

NEWSWIRE: 20th December 2024



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A message from Duncan

*When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked,
"Who is this?"
Matthew 22.10*

What Child is this?

Jesus kept people guessing throughout his life. He seemed to defy all attempts to categorise or pigeon-hole him. His life transcended our regular preconceptions and left people asking, "Who is this?" Our carol today picks up on this theme and presents us with stark contrasts: a babe who is King of kings lying *in such mean estate*; an infant asleep on his mother's lap, of whom we are told *nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you*; and one before whom peasants and royalty are alike - both owe him their allegiance. The challenge is not to resolve these, and the many other contrasts Jesus presents us with in his life, but hold them in tension. Rather than put Jesus in a box in order to contain him, thus ensuring our lives remain undisturbed, we are instead offered an invitation: *Let loving hearts enthrone him*. As we worship at the manger this Christmas we say with bewildered awe: What Child is this?

Listen to the carol [here](#).

This reflection was from St. Leonard's & St. Peter's Advent Devotions for today.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

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

Readings: Isaiah 9:2.6-7; Luke 1:26-38



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

Please note - Coffee and croissants will be served **before** the service at **10am**.

5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter's

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-9; Luke 2:4-20

7pm - Carol Service at St Leonard's and live streamed on [this link](#)

NEXT WEEK

Monday 23rd December

Bump to One meet on **Mondays** from **10.30am** to **midday** in **St Leonard's**
This is the last Bump to One of the year. We will be back on Monday 13th January 2025.

Christmas Eve



3pm - Crib Service at St Peter's

5pm - Crib Service at St Leonard's (see below)

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 and
livestreamed on [this link](#).

NEXT SUNDAY - 29th December

10.30am - Benefice Morning Worship at St Leonard's and livestreamed on [this link](#).

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Tony Willesden will take place at **St Leonard's church** at **1.30pm** on **Friday 10th January**.

Do come and join Eynsham Morris leading **carols in the Square at 4.45pm on Christmas Eve**. The carol singing will be followed by the Crib Service in church.

Urgent 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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St. Peter's were delighted to receive a new advent altar frontal donated by friends of St Peters in time for their candlelit carol service last Sunday.



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.

The church office will be closed from 2pm on Christmas Eve until 9am on Thursday 2nd January 2025. Newswire will also be back in the New Year.

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