

St Leonard's Church Newsletter

September 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."***

I had a very good sabbatical during May, June and July. I spent a lot of time travelling around the Diocese of Oxford, talking to clergy and parishioners about their view of the significance of having a vicar living in the parish. This is about more than how nice it is to have a vicar living in the parish. It's about the theological and pastoral significance of it. Most people said that it is about the vicar representing God, and the church, in the community in which they were set. It's also about the vicar knowing the people, being known, and being visible in the community. If you have anything that you would like to add, please let me know!

Now I'm back at work, the children are returning to school and autumn approaches. We're getting ready to celebrate our Harvest Festival, when we thank God for the wonder for creation and the fruitfulness of the earth. And we pray for all farmers and all those who produce our food. St Leonard's School will again be joining us for the celebration on Sunday 16th September. Come and join us—everyone is welcome.

Sue Burchell
Vicar

Harvest Festival



**St Leonard's Church, Middleton Road
Sunday 16th September 2018 10am**

Please bring along fruit and vegetables
(We are also collecting tinned and dried goods for
Banbury Foodbank)

Followed by coffee and cake

All welcome

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

- Sat 1 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Explore Together** Bible study
- Sun 2 10am Eucharist
- Mon 3 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Wed 5 10am Eucharist
- Sat 8 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
10.30am to 3pm **Imaginative Spirituality** workshop—see advert
2pm **Table Top Sale** in aid of church at **Grimsbury Community Hall**
- Sun 9 10am Eucharist
12.30pm Baptism
4pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Mon 10 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
2pm Ministry Team meets in the **Vicarage**
- Tue 11 10am Art Group
- Wed 12 10am Eucharist
7pm PCC meets in the **Vicarage**
- Sat 15 10am Morning Prayer
10.30am Coffee
- Sun 16 10am Harvest Festival Eucharist
- Mon 17 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 18 10am Art Group
- Wed 19 10am Eucharist
- Sat 22 10am Morning Prayer
10.30am Coffee
- Sun 23 10am Eucharist
4pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Mon 24 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 25 10am Art Group
12.45pm Meeting in church with the ladies from the Sunrise Multicultural Project
- Wed 26 10am Eucharist
- Thu 27 Start of **Friendship First** course at **St Francis' Church** – see advert
- Sat 29 10am Morning Prayer
10.30am Coffee
- Sun 30 10am Eucharist

Choir practice is usually every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

The deadline for the October newsletter is 23rd September. Please send any items to Revd Sue.

TableTop Sale
at Grimsbury
Community Hall



Saturday 8th September
2pm to 5pm
In aid of St Leonard's Church

Our local schools are:



st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk

and



**Dashwood Banbury
Academy**
an Aspirations Academy

www.aatdashwood.org

**Imaginative Spirituality:
Reframing Worship for a Changing
World**

Imaginative Spirituality is an interactive day aimed at inspiring a fresh look and new ideas to fuel prayer and spirituality which connects and resonates with the changing world around us.

The day will be led by Andy Freeman of Space to Breathe (www.spacetobreathe.eu) a community interest company which works in a number of different contexts encouraging spiritual practice and engagement.

Andy has 15 years experience of working with 24-7 Prayer, is a lay pioneer working in Sheffield and for six years worked with the Church Mission Society's Pioneer Course in Oxford.

Saturday 8th September

10.30am to 3pm

St Hugh's Banbury

Ruskin Rd, Banbury OX16 9HU

A simple lunch will be provided

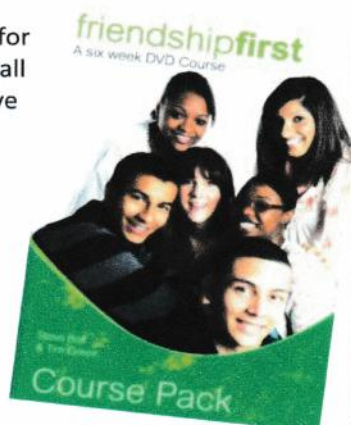
There is no charge for the day

To book contact Anita Smith 01295 369021

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This **six session course** is for believing Christians from all walks of life. It aims to give them:

- **A positive attitude** towards their Muslim neighbours in Britain
- **Relevant knowledge** about Islam and Muslim Cultures
- **Sufficient skills** to make a start in personal friendship



Thursdays 7.30-9 p.m.
Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18
and Nov. 1 & 8 at
St. Francis' Church,
Highlands, Banbury
OX16 1FA

Only £5 per person
Book your place with
Richard Cook @
cookingwok@gmail.com or
07436071328



Church Hall is in regular use every Wednesday evening and every Saturday afternoon (term time only)

Bookings: Please contact Gemma on 07856 278797 or email saintleonardsbanbury@gmail.com

Sunday Rota

	2nd Sept <i>Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23</i>	9th Sept <i>Mark 7:24-37</i>	16th Sept <i>Matt 6:25-33</i>	23rd Sept <i>Mark 9:30-37</i>	30th Sept <i>Mark 9:38-50</i>
First Reading	Priscilla: Deut 4:1-2,6-9; Psalm 15	Charles: Isaiah 35:4-7 Psalm 146	n/a	Geraldine: Jer 11:18-20 Psalm 54	Charles: Num 11:4-29 Ps 19:7-14
Second Reading	Pat S: James 1:17-27	Sue A: James 2:1-17	School: Joel 2:21-27	Margaret: James 3:13-4:3,7-8	Tim: James 5:13-20
Prayers	Geraldine	Henry	Rev Sue	Pat S	Priscilla
MC	Liz	Jerry	Liz	Liz	Jerry
Chalice	Charles & Liz	Pat S & Jerry	Joan & Jennie	Liz & Tim	Pat S & Jerry
Sides persons	Jerry & Mark	Joan & Jennie	Ivy & Shirley	Jerry & Mark	Joan & Jennie
Coffee	Liz	Charles & Jan	Olyvia	Sheila	Liz

Please pray for the sick and those who've asked for prayer: Marion, Steve, Laura, Rod, Flora, Irene, Joanna, Daniel.

Please note that, owing to the latest Data Protection guidelines, we are unable to include a person's surname unless they have specifically given their permission.

Deddington Deanery Intercessions

2nd Sept: Those returning to school in the coming days. Pupils new to school or who have moved school. All teachers, and governors. The Church Schools of our diocese and Deanery.

9th Sept: For all who are called to be evangelists. For our eagerness and ability to "tell our faith story". All mission and outreach courses starting this autumn.

16th Sept: Those preparing to start College or University specially those leaving home for the first time. For parents learning to live in an "empty nest". For University Chaplains and all groups supporting our young people away from home.

23rd Sept: All charities and relief agencies regularly supported by our congregations. Link churches in this country and abroad. The Disasters Emergency Committee.

30th Sept: The General Synod. The Diocesan Synod.