

NEWSWIRE: 6th December 2024



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A message from Duncan

HILLS of the NORTH, REJOICE!

“In Christ shall all be made anew, His word is sure, his promise true.”

The first time I sang this Advent carol was at a funeral. (If you don't know the carol you can [listen to it here](#)). It was a wonderful choice because of the confident hope that rings out in every line; a hope that the hymn makes clear is rooted in Christ alone who *“brings a never-ending light, who triumphed o'er our darkest night.”* And this hope is one that is directed not only to the hills of the north, but to the Isles of the Southern seas, the Lands of the East, and the shores of the utmost West. All corners of this world are to hear that *“in Christ all shall be made anew”*, and are invited to join the song of proclamation. It reminds me of Psalm 96 where creation itself explodes into joy and song at the prospect of the coming of the Lord who will, at last, be one who *“rules the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth” (v13)*. It is a day we long for. It is a hope we invite others to enter into. It is altogether joy, joy, joy! It is our Advent hope for tomorrow that transforms our today.

Duncan

This reflection was from St Leonard's and St Peter's Advent Devotions for today. If you would like to receive daily reflections by email during the remainder please contact Margaret Thornton (margaret@2cp.uk).

Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Luke 2.13-14; Philippians 4.4-8

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

Readings: Luke 2:1-15; Philippians 4:4 - 8



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

Readings: Luke 2.13-14; Philippians 4.4-8

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

4pm - Carols in the Square

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th December

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 December

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 11th November

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

Bartholomew School Carol Service at **6pm** in **St Leonard's**

Saturday 14th December

Christmas around the World - Saturday 14th December 5pm - 7pm in **St Leonard's Church Hall** (see below)

NEXT SUNDAY - 15th December

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

5pm - Carols by Candlelight at St Peter's

Looking further ahead

Carols Services

St Peter's - Sunday 15th December at 5pm

St Leonard's - Sunday 22nd December at 7pm



Scout's Carol Service at St Leonard's at 6pm on Monday 16th December

The funeral of the late Bill Bryant will be held at **St Leonard's church** at **1pm** on **Thursday 19th December**.

Eynsham Choral Society concert, Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm in St Leonard's Church. It will be a Christmas concert with music by Respighi, Vaughan Williams, Berlioz, and carols including audience participation. Tickets at £15 available from DIY.

A massive thank you to all those who came and supported and helped at **Tuesday Fellowship** last week. I really felt the Lord was with us making it a very joyous and happy occasion for us all. Thank you! Angela Parks



SHAPED BY THE WORD

DANIEL

An evening exploring Daniel 7 together: PART TWO

SHAPED BY THE WORD: Daniel and chapter 7

Our second 'Shaped by the Word' evening enabled us to conclude our time soaking in the teaching of Daniel. It has proved to be a book which is extremely helpful in understanding our posture as Christians in the 21st Century. The recording worked this time, so as well as notes and slides continuing on from last time there is also an audio recording if that is helpful.

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

We will continue to offer some 'Shaped by the Word' evenings which allow us to go a little deeper into the scriptures to become more familiar with the Way of Jesus giving him the opportunity to shape our lives. We will often track with our morning sermons but on some occasions look at something quite different. If you have anything you think it would be useful for us to explore together, please let me know.

Christmas around the World

Saturday 14th December, 5-7pm
St. Leonard's Church Hall (Thames Street)



Come and experience Christmas from all over the world!
An event for the whole family to celebrate Eynsham's
cultural diversity through food, craft, music and community.
If you are able, bring a dish from your home country
and wear typical clothing.

For more information please contact Rabea:
slpfamilies@gmail.com

"Christmas around the World"

We would like to be able to offer home made mince pies at Christmas around the World. If you are able to bake mince Rabea would really love to hear from you. Thank you! (email: slpfamilies@gmail.com)

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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