

For regular updates about services and events at St Leonard's please visit <https://stleonardsgu.wordpress.com/> where you can subscribe to receive email updates.



During this month we will be introducing a new card reader to the church. The PCC has decided, for a trial period, not to collect the offering during services once the card reader is installed, as fewer people now bring cash. There will be an offering bowl, alongside the card reader near the Font for those who still wish to give using cash.

We will be experimenting with where the card reader is placed and we welcome comments during the next few months about this.

To give regularly to St Leonard's please use the Parish Giving Scheme which you will find at www.tinyurl.com/GivetoStL

WHAT DO
YOU CALL
AN OLD
SNOWMAN?
WATER.



Thank you to the WI for an amazing display at the church and through the village to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Hours of hard work very much appreciated!



Thanks to *The Swan* for donating the proceeds of November's *Race Night* to **Leonard's Larder**. A truly great total and a fun night was had by all.

Praying for a new Team Rector

Pray for good use of the talents and energy of all of us as we work through the interregnum

Pray that God will be calling the person He has chosen for our Team, at the time of writing we are waiting to see if there are any applicants for interview in January.



Notice Sheet

Advent & Christmas

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Services at St Leonard's

Sunday 7th December - 9:30am	Morning Prayer for Advent
Sunday 14th December - 4pm	Christingle Family Service
Sunday 21st December - 10am	Team Communion Service at St Leonard's
Sunday 21st December - 3pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve 24th December - 6pm	Crib Service
Christmas Day 25th December - 9:30am	Christmas Morning Service (not Communion)

Communion Services elsewhere in Claydon & Swan Team

Christmas Eve 24th December - 11:30pm	Midnight Communion Service at St Michael's, Steeple Claydon
Christmas Day 25th December - 10am	Team Communion Service at St Mary's, Marsh Gibbon
Sunday 28th December - 10am	Team Communion Service at St Michael's, Steeple Claydon

One Church - Ten Locations

Other events in Grendon this month involving St Leonard's

Saturday 6th December - 2pm	Christmas Fayre at Village Hall
Friday 19th December - 7pm	Carols and Christmas songs at The Swan

ADVENT 2025

Advent is a time for quiet reflection and spiritual preparation, not the mad dash it has become in our lifetimes. Try to spend quality time each day reflecting on what it is we are preparing for - the Coming of the Lord Jesus!

Week One – Hope

Prayer for the week: Almighty God, grant us the grace to hope in you with unwavering trust. As we begin this season of Advent, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promises are true. Amen.

Reading for the week: God will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord. *Isaiah 2 verses 4 and 5*

Week Two – Peace

Prayer for the week: Prince of Peace, in a world filled with turmoil, grant us the tranquility that only your peace can bring. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our relationships and communities. Amen.

Reading for the week: Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. *Isaiah 9 verses 5 to 7*



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5 verses 22,23

Read the passage every day for the week. Ask God to show you what He wants you to hear each day. Pray that you will be guided by God's Word to you.

Week Three – Joy

Prayer for the week: Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing your love. May we rejoice in the good news of salvation and share that joy with others during this season of Advent. Amen.

Reading for the week: Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

Romans 14 verses 16 to 18

'Look, he is coming with the clouds,' and 'every eye will see him, even those who pierced him'; and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of him.' So shall it be! Amen. *Revelation 1 verse 7*

Week Four – Love

Prayer for the week: God of love, as we approach the celebration of the birth of your Son, help us to embody the love that He brought into the world. Teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

Reading for the week: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13 verses 4 to 8