

## NEWSWIRE: 20th September 2024

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### *A message from Duncan*

Perspective is everything.

Very true, or course. It helps us think a little more positively about the struggles we face. Is it discomfort we are enduring or a growth opportunity? Have we experienced a failure or a life learning opportunity?

Now I can already sense things being thrown at me! There's nothing worse than someone forcing you to look on the bright side of life when you're struggling in the dark! However, it can really help us at times, particularly as followers of Jesus who are given a whole new perspective on life through our relationship with the living God.

For it is so easy to become disillusioned with life, politics, international affairs and the many woes of life. When we discuss these things with others a kind of heaviness often descends; we can easily give into hopelessness. I'm a glass half-empty kind of guy so this comes quite easily, and I found myself in such a conversation this week with that growing sense of unease. Until, that is, we opened the scriptures and read Psalm 146: *"Praise the LORD, my soul. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth."*

Read the whole psalm for yourself. It didn't give us the answers, it didn't provide solutions for the problems of life, our nation and world. But it did remind us who

is in control, it lifted us a thousand miles into the air, lightened our spirits and gave us a new perspective.

And perspective is everything.

Grace and peace to you all,

*Duncan*

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

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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**

**9.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's**

*Readings: Ezekiel 36: 22-28; Luke 11:37-54*

**10.30am - All-in at St Leonard's** and live streamed on

[this link](#)

*Reading: Luke 11:37-54*



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

**5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's**

*Readings: Ezekiel 36: 22-28; Luke 11:37-54*

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Monday 23rd 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 24th September**

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

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

## **Wednesday 25th September**

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY - 29th September**

9.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Peter's

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

## **Looking further ahead**

### **Week of Prayer: 30th September - 6th October**

Click [here](#) for more information about the annual week of prayer. Paper copies of the Week of Prayer flyer are also available in both churches.

**Sunday 6th October at 3pm - Harvest Celebration Service at St Peter's** followed by afternoon tea.

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## **Harvest at St Leonard's**

The Harvest service at St Leonard's will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 29th September. We would be grateful for donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables, hips and berries to decorate the church. I will be in church from 10:30am on Friday 27th of September to receive any contributions, or you can arrange to drop things round to me on Wednesday or Thursday evening. Please contact me on 882577 if you have any queries. Many thanks. *Sherry Lewis*

There will be a collection of food during the Harvest Service. Details to follow in Newswire next week.

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## HARVEST COMMUNITY SUPPER

With Eynsham Morris and the Chamberries

**Saturday 12th October 6pm - 10pm at Cassington Village Hall**

Join us for an evening of live music with jazz, blues, soul from local band 'The Chamberries' and songs, dancing, shanties and fun from Eynsham Morris. Ticket price includes Ploughman's supper. Drinks available at pay bar.

Adults - £10  
Under 16s - £5  
Families - £25

Contact: Carolyn Hinton 07747 621597 [chinton260@outlook.com](mailto:chinton260@outlook.com) or  
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### BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year's SHOEBOX Appeal is now operational and filled shoeboxes will be going to very needy people in Ukraine and 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 and on the table at the back of St Leonard's church. If you would like to learn more about this appeal please contact:

**St Peter's** - Jane Aston on 01865 880757 or email [janeaston53@aol.com](mailto:janeaston53@aol.com)

**St Leonard's** - Janet Haskett on 01865 882488 or email [jehaskett1@googlemail.com](mailto:jehaskett1@googlemail.com)

Completed Shoeboxes can be delivered to Jane Aston at 9, Bell Close, Cassington or dropped off at St Leonard's before the end of October.



## Baby weighing

As a resource for the village there will be scales available to weigh your baby on these days:

- **Mondays 10.30 - 11am (term-time)**  
**St. Leonard's Church Hall**  
**(during "Walkie Talkies")**
- **Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.30am**  
**St. Leonard's Church**  
**(during "Warm Welcome Wednesday")**

Please be aware:

THERE IS **NO** HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  
AVAILABLE! SCALES ONLY!

BUMP TO ONE



WALKIE TALKIES



## Witney Inter-Church Singers

Do you enjoy singing in Church? If so, our choir would be a welcoming and encouraging group to join. We meet on **Wednesday evenings** in the warm and comfortable surroundings of **Witney Congregational Church** from **7.30 to 9.30pm**. Rehearsals usually run for 11 or 12 weeks before our Christmas and Summer concerts. Our Christmas concerts are on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Rehearsals for these will commence on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.



For further details contact Shirley Enoch: [geoffandshirley.enoch@ntlworld.com](mailto:geoffandshirley.enoch@ntlworld.com) or 07746-791265

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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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