

St Leonard's Church Newsletter

April/May 2019



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

Throughout Lent many of us have taken on the discipline of giving something up, or taking something on, attending the Lent study group, and preparing ourselves for Easter by focusing on God rather than material things. As I write, we are approaching Easter, looking forward to celebrating Jesus' resurrection, bringing new life to all.

It's been a busy time in church. We've had children from St Leonard's School in for Holy Week and Easter activities, even though they had to contend with building work. We're very pleased that the work has started on our new disabled toilet and kitchen. Some of us have taken on the Lent+ challenge to give something up for 12 weeks and give the money saved to the 'toilet and kitchen' fund. We still need to raise a few thousand pounds, so do think about how you might raise some money. When the work's complete, we'll be having a celebration, so keep your eye on our website.

On April 27th, the Saturday after Easter, we're hosting an event in conjunction with the Sunrise Multicultural Project. Some of us have been meeting with the ladies from there for many months now and we're holding an event to celebrate and share one another's music, food and culture. It's a free event and all are welcome. On 19th May, the third Banbury Friendship Festival takes place—another opportunity to build friendships and celebrate the diversity of cultures in the town.

It's really important to build relationships, with one another, and with God. Let's celebrate the relationship with God that Jesus makes possible, through his life, death and resurrection. May the blessings of the Easter season be with you all.



Sue Burchell, Vicar

Happy Easter!

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

Apr

- Mon 1 — Children from St Leonard's School in church exploring Holy Week
Wed 3 and Easter
Wed 3 10am Eucharist
Thu 4 2pm St Leonard's School Year 2 Easter service
Sat 6 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Explore Together:** Bible study
Sun 7 10am Eucharist
Mon 8 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
Tue 9 10am Art Group
2pm **Crafty Fun** for pre-school and primary-age children
Wed 10 10am Eucharist
Sat 13 10am Eucharist; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Play Together:** board games
Sun 14 10am Eucharist
4pm Seeking the Spirit service
Mon 15 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
Wed 17 10am Eucharist
Thu 18 **Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Eucharist and foot-washing
Fri 19 **Good Friday** 12.30pm Stations of the Cross
2pm Meditation on the Passion
Sat 20 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Create Together:** craft activities
Sun 21 **Easter Day** 10am Eucharist
Wed 24 NO SERVICE TODAY
Sat 27 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Jigsaw Together**
2pm **Multicultural Event**—see notice
Sun 28 10am Eucharist
4pm Seeking the Spirit service
Mon 29 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club

May

- Wed 1 10am Eucharist
2.30pm Ministry Team meeting in **the vicarage**
6.30pm Grimsbury Community Association AGM in the
Community Hall
Sat 4 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Explore Together:** Bible study
Sun 5 10am Eucharist
Tue 7 10am Art Group

*A prayer group meets every Monday afternoon at 2pm.
Choir practice is usually every Tuesday at 7.30pm.*

What's On cont'd

- Wed 8 10am Eucharist
- Thu 9 7pm PCC meeting in **the vicarage**
- Sat 11 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Play Together**: board games
- Sun 12 10am Eucharist
4pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Mon 13 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 14 10am Art Group
- Wed 15 10am Eucharist
- Sat 18 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Create Together**: craft activities
- Sun 19 10am Eucharist
11am to 4pm **Banbury Friendship Festival** in **Bridge Street Community Garden**
- Mon 20 11.30am Lenny's Monday Club
- Tue 21 10am Art Group
- Wed 22 10am Eucharist
- Sat 25 10am Morning Prayer; 10.30am Coffee
11am **Jigsaw Together**
- Sun 26 10am Eucharist
4pm Seeking the Spirit service
- Tue 28 10am Art Group
- Wed 29 10am Eucharist



Fun Afternoon

Share food, music and culture

Saturday 27th April 2.00pm – 4.00pm

At St Leonard's Church, Middleton Road

Tea & cakes and samosa & pakora



Craft activities

Singing



Everyone welcome

Our local schools are:



st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk

and



Dashwood Banbury Academy
an Aspirations Academy

www.aatdashwood.org

Church Hall Bookings:

Please call 07856 278797 or email saintleonardsbanbury@gmail.com or call into church any Saturday morning between 10.30 and 11.30

Sunday Rota—April

	7 April <i>John 12:1-8</i>	14 April Palm Sunday <i>Luke 23:1-49</i>	21 April Easter Sunday <i>Luke 24:1-12</i>	28 April <i>John 20:19-31</i>
First Reading	Geraldine: Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126	n/a	n/a	Priscilla: Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150
Second Reading	Margaret: Phil 3:4b-14	Tim: Phil 2:5-11	Charles: Acts 10:34-43	Sue A: Rev 1:4-8
Prayers	Henry	Rev Sue	Geraldine	Pat P
MC	Alison	Jerry	Liz	Alison
Chalice	Joan & Jennie	Charles & Jerry	Pat S & Tim	Charles & Liz
Sides persons	Jerry & Mark	Joan & Jennie	Ivy & Shirley	Jerry & Mark
Coffee	Liz	Charles & Jan	Sheila	Olyvia

Deddington Deanery Intercessions

7th Apr: Bloxham, Milcombe and South Newington: Dale Gingrich. Michael Howard, Michael Campling, Tom Moffatt. For the benefice work with children and young families. Messy Church, After school church club, Boys Brigade, BYG. Schools in the Warriner MAT.

14th Apr: Our observance of Holy Week and The Chrism Mass on Thursday Our cathedral, the clergy, volunteers, and musicians. Relations between Cathedral and College. For World Peace. For those around the world denied basic human rights. All who are persecuted for their faith. Those who are discriminated against because of their race, religion, colour, sexuality, or ethnicity

21st Apr: For Resurrection joy in our hearts, our homes and our worship.

28th Apr: For the People's Church: the Baptist church (Bloxham) and the Salvation Army: the Methodist circuit; Free Evangelical Church: Southam Road Evangelical Church; Community Church; Jubilee Church all their Pastors, Ministers, Superintendents and Preachers. For all who seek public office, for our local MPs and Local and County Councillors.

Please pray for the sick and those who've asked for prayer: Marion, Steve, Laura, Daniel, Donna, Justin, Vince, Judy, Mike, Nita, Doreen, Sandra, Nicky.

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.

The deadline for the June newsletter is 20th May. Please send any items to Revd Sue.