

St Leonard's Church Newsletter

March 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."***

Our APCM (Annual Church meeting) will take place on Sunday 18th March, after our morning service, at approximately 11.30am. This is your chance to hear what's been happening over the last 12 months and to have your say about what will happen in the future. Everyone is welcome to attend. All those on the electoral roll will be able to vote but everyone can make their voice heard.

Two churchwardens have to be elected each year. The present churchwardens are eligible to stand again but we can take further nominations. And we also need to elect two PCC members each year. Please consider whether you'd be able to take on any of these roles. All the paperwork is at the back of church but if you need further information, please speak to me.

Meanwhile, we continue our Lenten journey, looking forward to Easter and the coming of spring. Lent should be a time of spiritual growth, leaving behind old, not so good, habits and cultivating better ones, including prayer and Bible study. If you haven't joined our Lent study group yet, it's not too late. Just come along to the Vicarage on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm.

On Palm Sunday, we'll join with the congregation at West Street Methodist Church for the blessing of palms at 10am, and then process to St Leonard's for our Eucharist. During Holy Week, we plan to keep the church open each day from 10am to 4pm for prayer and reflection. Children from St Leonard's School will be coming in during the week. We do need stewards and people just to be around whilst the church is open. Let me know if you can help.

Sue Burchell, Vicar

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

- Thu 1 7.15pm Deanery Synod meeting at **Great Bourton**
- Fri 2 2pm Whist Drive
- Sat 3 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Explore Together** Bible study
- Sun 4 10am Eucharist
- Mon 5 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 6 10am Art Group
- Wed 7 10am Eucharist
2pm Lent study group meets in **the Vicarage**
6pm Grimsbury Community Association meeting at the
Community Hall
- Sat 10 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
- Sun 11 10am Eucharist
- Mon 12 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
7.30pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Tue 13 10am Art Group
12.45pm Meeting with the ladies at the **Sunrise Multicultural Project**
- Wed 14 10am Eucharist
2pm Lent study group meets in **the Vicarage**
- Fri 16 2pm Whist Drive
- Sat 17 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
- Sun 18 10am Eucharist
11.30am **APCM**
- Mon 19 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 20 10am Art Group
- Wed 21 10am Eucharist
2pm Lent study group meets in **the Vicarage**
- Sat 24 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
- Sun 25 **Palm Sunday** 10am Meet at **West Street Chapel** for the blessing of palms and then process to St Leonard's for the Eucharist
- Mon 26 10am St Leonard's School Year 4 in church
11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
1.30pm St Leonard's School Year 5 in church
7.30pm Seeking the Spirit service

Deadline for April newsletter is 19th March. Please send any items to Revd Sue.

Tue 27 10am St Leonard's School Year 3 in church
 1.30pm St Leonard's School Year 6 in church

Wed 28 2pm St Leonard's School Year 2 Easter service

Thu 29 **Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Eucharist with foot-washing

Fri 30 **Good Friday** 12 noon All-age Stations of the Cross
 2pm Meditation on the Passion

Sun 1 April **Easter Day** 10am Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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

Important Date for your diary:

Our Annual Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 18th March after the morning service. Please see the noticeboard for information regarding proposing 2 PCC members and 2 churchwardens. Please come along to the meeting to have your say about what we do as a church.

Palm Sunday 25th March:

We will start our Palm Sunday at West Street Methodist Church at 10am for the blessing of palms and then process to St Leonard's for our Eucharist service. Those who don't wish to process can meet us at St Leonard's at about 10.15am.

Holy Week: Monday 26th to Friday 30th March:

We will be keeping the church open during the day, from 10am to 4pm, for prayer and reflection. Children from St Leonard's School will be coming into church for prayer activities on the Monday and Tuesday.

St. Leonard's Christian after school club

Sue A is still looking for helpers for our after-school Christian club at St. Leonards School on a Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm.

Church Hall

Is in use every Wednesday evening and every Saturday afternoon (term time only)

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

Hall Manager needed

We need someone to take bookings for the church hall, keep the diary up to date, and arrange access for the hirers. Please let Revd Sue know if you can help.

Our local schools are:



st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk

and



Dashwood Banbury Academy
 an Aspirations Academy

www.aatdashwood.org

Sunday Rota

	Mar 4 <i>John 2:13-22</i>	Mar 11 <i>John 3:14-21</i>	Mar 18 <i>John 12:20-33</i>	Mar 25 <i>Mark 14:1-15:end</i>
First Reading	Pat S: Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19	Geraldine: Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-9	Priscilla: Jerem 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13	Pat P: Phil 2:5-11
Second Reading	Ella: 1 Cor 1:18-25	Margaret: Eph 2:1-10	Tim: Heb 5:5-10	n/a
Prayers	Rev Sue	Pat S	Geraldine	Priscilla
MC	Liz	Jerry	Liz	Jerry
Chalice	Tim & Pat S	Charles B & Jerry	Liz & Tim	Charles B & Pat S
Sides persons	Joan & Jennie	Ivy & Shirley	Jerry & Mark	Joan & Jennie
Coffee	Sheila	Charles & Jan	Liz	Olyvia

Please pray for the sick and those who've asked for prayer: Marion Lewis, Dacian and Lorena, Fr Roger Bellamy, Terry Foulsham, Vince Garas, Alex Cripps, Joan Newman, Steve Lewis, Andy Ford, Sharon Sampson, Daniel Fry, Rodd Bankier, Donna Baker, Roy Paginton, Caroline Molloy.

Deddington Deanery Intercessions

4th Mar: For all retired clergy whose ministry among us is so precious and valued; Christopher Hall, John Whitwell, Michael Campling, Barbara Doubtfire, Henry Ormerod, Tom Moffatt, David Pym, Bishop James, Graham Osgood, Olwen and John Smith, Christine Turner

11th Mar: St. Leonard's Banbury: Sue Burchell, and Henry Ormerod who assists here. Good relations with the Mosque and the Muslim community. The work with local schools. For the work of environmental groups; the stewardship role of the church in God's creation. Those who keep the streets clean, and take away our rubbish and recycling.

18th Mar: For the work of food retailers, especially small community shops. For ethical behaviour on the part of large supermarket chains. For the Farmers' Markets and local Farm Shops. For those who deliver milk and food to rural communities

25th Mar: Our observance of Holy Week and The Chrism Mass on Thursday. Our cathedral, the clergy, volunteers, and musicians there. For World Peace. For all around the world denied their basic human rights. All who are persecuted for their faith. Those who are discriminated against because of their race, religion, colour, sexuality, or ethnicity.