

Happenings in the Parishes

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Coffee Morning	Thursday 13 August	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Elevenses in the Church	Wednesday 2 September	11.00am to Noon	St. Michael's Church, Eggington
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 3 September	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Seasonal Lunch	Saturday 5 September	12.30pm to 2.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall

Parish Office

The Parish Office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 12:00noon. Please contact: stleonardheath@gmail.com or 07502 320025.

St. Leonard's Church

The church is open for private prayer, reflection or simple quiet time on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.45am to 12.15pm.

On-line Services

Please search for St. Leonard's Church Heath & Reach on YouTube.

Zoom Link for Services and Morning Prayer on Mondays to Thursdays:

zoom.us/j/88357471337 Meeting ID: 883 5747 1337

Zoom Link for Morning Prayer on Fridays only:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72201121604?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72201121604?pwd=bTRNLzNFdmtaWGJ0cnI0QUZjTWRYdz09)
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Sunday 9 August 2026: 10th Sunday after Trinity

St. Nicholas' Parish Communion 9.30am

St. Leonard's Parish Communion 11.00am

All Welcome

Collect:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For your prayers:

- Those who are unwell:
St Leonard's: Christopher Fenwick;
Bob Osborn; John Oxley; Audrey Payne
- PCC Secretary
- Tamar Walk, Heath and Reach;
Clifford Close, Hockliffe; Church Walk, Eggington
- LGL: Making new disciples: *For all who encourage us in our faith.*

St. Leonard's Hymns (AMNS)

247 I Heard The Voice Of Jesus
245 Jesus These Eyes
356 Father Lord Of All Creation
260 And Now O Father
272 O God Unseen
343 Be Thou My Vision

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If you would like someone to be remembered, please could you complete the list on the notice board in the porch at St. Leonard's and hand in your envelope to a Church Warden.

Readings for 9 August:

1 Kings 19.9-18
Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22-33

Readings for 16 August:

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15.[10-20], 21-28



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For Reflection: A letter from Bishop Andrew

Dear Friends

Greetings from Wiltshire! Rebecca and I are still here, in our final preparations for removal to St Albans, deep in decisions about books, bedding, and the many maddening items we must decide whether to keep or discard. Our Lord's instruction that 'one's life does not consist in the abundance of worldly possessions' feels like an important reminder, as we cram them precariously into the vans that will shortly shuttle up the M4.

We are so ready to be with you, I might say. In these weeks since my Confirmation of Election as your new bishop, I have been getting ready in various ways – one of which has been reading John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. I remember the story from a parish weekend in Knebworth fifty years ago, when we painted pictures and acted out scenes from the tale – Vanity Fair, the Slough of Despond, and so on. Only recently did I learn how many of Bunyan's locations were drawn, naturally enough, from the Bedfordshire landscape he knew by heart, around Elstow Abbey, where he was Christened.

I love the idea of grounding our route to heaven in the places we know on earth, which fills our ordinary world with potential for encounter with God. This was Jacob's realisation in the desert, back into the mists of Old Testament history, when he awakes from a dream to exclaim 'God is in this place, and I knew it not'. Thereafter, not only does he know God better, but he knows the place better, too: naming it 'Bethel' – the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

Wherever you are today while reading this, my prayer is that you will find the Lord God to be there too: calling you – like Christian, Bunyan's traveller – towards the heavenly city. We are greatly looking forward to joining you on that journey and hope to see many of you in St Albans Cathedral in September, for my installation service. Until then, please know I pray for you and hopefully we'll fit everything useful into the van, and leave the needless things.....behind! God bless you.

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Elevenises in the Church

The next one is on Wednesday 2 September at St. Michael's Church, Eggington from 11.00am.

St. Leonard's Coffee Mornings

The next one is on Thursday 13 August at 10.00am to 12:00noon in St. Leonard's Church Hall.

Wine Tasting Evening

This is on Friday 30 October at 7.30pm in St. Leonard's Church Hall and is inspired by the World Cup - Argentina versus Spain. Tickets are £21.00 per person which covers twelve wines to try and the supper. This enjoyable evening is very popular so do book early to avoid disappointment. For tickets, please contact David Duckworth: 07796 171829 or rackingdave@hotmail.com

Seasonal Lunch

The next one is on Saturday 5 September from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in St. Leonard's Church Hall. For more details and to book places, please contact the Parish Office: 07502 320025 or stleonardheath@gmail.com

Tea and Cake Afternoons

The next one is on Wednesday 23 September from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St. Leonard's Church Hall. Please note there is no Tea and Cake Afternoon in August.

Services in the Churches

Morning Prayer:

9.00am via Zoom (please see back page for recurring link)

Tuesday Evening Service:

St Leonard's 7.00pm Holy Communion [on Zoom too]

Sunday Services:

St Leonard's	8.00am*	Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday)
St. Leonard's	11.00am	Family Service (1st Sunday)
St Leonard's	11.00am	Parish Communion (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday)
St. Michael's	9.30am	Parish Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday)
St. Nicholas'	9.30am	Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sunday)

There will be a Joint Service on the 5th Sunday of the month.

*8.00am Holy Communion at St. Leonard's: Sunday 16 August 2026.

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