

## NEWSWIRE: 7th February 2025

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### *A message from Margaret*

Last week we finally waved goodbye to January, and this year it definitely seemed longer, duller and wetter than usual - or was that just me? Then I heard on the radio that February is apparently the least favourite month of the year. Really?

I have to confess that what I like most about February is the feeling of hope renewed - the anticipation and promise that Spring is on its way. It may still be bleak and cold outside but look carefully and nature is already waking up from winter. Birds sing, catkins wave in the breeze and snowdrops and crocuses open regardless of the wind and rain. Of course, I'm impatient for March for warmer days to get out in my garden but even these first small signs lift my spirits.

The concept of seasons not only underpins the whole of creation but our spiritual lives as well. God designed us to be seasonal beings. So there are times when our lives are full and blessed, like a lovely Summer's day and other times when relationships and activities are ending and our lives seem like Autumn, the light departing whether we choose it or not. The hardest times can seem like Winter, when it's hard to feel God's presence, friends seem far away and when we just want to curl up and hibernate. Finally, there is Spring, the season of hope. Green shoots and new life are on the horizon and we long to be part of something new.

Which season of life are you in just now? Sometimes just recognising the season you are in, accepting it and understanding that all seasons do change, can help as we navigate our relationship with God.

*Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.*

*<sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons;  
he deposes kings and raises up others.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.*  
Daniel 2:20-21

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## **Collect for the fourth Sunday before Lent**

O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
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**

**9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's**

*Readings: Colossians 1:3-14; Luke 5:1-11*

**9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's**

*Readings: Mark 1:29-39; Luke 5:1-11*

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

*Readings: Colossians 1:3-14; Luke 5:1-11*

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 10th February

**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.**

**The funeral of the late Ann Godfrey will be held at St Leonard's church at 1.30pm on Monday 10th February.**

### Tuesday 11th February

**Mum's Bible Study** meets on **Tuesday** mornings (term time) from **10 - 11.30am**. Please contact Jo Shaw for more details. Email: [jollypops@gmail.com](mailto:jollypops@gmail.com)

**Tinies and Toddlers** meet on **Tuesdays** (term time) from **1.30pm - 3pm** in **Cassington Village Hall**.

### Wednesday 12th February

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

## NEXT SUNDAY - 16th February

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

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

## Looking further ahead

**Lent Course** - We will be following the 24-7 Prayer course II "Unanswered Prayer" during Lent this year. You can find out more information about the course on [this link](#).

## Youth Weekend Away: 14th - 16th March

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Cassington - Sunday 23rd March

Eynsham - Sunday 6th April

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**Electoral Rolls** - Every parish holds an electoral roll, which is the Anglican way of recording church membership. This year we are required to produce **new** electoral rolls for both Cassington and Eynsham parishes. If you wish to be included on the Electoral Roll you **must** complete a form. You can do this easily online, by clicking the link below. If you are on the current electoral roll, we will

also be contacting you directly in the coming weeks with reminders.

[Cassington Electoral Roll Form](#)

[Eynsham Electoral Roll Form](#)



## Church Hall Cleaner

2 hours per week

We are looking to appoint a cleaner for 2 hours per week to clean the Church Hall on Thames Street in Eynsham. The role will involve cleaning the hall, kitchen and toilets, and emptying the bins. The successful candidate will be reliable and able to work to a high standard without close supervision. Previous experience of commercial cleaning would be beneficial. There needs to be flexibility as to when the work is completed, depending on hall bookings, and either Monday or Friday within the hours of 1pm to 4pm is suggested but other times are available.

Pay - £12.60 per hour

To apply, please complete and return an [application form](#) to Louise Parker, Church Administrator [stleonards\\_stpeters@btconnect.com](mailto:stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com)

Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

The post is subject to Church of England Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance; and to acceptable pre-employment checks including the satisfactory outcome of a basic DBS criminal records check; and to evidence of entitlement to work in the UK.

