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A message from Duncan

It's been a big week for the US.

It's been a big week for the world.

In fact it's been a big year. The biggest number of democratic elections ever.

So where is the world after this year celebrating liberal democracy?

Mmmm. Not sure.

One thing that some are beginning to say is that politics, it seems, is unlikely to deliver the change that people long for. In fact, it's not been good for those in political power. Most have been thrown out in the vain hope that someone else will do a better job. However, we are now realising that the one we've voted for is likely to soon let us down as well. It is only a matter of time. The world is simply too complex, and, quite frankly, it seems no one is quite sure what the best next step looks like. Politicians may make bold promises but it seems they will be unable to keep their promises. Politics is not the solution.

And as we move into a weekend when we will remember those who have given their lives in times of conflict, we have to admit that war doesn't deliver the life we desire either. The lessons of history teach us that any hard won peace merely sows the seeds of future discontent and war. We see that truth worked out in this very moment of history.

You will not be surprised that I am about to say that only Jesus can deliver the outcomes we long for. I do believe it, but sometimes I am with the psalmist in praying: '*How long?*' It is not easy to be patient; to remain expectant that we will one day beat swords into ploughshares.

That's where you come in: to keep me going, and for me to keep you going. It's not easy to keep the faith on our own. But there will be a time when Christ will bring all wars, warring factions and polarisations to an end. And on that day the world will acknowledge with joy Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

*Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Peace be with you all,

Duncan

Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 - Remembrance Sunday Service at St Peter's

Readings: Micah 4:1-5; Matthew 5:1-10

10am - Remembrance Sunday Service at St Leonard's and live streamed on [this link](#)

Readings: Micah 4:1-4; Matthew 13:31-35

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 11th 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 12th 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 13th November

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 17th November

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

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

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

Looking further ahead

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!

Christmas Tree Festival at St Leonard's - Friday 29th November to Sunday 1st December

The funeral of the late Margaret Collier will be held at **St Peter's** church in Cassington on **Monday 2nd December** (time to be confirmed)

Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal - Many thanks to all those in both Cassington and Eynsham who kindly filled shoe boxes with Christmas gifts to send to children and adults in Eastern European countries. Your generosity is much appreciated and will bring a smile to those less fortunate than ourselves.

SHAPED BY THE WORD

DANIEL

An evening exploring Daniel 7 together: PART TWO

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



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!

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.



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"No smoke without fire" - Big Apple Baroque invites you to a **chamber concert** of warming, sparkling and entrancing music by **J.S. Bach**

Friday 22 November 2024 at 7.30 pm

St Leonard's Parish Church, Eynsham

Donations in aid of Tear Fund



Eynsham Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to announce that this year's Christmas Tree Festival will take place inside St. Leonard's Church on Nov 29th - Dec 1st. The festival begins at 5pm on Friday evening and will close at 8pm on Sunday evening, when the village lights will be turned on. As before a "Pop up" cafe will be provided, alongside a Christmas activity for children, from

10am to 12am on the Saturday.

For three days the church will be filled with sparkling Christmas trees, each sponsored and decorated by a family, school, uniformed organisation, village group or somebody who just loves Christmas! If you would like to provide a tree there is still time to get involved, please contact Laura Churchyard, youth.stleonards@gmail.com, for details.

This year's festival theme is "O Holy Night", offering lots of choice of stars, angels, wise travellers and much more. There will be a vote taken for the people's favourite tree, which will be announced at our service the following day. The event is free with the option to donate towards the Eynsham Larder, which provides food for village members struggling in our current times.

Christmas Tree Festival - Volunteers Needed!

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival is making its return this year, and we are on the hunt for some volunteers!

The Church will be open:

Friday 29th November: 5-8pm

Saturday 30th November: 10am-12pm

Sunday 1st Dec: 5-8pm

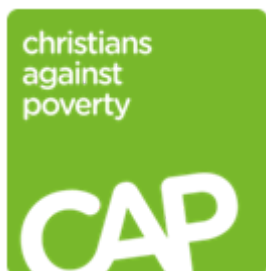
On Friday and Saturday we would love it if anyone is able to volunteer to run the votes table! [Simply making sure everyone only votes once!]

And on Sunday, we are looking for volunteers to be around to chat & lock up after the event at 8pm!

If you think that you might be able to volunteer an hour, or two, or more(!) please don't hesitate to get in touch with Laura, in person, on email or on the phone!

Thanks in advance!

Laura youth.stleonards@gmail.com / 07539747237



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*

After a safe arrival last Sunday, **Paul** and his colleagues have been working with three new translation teams on the analysis of their sound systems. The goal of the workshop is not only to discover how these languages work at a word and sentence level but also to help the translators really master their writing system. There will be lots of practical writing exercises as well as discussions and even some story telling! Pray that there are some important discoveries and that nothing gets missed as

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they continue working together.

Meanwhile **Jo** is on week three of the course she is teaching at Moorlands College. This week they have been learning how they can be healthy team members, and what else they need to bear in mind when working in multi-cultural teams. It's going well, the students are engaged and are having some great discussions in class.

Thanks for praying!

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.

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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