

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 16th August

Cafe Worship - 9.15am with breakfast pastries served from 8.45am
Morning Worship - 11.15am

Tuesday 18th August

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm

Wednesday 19th August

Messy Crafts with iSingPop, 10am - 1pm
BCP Communion, 10am
Places of Welcone, 10am - 11.30am
Open Church, 10am - 12pm

Thursdsy 20th August

Wedding Preparation at St Leonard's,
6pm - 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd August

Holy Matrimony - 12.30pm

Sunday 23rd August

Family Worship - 9.15am
Healing Eucharist - 11.15am

Refreshments are served after both services in The Ark. Please do stay afterwards for friendship and conversation.

Bags of Hope – Saturday 22 August

On Saturday 22 August, 10am–4pm, people from across our twelve churches will come together at the Mission Hub, 6 New Walk, Kingfisher Centre for Bags of Hope – sharing God's love in a practical way and helping local children begin the new school year with dignity, confidence and hope.

A huge thank you to everyone across our churches who has already donated backpacks, stationery and financial gifts. Together with a £1,500 grant from the West Midlands Racial Justice Initiative, your generosity means we can reach even more local families. We still welcome new backpacks, stationery, refillable water bottles and lunch boxes.

Could you join us for an hour – or even half an hour – on the day? Every person who helps becomes part of a wonderful shared effort: our churches serving side by side and showing God's love at work across Redditch.

To volunteer, please contact Elaine Whitfield.

Together, we can put hope in every backpack.



ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Sunday 16th August

Here, everyone is welcome, valued, and loved by God and each other as we explore faith and prayer together

WELCOME TO ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Whether this be your first time or hundredth time at St Laurence, you are very welcome.

We hope that in this time of worship you encounter and know the peace and love of God. If you would like further information about the worship, life and ministry of St Laurence or anything else, any member of our congregation will be happy to chat with you.

Summer Fun at St Laurence

There's Still Time to Join Us!

There's still plenty of summer fun to enjoy at St Leonard's Church, Beoley over the next two weeks!

Wednesday 19 August | 11.00am–1.00pm

- Messy Crafts with iSingPOP – Enjoy creative crafts, songs, dancing, snacks and lots of fun for all ages.

Monday 24 August | 11.00am–1.00pm

- Paddington 2, Crafts & Lunch – Join us for the much-loved family film, followed by lunch, crafts and activities inspired by Paddington's adventures.

All events are completely FREE, with food and refreshments provided.

Everyone is welcome, come along and bring a friend!

We'd love to see you.



Bible Readings

Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32
page 1137 in Pew Bible

Matthew 15: 10-28
page 982 in Pew Bible

The Collect Prayer

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom, and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Psalm 133

**Refrain: Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other**

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is ♦
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, ♦
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, ♦
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon ♦
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: ♦
even life for evermore.

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the area of church life you would like to
support and follow the instructions on the
link. Many thanks for your support



Organ Fund



General Fund



Churchyard Fund

St Laurence Church - Wider Mission Group
invites you to a special service

*Where is God
in the **workplace?***

Workplace Chaplaincy
with **Faith at Work**
Worcestershire

**Sunday
30th August** **10:30am**

— Discover faith in everyday work life —

Faith at Work
in Worcestershire
Christian care in the economy

Informative displays and simple lunch available after the service.

Dear friends
Rev Terry and Jodie Palmer invite
the congregations of our parish to
"Shrub & Grub" at the curates
house.
Bring a garden plant and choose a
where to plant it.
Enjoy the BBQ food as a thank you



Sunday 30th and Monday 31st August. 6
Shirebrook Drive, Redditch B98 9FY. See the
sign up sheet to RSVP