

St Leonard's Church Newsletter

May 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."

Over the last few weeks, we've been reflecting on the Easter story and the effect Jesus' resurrection had on his disciples. We've read about Jesus appearing to his disciples and spending time with them, preparing them for his final departure, which we celebrate on Ascension Day, Thursday 10th May.

Just before he left, Jesus told his disciples to go and wait in Jerusalem until they were "clothed with power from on high". This power is the Holy Spirit, received by the disciples at Pentecost. The Church celebrates this on 20th May and it is sometimes known as the 'birthday' of the Church.

In 2016, the Church initiated a global wave of prayer called Thy Kingdom Come, which runs from Ascension to Pentecost. Christians around the world are invited to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Banbury Christians Together are supporting this by having 11 days of 24/7 prayer at the Salvation Army. See inside for more information. Do try to go along for a short time.

This will be the last newsletter until September. On 30th April, I start a three-month sabbatical. During the three months, I will take a short holiday and spend the rest of the time travelling around the Diocese of Oxford, interviewing vicars and parishioners about their view of the significance of having a vicar actually living in the parish. I will let you know how I get on!

Services and events will carry on as normal during this time. **Whilst I am away, the churchwardens will be in charge. So please contact them about any church or pastoral issues.**

Sue Burchell, Vicar

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

- Wed 2 10am Eucharist
- Sat 5 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Explore Together** Bible study
- Sun 6 10am Eucharist
- Tue 8 10am Art Group
- Wed 9 **NO EUCHARIST TODAY**
12.30pm **Christian-Muslim ladies' lunch** at **Park Road Mosque**
Contact Emma Ives 07775 733010 emmaives@hotmail.co.uk if you'd like to attend.
- Thu 10 **Ascension Day** 10am Eucharist
7pm Thy Kingdom Come starts: launch of 24/7 prayer at the **Salvation Army**
- Sat 12 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
10am to 4pm **Deanery Quiet Day** at **Tadmarton**. Booking essential by 4th May. Contact reverendronald1954@gmail.com
- Sun 13 10am Eucharist
- Mon 14 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
7.30pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Tue 15 10am Art Group
- Wed 16 10am Eucharist
- Fri 18 1pm Wedding
- Sat 19 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
6.30pm Music and dance with the **Gospel Bell Collective**
- Sun 20 10am Eucharist
11am onwards **Banbury Friendship Festival**—see advert
5pm Thy Kingdom Come ends: closing service at **Salvation Army**
- Mon 21 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 22 10am Art Group
- Wed 23 10am Eucharist
- Sat 26 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
- Sun 27 10am Eucharist
2pm Renewal of Wedding Vows
- Mon 28 7.30pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Wed 30 10am Eucharist
- Sat 2 Jun 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Explore Together** Bible study
- Sun 3 Jun 10am Eucharist

Choir practice is usually every Tuesday at 7.30pm.



24-7
PRAYER

BANBURY CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

10TH – 20TH MAY 2018

LAUNCH EVENT:
7pm Thursday 10th May

VENUE:
The Salvation Army Hall
66 George Street OX16 5BH

CONCLUDING CELEBRATION:
5pm Sunday 20th May
(including bring-and-share tea)

MORE INFO:
01295 262 449 or
xander.coleman@salvationarmy.org.uk

**St Leonard's
Church**
Flower Festival
Saturday 30th June
2pm to 5pm



Flower displays and
crafts, sale of plants
and cakes, cream teas
and more ...

Our local schools are:



st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk

and



**Dashwood Banbury
Academy**
an Aspirations Academy

www.aatdashwood.org

Banbury Friendship Festival Sunday 20th May

- 7.30am Early morning walk in Spiceball Park followed by breakfast in Community Garden
- 11am onwards Activities in Cornhill Centre and Market Place
- 11.30am Parade of butterflies from Market Place to Community Garden
- 12 noon Shared lunch in Community Garden
- 2pm History walk, starting in Market Place
- 4pm Mosque tour at Merton Street Mosque
- 5pm Quiet time at Friends Meeting House
- 5.30pm Presentation of awards for writing competition (Cornhill)
- 6.30pm Singing together in Cornhill Centre

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

Revd Sue will be on sabbatical/study leave from 30 April until 30 July. Visiting priests will cover our Sunday (and most other) services during this time. There will be no newsletters from June to August inclusive. Please send any items for the September newsletter to Revd Sue by 19th August.

Sunday Rota

	May 6 <i>John 15:9-17</i>	May 13 <i>John 17:6-19</i>	May 20 <i>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</i>	May 27 <i>John 3:1-17</i>
First Reading	Charles B: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98	Tim: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1	Charles B: Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:26-37	Pat S: Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29
Second Reading	Sue A: 1 John 5:1-6	Geraldine: 1 John 5:9-13	Pat S: Rom 8:22-27	Sue A: Rom 8:12-17
Prayers	Priscilla	Pat S	Geraldine	Priscilla
MC	Jerry	Liz	Liz	Jerry
Chalice	Charles B & Tim	Joan & Jennie	Liz & Pat S	Charles B & Jerry
Sides persons	Joan & Jennie	Ivy & Shirley	Jerry & Mark	Joan & Jennie
Coffee	Charles & Jan	Liz	Olyvia	Sheila

Please pray for the sick and those who've asked for prayer: Marion, Dacian, Lorena, Roger, Terry, Alex, Joan, Steve, Andy, Sharon, Daniel, Rodd, Donna, Roy,

Deddington Deanery Intercessions

6th May: Shire's Edge: Cropredy, Great Bourton, Wardington, Claydon and Mollington: Hilary Campbell, Lynda Alcock, Sue Upton, John Langridge.

Cropredy Methodist Chapel

13th May: St. Francis' Banbury: Chris Gaynor, Linda Spokes (URC) Richard Cook. For the ongoing gardening project with students and staff at NOA. NOA: the pupils, staff, governors and parents.

20th May: For the church world-wide and heaven-wide on this our Birthday For those confirmed within the past year, that they may walk in the Spirit. For those who show the gifts of the Spirit outside the formal religious life of church. For the Healing Ministry of the Church.

27th May: Adderbury with Milton: Stephen Fletcher. Prayers for our church building work and the integration of new members into the community. For those who work with the unemployed, particularly long term jobless. For all sources of employment, giving thanks for the work of OXIM and for all commercial and office workers.