

NEWSWIRE: 18th October 2024



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 - Remembering with Thanksgiving
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A message from Duncan

Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake."

Luke 8.22

Let us go across to the other side...

I wonder what the 'other side' is for you at the moment? Perhaps you have a particularly busy spell in your calendar, a convergence of responsibilities with deadlines arriving all at the same time. Maybe you are in the middle of health issues; or you're coping with challenges in your family, with colleagues or friends; or you are in the process of important life decisions that need to be made. Perhaps it's a situation you know you are going to have to live with for a long time; the other side seems in the far distance, way below the horizon.

Many will recognise the text above as from the story of Jesus asleep in the boat. It is one I keep coming back to. Occasionally I pester you with it along with the Jules Joseph Maynier's painting I love. Those who received Home Communion this week had to put up with me wittering about it.



There are lots of questions I still have concerning the story. Should Jesus have left the disciples to their own devices? Should I follow Jesus' example and sleep more?! Should I ignore the trials of life and pretend they're not real? With Jesus in the boat should I smile at the storm (as the old chorus goes)?

Jesus, as was his custom, had a question of his own: “Where is your faith?” (v25). I guess, if Jesus said, “Let’s go to the other side” the disciples should have trusted that they would get there, no matter what. Perhaps they still needed to trim the rigging and bail out the boat, but they would get there. Maybe it wouldn’t be pretty, but they would make it.

So whatever we face, however far the shore seems, let’s invite Jesus into the boat, even if he insists on sleeping, because with him we *will* get to the other side.

Grace, peace and hope be strong in you all through Christ.

Duncan

Collect for the Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 - BCP Holy Communion at St Peter’s

Readings: Daniel 3: 1-12; Matthew 21:1-5

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

Readings: Daniel 3: 1-12; Philippians 3:17- 4:1

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

6.30pm - Shaped by the Word Workshop at St Leonard’s (see below)



NEXT WEEK

Monday 21st October

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 22nd October

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 23rd October

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

Thursday 24th October

The funeral of the late Victoria Thomas-Clarke will be held in St Peter's church, Cassington at 11am on Thursday 24th October.

NEXT SUNDAY - 27th October

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

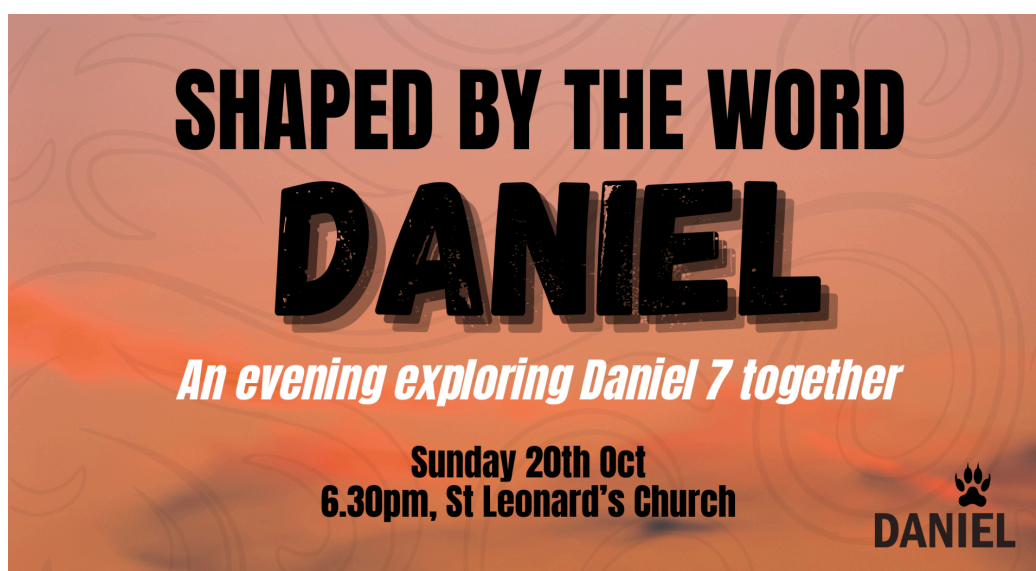
10.30am - All-in Service at St Leonard's and livestreamed

5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's

6pm - Memorial Service for the bereaved at St Leonard's (see below)

Looking further ahead

Pop up Tuesday Fellowship Meeting in St Leonard's Church Hall at 2.30pm on Tuesday 26th November. Martin Flatman will be talking to us about Advent. Do put the date in your diary!



