

NEWSWIRE: 13th December 2024



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A message from Duncan

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the power of his word.

Hebrews 1.3

Of The Father's Heart Begotten

The writer of our carol for today puts his camera in wide angle and invites us to gaze in wonder at the mystery of the incarnation from the perspective of cosmic history. You can [listen to it here](#). He reminds us that the one who “*assumed this mortal body*” was also the one who “*by his word was all created*”; the Fountain of Life from which “*all that is and hath been flows*”.

Imagine it - everything! All maths and biology, music and humour, chemistry and astrophysics, volcanoes and the water cycle: it all comes from the imagination of the mind of Christ, spoken into existence at the beckoning of the Father, and by the Holy Spirit. He is the same one who becomes “*frail and feeble*” so “*that the race from dust created might not perish utterly*”. No wonder there is a need to call on the heights of heaven, angels and archangels, and countless voices to sing his praise.

And this morning we have the opportunity to join them in that song.

Duncan

This reflection was from St Leonard's and St Peter's Advent Devotions for Friday 12th December.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

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

Readings: Luke 2:10-11; Matthew 2:9-11; I John 1:1-4



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

5pm - Carols by candlelight at St Peter's

NEXT WEEK

Monday 16th 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**.

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

Tuesday 17th December

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

Wednesday 18th November

Warm Welcome Wednesday from 10.30am to midday in **St Leonard's** church. This is the last Warm Welcome Wednesday of the year. We meet next on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Thursday 19th December

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 22nd December

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

Please note - coffee and croissants served before the service at 10am

5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's

7pm - Carol Service at St Leonard's

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve



3pm - Crib Service at St Peter's

5pm - Crib Service at St Leonard's

11.15pm - Holy Communion at St Peter's

11.30pm - Holy Communion at St Leonard's



Christmas Day



8.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Christmas Celebration Service at St Peter's

10am - Christmas Celebration Service at St Leonard's

Help needed please for the Sunday coffee team at St Leonard's! We are looking for new team members to serve refreshments after the Sunday morning service. We particularly need help on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of every month, starting from January. If you are interested in being part of this vital ministry please do message Angela for further details. Thank you.
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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



Big Apple Baroque invites you to...

Engrave this day (in marble and iron)

a.k.a

Save the Date

30th of December 2024

7.30 pm St Leonard's Church, Eynsham

A concert of Christmas festive music – Bach at his brassiest and Kuhnau at his most compelling

J.S. Bach - Cantata for Christmas Day Christen, ätzet diesen tag BWV 63

Johan Kuhnau – Magnificat

Donations in aid of Tear Fund

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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