

This week at St Leonard's

Sunday 6th September

Informal Worship - 9.15am

Holy Communion - 11.15am

Monday 7th September

Craft & Chat - 10am - 12 midday

Xmas Market meeting - 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday 9th September

Stitch Craft - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 10th September

Bell ringing practice - 7.30pm

Sunday 13th September

Informal Communion - 9.15am

Morning Worship 11.15am

Holy Baptism - 1pm

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ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

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

WELCOME TO ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

Whether this be your first time or hundredth time at St Leonard's, 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 Leonard's or anything else, any member of our congregation will be happy to chat with you.

Bible Readings:

Romans 13: 8-end

page 1140 in Pew Bible

Matthew 18: 15-20

page 985 in Pew Bible

The Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTIES

We are now resuming work on the churchyard on Saturdays, 9.00am to 12.00 Noon. If you can join us you will be very welcome, even if it is only for 1/2hr or 1hr.

These are the dates when we will meet:-

12th September, 26th September, 10th October,

24th October, 7th November (Remembrance Sunday weekend)

We need to keep the churchyard tidy, for ourselves and visitors. I look forward to seeing you.

Ros Prentice

Thought for the week.

There is something gentle about the arrival of September.

The heat of summer begins to soften. Mornings carry a little more freshness, evenings arrive a little earlier, and the first leaves quietly begin their journey from green to gold. Before long, children return to school, holidays become memories, and familiar routines slowly re-emerge. The changing seasons remind us that life is not static. There are times for sowing and harvesting, for resting and working, for beginnings and endings. The Church lives by this rhythm too. As one season gives way to another, we are reminded that faith is not a single moment but a lifelong journey, shaped by changing circumstances and held together by the unchanging love of God.

In this Sunday's reading from Romans, Paul writes, "Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 13:10). Seasons may change, our lives may take unexpected turns, but this calling remains constant. Wherever we find ourselves, we are invited to become people whose lives are marked by love, kindness, generosity and grace. Perhaps September offers us a gentle opportunity to pause. Before the busyness of autumn gathers pace, we might ask ourselves: What is God inviting me into in this new season? Is there a friendship to nurture, a neighbour to notice, a new way to serve, or simply a deeper trust in God's presence?

The beauty of the changing seasons is that they remind us God is always making something new. As summer gives way to autumn, may we step into the months ahead with hope, knowing that the One who has walked with us through every season of life will continue to lead us onward.

Revd Gail

Autumn Fun – Can You Help?

Following the success of our Summer Fun programme, we are excited to be offering three days of Autumn Fun during the October half-term, with films, crafts, food and activities for children and families from our community. To make these days possible, we need volunteers! Whether you can help for one session or all three, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Revd Gail if you would like to be involved.

On **Monday 28 September at 7.00pm** in the Tapestry Room, we will meet to review Summer Fun and begin planning the activities and crafts for Autumn Fun. This will also be an opportunity to look beyond October and share our hopes and ideas for the future as we think together about how we can grow our mission and ministry with children and families at St Leonard's and across our wider community.

Everyone with an interest in this is warmly invited to come along – you don't need to have been involved before.



Half Term Fun!
at St Leonard's Church

Tuesday 27th October
1pm – 4pm
Join us for *A Bug's Life*, a fun family adventure celebrating courage, community and working together, with a perfect autumn and harvest feel!

Wednesday 28th October
10am – 1pm
Come and join us for a fun, interactive storytelling session, where everyone can get involved as we hear stories and harvest and creation together.

Thursday 29th October
10am – 1pm
Join us for *The Lorax*, a colourful and funny family film about trees, friendship and learning to care for the world around us.

FREE fun for children & families!
Drop in and out as you like — no need to stay all day.
Movies, crafts, creative activities & free food and snacks.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Each day is standalone — come to one, two, or all three.

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