

## NEWSWIRE: 9th August 2024

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- Services on Sunday
  - Aunt Sally at the Red Lion in Cassington on Sunday at 2pm
  - Ride and Stride - 14th September
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### *A message from Duncan*

Life can be a roller coaster.

Journalists have traditionally dreaded August as a slow month in which there is nothing much happening to write about. If it was ever true, it certainly isn't in our day. We are taken from the thrill and triumph of Olympic competition to the reality of heartbreaking tragedy and ensuing riots on our streets, then to the devastating consequences of international conflict that seems ever poised to erupt ever more widely, then to the long term consequences of unchecked industrialisation. And we must not forget the emotional and circumstantial contours of our own lives that can, at times, be overwhelming enough. We move from tears and sadness, to celebration and joy, to frustration, fear and anxiety all in a week.

The early church lived in a world with its fair share of ups and downs. And amidst it all Paul recommended to the church in Thessalonica, "*Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life*" 1 Thessalonians 4.11. It is a regular 'go to' verse for me although I am still weighing exactly what Paul is saying, and not always making much progress in its application. I don't think he is encouraging us not to care, or be aware of what is happening around us, or even be moved by it. We are called to live lives of compassion reflecting Jesus' own heart that was moved by the plight of the people he met and acted to address their needs. Rather, he is speaking of a life that is so steadied by the ballast of faith, that though the rollercoaster throws us around corners, up to heights and down to depths, there remains a stillness within; a profound trust that God is in control. It may really, really seem that he is not at times, that things have finally escaped from his grasp. But the quiet heart trusts. It has gathered the evidence, evaluated the data, encountered the Author, his goodness and love, and holds a steady course.

Grace and peace to you all,

*Duncan*

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### **Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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.

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### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY**

**9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's**

*Readings: Acts 14:1-28; John 15: 12-20*

**9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's**

*Readings: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 14:1-20*

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

*Readings: Acts 14*

If you have difficulties accessing the service on the livestream link above, please try accessing [our youtube channel](#) directly.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 12th August**

**Bump to One meet on Mondays from 10.30am to midday in St Leonard's**

**NEXT SUNDAY - 18th August**

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

10.30am - Family Holy Communion at St Leonard's and livestreamed



## Looking further ahead

**The funeral of the late Maureen Lambourne** will be held at **St Leonard's** church at **midday** on **3rd September**.

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We would just like to say a massive thank you to all of the St Leonards family and friends who made the **Celebration of Enid's life** so special.

It was very humbling to see so many there on the day, not only supporting, but serving and working to ensure it all went well. There must have been an incredible amount of preparation work, as well as all the gifts of flowers and refreshments, thank you all.

Altogether, this meant that the service was what we believe Enid would have wanted, and a wonderful example of the body of Christ working together.

Thank you all again, for your amazing support and the love you have shown.

Pete & Family.

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## Sermon from 4th August

A number of you have asked for a copy of the sermon which Romu preached at St Leonard's on Sunday 4th August. You will find the sermon on [this link](#).

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**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](mailto:rogera52@aol.com).

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The annual Ride+Stride fundraising event for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) will be taking place on Saturday 14th September. All funds go to OHCT and 50% can be passed on to

a church or chapel of your choice. Full details and sponsorship forms can be found on OHCT website <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> or contact the Church Office for a hard copy.

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**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](mailto: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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