SHAPED BY THE WORD: Daniel and chapter 7

Sunday by Sunday we hear a sermon. It's relatively short (historically speaking!) and is intended to nourish us, giving us some food to sustain us in our walk with Jesus during the week ahead. There is, however, little opportunity to discuss our questions or probe a little deeper into the strange but wonderful world of the Bible, and so grow in our understanding of God and his ways that we might be more conformed to his image. That is the idea behind **Shaped by the Word** evenings. Every so often we will take a Sunday evening to dig deeper into a Bible book or theme. This month, on **20th October at 6.30pm** we will look at the **book of Daniel, and focus in on Chapter 7**. It will be interactive with opportunities for discussion and questions and will finish no later than 8pm. The evening will be much better if you are there!

3.2.1. course starting on Tuesday 22nd October

321 course is your chance to slow down, get your bearings, and look again at life according to Jesus.

This is a free interactive course designed to help us think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations.

It's ideal for someone who is contemplating Christianity. It is also a really helpful refresher course for Christians as well as helping Christians develop a more contemporary way to

share their faith with their family and friends. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Remember with Thanksgiving - A service for the bereaved

We will be holding a Memorial Service for the bereaved at St Leonard's on Sunday 27th October at 6pm. This is a special service where the death of a loved one is remembered and an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. If you would like the name of a loved one read out, please contact the Church Office (stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com or 01865 883325).

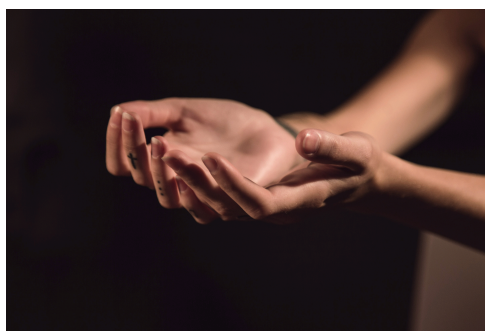


Light on Halloween

Like last year, we want to bless people in our village on Halloween evening by giving out hot chocolate and little treat bags that point to Jesus as the light that darkness can not overcome.

We will need helpers to prepare the hot chocolate in church and others to be in front of the church giving out the drinks and treat bags. There will be two shifts: 5 - 6.30 pm and 6.30 - 8pm.

Please let Laura (youth.stleonards@gmail.com) know if you are able to help!



Prayer Ministry - Prayer is a vital part of the life of St. Leonard's. In past years we have had a Prayer Ministry Team available at the end of a morning service to pray with people if they have worries, concerns or as a response to something from the Service.

If you are interested in being part of a Team or learning more about Prayer Ministry, please contact Gill - gillsinfield@uwclub.net or Duncan.

Please continue to pray for Jo Murrell as she leads the course on 'Healthy Community Engagement' at Moorlands College with a group preparing to serve God with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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The course covers what is involved in working with others from different countries and cultures. As part of this, they will look at how a worker's background and upbringing can impact the way they each interact as members of a team. Each may have different personalities and may come with different values and goals. Please pray for the students as they prepare themselves for going - and for those overseas who are already in teams and seeking to put into practice what they have learned as they seek to work together to glorify God and build up his church through Bible translation.



OpenDoors

Open Doors October mission focus: A church pastor in

Burkina Faso asks for prayer for a clean water supply in a displacement camp. His strong faith enables him to say 'I do believe that we are displaced, but Jesus is not and will never be desplaced from our lives'.

PCC Secretary - Eynsham

Are you able to provide some administrative support to St Leonard's PCC? We are looking for someone to support Duncan and the churchwardens in the smooth running of PCC meetings. This will include:

- taking the minutes of the PCC meetings and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (7 meetings per year).
- helping to circulate documents to the PCC before and after the meeting
- organising room bookings and any equipment needed for the meeting
- liaising with Louise in the Church Office e.g. to make sure agreed minutes are published

Louise will continue to provide the administrative support required for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, administration of the Electoral Roll and reports for the Diocese.

You do not need to be a member of the PCC to take on this role.

Please speak to Duncan, Ruth or Louise to find out more. You are also welcome to attend the next PCC meeting on Tuesday 8th October, with no pressure to take on the role.



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

St Leonard's - Janet Haskett on 01865 882488 or email 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.

St Andrews Christian Bookshop Witney is 30 years old!

To celebrate we are holding a Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday 26th October at 10.30am at Witney Congregational Church. We also have books and bibles at 30% off for the month of October in store.

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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