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A message from Duncan

September is all but upon us. Many have had a lovely break and travels away from home and are beginning to think about getting back on the horse to resume familiar routines. Others, myself included, are still looking forward to a holiday. But the one thing that we each have in common is that holidays create quite a bit of extra work. Whether that is trying to clear the desk for a few weeks away and travel planning and packing, or whether it is catching up with everything that has been left undone for a few weeks, clearing the overflowing inbox and getting through the washing and emptying the sand from the car!

So it might be tempting not to bother in the first place. That was part of the problem for ancient Israel in keeping the various sabbath laws. It may seem to some that God is a little of a micromanager with his various laws but in this case, the command to rest once a week, once every six years for a year and for a bumper restoration of everything every 50 years (Leviticus 25). But I can understand that these periods of rest - holy-days - would have taken quite a bit of preparation. Sabbath began at 6pm on Friday night but most of the day would have been spent in preparation. After a fallow sabbath year there would be a good deal of work to do on the land to get things in order again. It was too easy not to rest.

But God knew that rest and delighting in creation is important so he made it an integral part of his vision for life, a central aspect of what it is to be human, made in God's image. So whether you are busy with a return to routine, or still packing for a holiday - be thankful for having a God like our God, who commands us to take holy-days, and dedicate our rest and our work to him, the Lord of heaven and earth who has done all things well.

Grace and peace to you all,

Duncan

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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: Acts 17:16-34; Matthew 8.5-13

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

Reading: Acts 17:16-34



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 2nd September

Bump to One will not be meeting this week. Back on Monday 9th September.

Tuesday 3rd September

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

Thursday 5th September

Cassington Cafe from **10am** in **Cassington Village Hall**.

NEXT SUNDAY - 8th September

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

It is with sadness that we let you know that **Jose Green** has recently died. Jose and Chris have been members of the St Peter's church family for many years. Jose's funeral will be held at St Bartholomew church in Yarnton. Details to follow.

Churchfields Fete Saturday 31st August

Come and support our friends and neighbours at Churchfields.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and entertainment at Churchfields Care Home, Pound Lane Cassington

Saturday 31st August 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

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](#), [Thessalonika and Berea](#)



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.

Shoebox Appeal - as we head towards Autumn please start thinking about the

shoebox appeal. The shoeboxes will be going to Ukraine this year where there is a desperate level of need, especially among children.

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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