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## Meal support for Rabea and Romu Meango

As many of you may know the lovely Meango family have recently added beautiful Lena to their number. To help them through the first few weeks we'd love to offer them a few weeks of meals so they can concentrate on cuddles and sleeping, as well as the odd school run! If you are able to help out with this support please can you click on the following [link](#) and sign up to a day when you would be able to pop a meal their way. All the info you need should be available on the site that the link will take you to, including how many you are feeding and

foods they are unable to eat. If you have any difficulty navigating it then please do [message me directly](#) and I'll do what I can to make it easy for you. Thank you for considering supporting them in this way. Every blessing. Carmen xx

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**Jane Hiles** - a member of our Church family is now living in Freeland Care home. She is feeling lonely and would really love a visit. She would also like to come to Church occasionally - is there anyone who could offer to bring her? For more details speak to June Middleton or Janel Haskett.

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**Dave Russell** has recently moved to Oxenford House care home on Glebe Road in Cumnor. He would welcome visitors. Please speak to Alex for more information.

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## St Leonard's PCC priorities 2025

Following the St Leonard's PCC Away morning in October, PCC priorities for 2025 have been established. You can find out about them [on this link](#), or pick up a paper copy of the leaflet in church.

**YOUTH AT ST LEONARD'S**

**THIS WEEK**

9.2.25: Contemporary Morning Worship  
*No Sunday Morning Youth*  
10.2.25: Cell Group @ Clover Place  
12.2.25: Cell Group @ The Bitterall  
13.2.25: Cell Group @ The Vicarage

**COMING UP**

16.2.25: Sunday Morning Youth @ The Vicarage  
W/B: 17.2.25: No Cell Groups - Half Term  
23.2.25: ALL IN Service - *No Sunday Morning Youth*

**WEEKLY CELL GROUPS**  
Cell Groups run weekly on a  
Monday (year 10+11)  
Wednesday (year 7,8+9)  
Thursday (year 12+13)

*Cell Groups run during term-time from 7-8.30pm*  
Further dates are available on the  
St Leonard's Website.

**SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH**  
Sunday Morning Youth runs  
on the 1st and 3rd Sunday  
of the month during our  
10.30am service.

For more information please contact Laura: [youth.stleonards@gmail.com](mailto:youth.stleonards@gmail.com)



# CAN YOU HELP?

DO YOU HAVE A  
JOY FOR ARTS  
AND CRAFTS?



*Families@4 runs on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4pm, and we are looking for someone to come and help our team with some craft preparation! If you feel as though you might be able to help us, if that's all, or some, or even if it's just a one-off, please get in touch with Laura in the Church Office!*

**Feb 9th**

**March 9th**

**Maundy Thursday - April 17th**

**May 11th**

**June 8th**





# JOURNEY INTO LIFE

reflections through art for easter week

I know Easter is a while off but this notice needs a bit of forethought and time. Last year we used a Church of England 'Stations of the Cross' resource as a tool to meditate on the person and work of Christ, accessible for anyone who visited the church during the Easter period. I know there are a number of keen artists, of different disciplines, in our churches and villages and so I wondered whether we could produce the art ourselves, making the reflective journey much more local and meaningful. Anyone who loves making art from our churches or artist friends in our communities could get involved in producing a piece. I have prepared the [concept document which you can download here](#) and then share with others you might think will be interested. It includes the stations we can include. Eventually you might [sign up for one of the stations here](#), but do get in touch with me if you are at all interested in the idea and getting involved. *You may even be up for helping with the coordination of the project? Pretty please!* If there is the appetite for this I think it could be an exciting and special project enabling us to share the amazing Jesus with others. *Duncan*

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## Please pray for:

- Dave following his recent move to a care home.
- 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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*Church Office - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am – 1pm*

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*Revd Duncan Fraser: 07810 324088 (Day off – Friday)*