

NEWSWIRE: 6th September 2024



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A message from Ruth

I love the start of the new school year!

That first morning when children arrive in shiny shoes and a uniform as yet unspoiled by toothpaste, lunch, or felt tip pen, is full of optimism and excitement.

For children this is a fresh start, it is not only their backpack and lunchbox that are new, they are joining a new class, with a new teacher and possibly new classmates too. Last year is gone, this is a clean slate.

Staff greet their new classes, not without knowledge (because a good handover is important) but full of expectation that this year will be different. For them, as for the children, whatever happened last year is no longer. The future offers endless possibilities.

Looking at those children I can't help but think how different I am to them. I find it so much harder to let go of what has been, my past follows me around, tripping me up, reminding me of mistakes and impacting my present and my future.

The children however much better reflect the promise of God, repeated throughout the Bible - 'I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more' Hebrews 8 v12 or Psalm 103 v12 'as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.'

This week, as I watch children flourish in their new classrooms, embracing the new, unencumbered by the past, I am challenged to take God at his word and to allow myself to leave the past in the past.

Perhaps I should buy myself a new pencil case - to remind me!

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: James 1:1-18

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

Readings: James 1:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Reading: James 1:1-18



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

4pm - Families@4 at St Leonard's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th September

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 10th September

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

Wednesday 11th September

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

Thursday 12th September

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 15th September

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

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

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late William Timms will be held in St Leonard's church at 2pm on Friday 20th September.

Week of Prayer: 30th September - 6th October

Warm Welcome Wednesday starts again next week. Do you have some free time on Wednesday morning? If you are able to help with Warm Welcome Wednesday please speak to Maureen McCreadie.



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.

BLTHYSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL (St.Peter's Church)

This year's SHOEBOX Appeal is now operational and filled shoeboxes will be going to very needy people in Eastern Europe. Shoeboxes can be filled for girls, boys, teenagers, women, men and elderly women. Leaflets with instructions and what to put inside your SHOEBOX can be found inside the Foodbank Box outside St.Peter's Church or in the porch at St.Peter's Church. If you would like to learn more about this appeal please ring Jane Aston on 01865 880757 or email janeaston53@aol.com

Please support this very worthy cause. Completed Shoeboxes can be delivered

to Jane Aston at 9, Bell Close, Cassington before the end of October.

Please speak to Janet Haskett for information about the Shoebox appeal at St Leonard's.

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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