

## NEWSWIRE: 1st November 2024

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### *A message from Duncan*

As I write this, just before All Saints Day, I am enjoying the beauty and colour of autumn. It is the first time the air has had that crisp chill that makes a walk bracing and a warm homecoming welcome. As I was enjoying autumn air, and wondering what we are meant to learn about God from this season when I was reminded of the Feast of Tabernacles - (I know, I'm odd).

We thought about this last of the feasts in the Hebrew year at our Harvest services. When you hear 'tabernacle' just think 'tent'(Leviticus 23.33-44). For seven days the people of God were to live in tents, woodland bivouacs really as they had to make them from branches and leaves. It was celebrated well after the warmth of the summer had dissipated so it may have been a little chilly some years. They would certainly have been pleased when, on the eighth day, they stepped back into their more resilient, permanent homes. This, of course, was exactly the point. In their tents they remembered their wilderness wanderings following which they were established in the Promised Land. The feast was to help them remember God's works in the past, but also to look forward to the ultimate fulfilment of the promise in Christ. I wonder whether Paul was thinking of the Feast of Tabernacles when he describes our mortal bodies as 'tents' (2 Corinthians 5.1-5). They are vulnerable, impermanent and the weather increasingly gets in! But the hope we have in Christ is for *'our eternal house in heaven.'* What a contrast! What a hope.

The church of God got to embody this truth in the Old Testament. But we can too. Next time you step out of the cold into a warm home with solid walls and a damp

proof course, thank the Lord for our New Creation inheritance won by Christ and kept for us in heaven until just the right time.

And while we wait, pop on a scarf!

Duncan

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### Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
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 Peter's**

*Readings: Daniel 5; Luke 12:13-21*

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

*Readings: Daniel 5*



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 4th November**

**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 5th November**

**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 6th November**

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

## **Thursday 7th November**

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY - 10th November**

9.30am - Remembrance Sunday service at St Peter's

10am - Remembrance Sunday service at St Leonard's and livestreamed

4pm - Families@4 at St Leonard's

## **Looking further ahead**

**Shaped by the Word Daniel 7 Part 2 - Sunday 17th November** at **6.30pm** in **St Leonard's** church (see below)

**The funeral of the late Robert Bruce Wells** will be held at **St Peter's** church in Cassington at **11am** on **20th November**.

**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!

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# **SHAPED BY THE WORD**

# **DANIEL**

***An evening exploring Daniel 7 together: PART TWO***

**Sunday 17th November**  
**6.30pm, St Leonard's Church**

  
**DANIEL**

## SHAPED BY THE WORD: Daniel and chapter 7 - PART 2!!!

Our first 'Shaped by the Word' evening was great fun (from my perspective) and I hope helpful for those who came. Unfortunately the recording did not work so if you wanted to catch up please find:

- [NOTES here](#)
- [SLIDES here](#)

However, we only got halfway through the chapter so we will be having **PART TWO on SUNDAY 17th NOV at 6.30pm**. So do come along for an interactive experience with opportunities for discussion and questions, finishing no later than 7.30pm. As always, the evening will be much better if you are there!

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### Children and Families Worker - Maternity Cover

With Rabea starting her maternity leave in the New Year, we are advertising for a temporary Children and Families Worker to provide maternity cover next year. You will find the job advert on [this link](#). Do share with anyone you think may be interested in applying, and please keep praying for our children and families ministry at this time.



**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](mailto:gillsinfield@uwclub.net) or Duncan.

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### Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Christmas Hampers

As in previous years we would like to give each of our clients a special hamper of Christmas extras. These clients are working with CAP to clear their debts, and they cannot afford some of the extra Christmas luxuries many of us take for granted.

Following feedback from both clients and donors, we would like to slightly change

the make-up of this year's hampers. Whilst we would still like them to include some luxury Christmas food and treats, we feel it would be appropriate to reduce the amount of day to day food items, and replace them with a gift voucher(s) from local shops to enable the clients to choose something for themselves that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

In order to give us time to match donors to clients, if you would like to provide a hamper this year, please [let me know](#) no later than **10 November, but preferably before**. We would like to have all hampers ready for delivery by 12 December, to give us time to get them out to the clients.

I know that many people enjoy joining in this venture each year. It always brings a lot of joy to our clients and is a wonderful expression of God's love and provision.

Please contact me if you have any questions and I will do my best to answer them. Kind regards. *Alan Thornton*

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The next **Woodstock Deanery Synod meeting** will be held at St Leonard's on Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm. Refreshments are served before the meeting from 7pm. If you are able to help with preparing and serving refreshments please speak to Margaret Thornton or contact the Church Office. Thank you.

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Please continue to pray for **Jo Murrell** as she returns to Bournemouth on Sunday to teach a group preparing to serve God with Wycliffe Bible Translators. In preparation for their ministry in multi-cultural teams, they will be learning about cross-cultural teamwork next week, and teaching adults the following week. Knowing how to deliver effective training is an essential skill for Wycliffe members, as they seek to pass on their knowledge to others.

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**Paul** is thankful to God that his visa to return to the Central African Republic came through in plenty of time for him to travel TOMORROW (Sat Nov 2nd). Please pray for safe travel for Paul and a quick readjustment to life in CAR. During this trip he will be working with the Bhogongo team to improve their writing system and start learning about its grammar.

## **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.

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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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