

Services this week:

Sunday 13th July - 4th Sunday after Trinity

**No service at St Leonard's - 10.15am at St Michael's
Followed by Bring & Share Lunch with Andy Bissex**



Readings this week:

Amos 7.7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37

Readings next week - 5th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 8.1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-end

Service bell ringing is before a service on 1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30-10.00am

Forthcoming services in church:

Sunday 20 th July	10.00am	Family Communion - Phil Goodey
Sunday 27 th July	9.00am	Breakfast Church - TBC
Sunday 3 rd August	10.00am	Holy Communion - Liz Griffiths
Sunday 10 th August	10.00am	Morning Worship - Paul Morris
Sunday 17 th August	10.00am	Family Communion - Mike Dilly
Sunday 24 th August	9.00am	Breakfast Church - TBC
Sunday 31 st August	10.00am	Morning Worship - Phil Goodey

Forthcoming Events

Baby & Toddler Morning Wednesday 16th July 10-11.30am in church.
Coffee/Book Sale Saturday 19th July 10am-12pm in church.
World & Community Prayers Monday 21st July 10-10.30am in church.
Lego Club Saturday 2nd August 9.30-11am in church.
Men's Breakfast Club Saturday 9th August 9am in the Village Shop.

Bell ringing practice every Friday from 6-7pm in church.



**The church is open for private prayer on
Tuesday and Thursday between 9am and 3pm**



Articles for the Bulletin



If you have any news or notices for the Bulletin, please email: stleonardsbulletin@gmail.com by 5pm on Friday.



St Leonard's Broad Blunsdon

Sunday 13th July 2025



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The Heart of Neighborliness: Lessons from Luke 10




The parable of the Good Samaritan, found in Luke 10:25-37, carries a simple lesson in kindness; it offers a reflection on the very essence of neighbourliness.

When asked "Who is my neighbour?", Jesus masterfully shifts the focus from identifying who qualifies for our love to demonstrating what it means to be a good neighbour.

It's a call to active, compassionate engagement, urging us to look beyond societal divisions, personal inconvenience, or preconceived notions, and instead, to respond with mercy to anyone in need.

The Samaritan, an outcast in Jewish society, embodies this radical love, reminding us that true neighbourliness is not defined by a shared identity, but by a heart moved to action, willing to cross boundaries and offer sacrificial care.

Paul Morris

<p>Our Parish Prayer</p> <p>Father God, thank you for our parish and its people. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our faith may grow. Help us to see you in everyone we meet and fill our lives with your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>Please Remember In Your Prayers</p> <p>all those who are sick or troubled, praying especially for healing and comfort for those known to us and all who are supporting these people in their difficult times. Please pray especially for:</p> <p><i>Jean Emerson, Pam Morgan, Heather Armitage, Barbara Carlson.</i></p> <p>Please also pray for our broken world, and for God's mercy to bring healing and hope to every corner of creation.</p>
<p>Prayer for the week</p> <p>Gracious God, Forgive us, Lord, when we pass by those in need, whether due to fear, busyness, or prejudice. Fill us with compassion and empower us to show mercy, offer practical help, and be a true neighbor to all, especially those who are hurting, marginalized, or forgotten. Amen.</p>	<p>Collections:If you would like to make a deposit towards the upkeep of the church the account is:</p> <p>Parochial Church Council Blunsdon St Leonard's Church</p> <p>Sort Code: 30-98-41</p> <p>Account: 00323358</p> <p>Gift Aid forms are available. Payments can also be made on the pay station in church.</p>
<p>Parish of St Leonard, Broad Blunsdon - who to contact</p> <p>Administration/General Enquiries:</p> <p>St Michael's Church Office (open 10am-12pm Tues-Fri) Vicarage Lane, Highworth Tel 01793-762702 or email office@stmichaelshighworth.co.uk</p> <p>Ministry Enquiries:</p> <p>Rector: Rev Phil Goodey 01793-677281 (day off Friday)</p> <p>Churchwardens: Helen Griffiths griff9999@btinternet.com Paul Morris 07976-961501 paulwmorris777@gmail.com</p> <p>Lay Readers: Kathryn Dack 01793-700727, Paul Morris</p> <p>Website: www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk</p> <p> Facebook: St Leonard's Church Blunsdon https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572291022888</p> <p> Instagram: @stleonardsblunsdon https://www.instagram.com/stleonardsblunsdon/</p> <p> Find out more about our church and services/events at https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11846/</p>	

<p>St Leonard's News</p> <p><u>Reordering Update</u></p> <p>We have asked for an update and have been advised that all we can do is wait to hear from the Chancellor. The first we hear may be the decision, or there may be several additional questions ahead of a decision. The time for a Chancellor to decide a case is ultimately undetermined and can vary. Given the size of the plans and application, and the comments from consulting bodies, it is envisaged this application may take a while for the Chancellor to consider. Looking at a project with a similar scope that is currently ongoing, they have been waiting for just over a month for a decision now with no indication when a decision may be made. In the interim, much smaller applications have been granted within a couple of weeks. We have been advised to envisage at least a month's period of determination. The Reordering Committee will be reconvening soon to start planning next steps.</p> <p><u>Fundraising Concert Saturday 5th July</u></p> <p>Last Saturday's really well attended concert raised £705 for the Reordering Project. Thank you to all who so generously supported this wonderful event.</p> <p><u>Free funding for our churches with Easyfundraising</u></p> <p>If you shop online, please look at joining Easyfundraising to raise funds for the Reordering Project simply by shopping via the portal or smartphone app. In the app, search for "St Leonard's - Blunsdon" as the cause being supported. See the following link for more details, or speak with Paul Morris.</p> <p>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-leonards-church-blunsdon</p> <p><u>Hot Water in Church Kitchen/Toilet</u></p> <p>It seems that there has been a view that we should not be using the water heater in the kitchen & toilet but it was not clear why. We have inspected and there is no reason not to use the heater which is switched on via the large red switch in the kitchen. The heater works like an electric shower and only heats the water when a hot tap is running and so there is no real wasted energy. If you are using the church and need hot water simply switch the heater on and the water will be hot. Please switch off when not in use.</p>
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