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A message from Margaret

Joyful Joyful

In the last couple of weeks, St Leonard's has hosted two big services: Enid Brown's funeral, and Clare and Emmanuel's wedding. At Enid's funeral, we remembered a wonderful woman we knew and loved and will all miss. Enid loved her Lord and was determined to continue to point people to Jesus to the very end, choosing triumphant hymns of praise and hope. I know there have been other hope-filled funerals at both St Leonard's and St Peter's in the last year.

A wedding is a much more joyous event than a funeral but it still holds within it the end of one stage of life and the start of a new one as Clare and Emmanuel promised to love each other, putting aside all others to become one. Like Enid, Clare and Emmanuel love Jesus first and foremost in their lives and they put exuberant praise and worship at the very heart of their marriage service. Wasn't it joyful!

This month perhaps we have caught two glimpses of the praises that will resound in the Kingdom of Heaven. Perhaps you have been away to a camp or conference, eg Keswick or New Wine, and been similarly inspired by worshipping with many other Christians. The Bible doesn't give us a lot of detail about eternal life but one thing Jesus has promised is that we will be with God, and we, in company with all of God's church past, present and future, will have an eternity to praise Him. Won't that be amazing?

And the good news is that doesn't just start when we die. The unending cycle of praise flows through our lives like a seam of precious metal as we follow Jesus daily. So we pray for Clare and Emmanuel as they begin married life together that Jesus will always be at the very centre of their lives. But we also pray for

ourselves that, whatever our circumstances, we will each lift our eyes and hearts and souls in praise every day - a foretaste of eternity itself.

Margaret

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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: Galatians 3:23-29; John 3:13-17**

*It would also be helpful to read Acts 16:11-40 before the service.

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

Reading: Acts 16:9-40

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



NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th August

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 25th August

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

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

5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's

Looking further ahead

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

Paul's Journey - 1st Century Travel Guides

We have been following Paul's journey in our summer sermon series and Margaret has been producing a series of travel guides. You can access them on the following links: [Damascus](#), [Antioch](#), [Iconium](#), [Lystra and Derbe](#), [Derbe to Antioch](#), [Philippi](#)

News from Rabea

For everyone who is travelling over the summer and missed our announcement last Sunday: We are expecting a baby in January. Thank you so much for all the kind words and prayers we have already received! We're looking forward for this little one to be part of St. Leonard's church family!



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.

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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