youngster heading off to university or work.

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.

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