

St Leonard's Church Newsletter

December 2017/January 2018



Our vision for St Leonard's:
***"To be a Christian presence in the community,
embodying God's love in all we say and do."***

Another Christmas, another year ends and a new one begins. Another chance to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God with us, as one of us. Of course, we don't know the exact day and date of Jesus' birth, but the church has chosen this time of year as the time to celebrate it.

And there will be many opportunities to celebrate. Our carol service is on Sunday 17th December, starting at 6pm. St Leonard's School choir will be joining us. There will also be a time of remembrance for loved ones who have died, particularly those who've passed away during the last year.

On Christmas Eve, which is a Sunday, the 10am service will be a short said Eucharist. Then everyone is invited to join with other churches in Banbury in an ecumenical carol service in the Market Place at 11am.

Later, in church, we have our crib service at 4pm—a retelling of the Christmas story for young and old. Children are invited to dress up as nativity characters and join in. Midnight Mass starts at 11.30pm and, on Christmas morning, we have our Christmas Day family communion at 10am.

I wish you all a blessed, joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a happy and peaceful new year.

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Vicar



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What's On in December (here at St Leonard's unless otherwise specified)

- Sat 1 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Explore Together** Bible study
- Sun 3 10am Eucharist
- Mon 4 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
2.15 and 2.45pm Christingle assemblies at **St Leonard's School**
- Tue 5 10am Art Group
12.45pm Meeting with the ladies at **The Sunrise Multicultural Project**
- Wed 6 10am Eucharist
3pm **Advent study group** meets in **the Vicarage**
- Fri 8 2pm Whist Drive
- Sat 9 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
- Sun 10 10am Eucharist
4pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Mon 11 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
2pm Dashwood Academy Christmas service
- Wed 13 10am Eucharist
2pm St Leonard's School Christmas service
3pm **Advent study group** meets in **the Vicarage**
- Sat 16 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
- Sun 17 10am Eucharist
6pm **Carol Service**
- Mon 18 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 19 6.30pm The choir sings carols at **The Ridings**
- Wed 20 10am Eucharist
3pm **Advent study group** meets in **the Vicarage**
- Fri 22 2pm Whist Drive
- Sat 23 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
- Sun 24 10am Eucharist (said)
11am Ecumenical service in the Market Place. All are invited.
4pm Crib service
11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Mon 25 10am Christmas Day Family Communion
- Wed 27 **NO Communion service today**
- Sat 30 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30 Coffee
- Sun 31 10am Eucharist

Church Hall Bookings: Please call into church on any Saturday morning between 10.30 and 11.30am

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Wed 3	10am Eucharist 6pm Grimsbury Community Association meeting at the Community Hall
Fri 5	2pm Whist Drive
Sat 6	10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee 11am Explore Together Bible study
Sun 7	Epiphany: 10am Eucharist
Mon 8	11.30am Lenny's Monday Club 7.30pm Seeking the Spirit service
Tue 9	10am Art Group
Wed 10	10am Eucharist
Sat 13	10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
Sun 14	10am Eucharist
Mon 15	11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
Tue 16	10am Art Group
Wed 17	10am Eucharist
Fri 19	2pm Whist Drive
Sat 20	10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee 6pm An evening of music and dance with Gospel Bell Collective
Sun 21	10am Eucharist
Mon 22	11.30am Lenny's Monday Club 7.30pm Seeking the Spirit service
Tue 23	10am Art Group
Wed 24	10am Eucharist
Sat 27	10am Morning Prayer; 10.30 Coffee
Sun 28	10am Eucharist 12.30pm Baptism
Mon 29	11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
Tue 30	10am Art Group
Wed 31	10am Eucharist

*Choir practice is usually every Tuesday at 7.30pm.
Revd Sue's usual day off is Friday.*

Our local schools are:



st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk



**Dashwood Banbury
Academy**
an Aspirations Academy

www.aatdashwood.org

Sunday Rota

	Dec 3 <i>Mk 13:24-37</i>	Dec 10 <i>Mark 1:1-8</i>	Dec 17 <i>Jn 1:6-8,19-28</i>	Dec 24 Midnight <i>John 1:1-14</i>	Dec 25 <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	Dec 31 <i>Luke 2:15-21</i>
First Reading	Priscila: Isaiah 64:1-9 Ps 80:1-8,18-20	Tim: Isaiah 40:1-11 Ps 85:1-2,8-13	Charles B: Is 61:1-4,8-11 Magnificat	Pat S: Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Pat P: Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Geraldine: Is 61:10 – 62:3 Psalm 148
Second Reading	John: 1 Cor 1:3-9	Charles B: 2 Pet 3:8-15a	Margaret: 1 Thess 5:16-24	Sue A: Heb 1:1-4	Charles B: Titus 2:11-14	Tim: Gal 4:4-7
Prayers	Pat P	Priscilla	Pat S	Rev Sue	John	Pat P
MC	Jerry	Liz	Jerry	Liz	Jerry	Liz
Chalice	Liz & Jerry	Joan & Jennie	Charles B & Jerry	Liz & Tim	Joan & Jennie	Charles B & Pat S
Sides persons	Ivy & Shirley	Jerry & Mark	Joan & Jennie	Ivy & Shirley	Jerry & Mark	Joan & Jennie
Coffee	Sheila	Olyvia	Liz	n/a	n/a	Charles & Jan

Deddington Deanery Intercessions

3 Dec: For the gift of repentance and forgiveness. That we may forgive others, and ourselves. For nations, communities, and families divided; for reconciliation.

10 Dec: All Carol Services, and Christingles, over the coming days and weeks. That we may have the right welcome, the right word, to reach out to more people to tell them the Good News of Jesus' love and the real meaning of Christmas.

17 Dec: That we may find a moment of peace and stillness amidst the chaos of Christmas preparations.

24 Dec: Peace; in our hearts and lives, our families, our churches. Love; for all the people we serve. Joy; in God's love, a love we want to share.

31 Dec: That we may end 2017 with relationships, and finances in good fettle, and look forward to 2018 with hope and excitement. We pray for all those who are sent to proclaim the Good News and for ourselves as we try to live as Christians.

Please pray for the sick and those who've asked for prayer:

Marion Lewis, Dacian and Lorena, Fr Roger Bellamy, Ivy and Terry Foulsham, Vince Garas, Alex Cripps, Joan Newman, Vince Spittle, Marlene Dargan, Steve Lewis, Andy Ford, Sharon Sampson.

There will be no newsletter in January. Deadline for February newsletter is 19th January. Please send any items to Revd Sue.