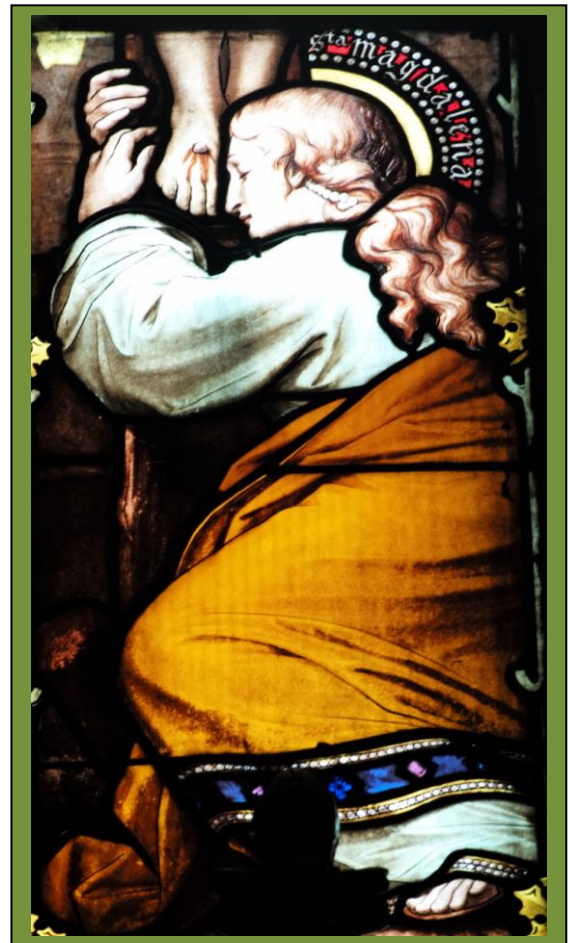


# Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

## St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



## St. Leonard's

Warmingham

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. *2 Corinthians 9:10-11*

**September 2023**

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### Parish Safeguarding Officer:

#### Vacancy at St Leonard's

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is the key link between the diocese and the parish, concerning safeguarding matters.

It is a positive leadership role supporting and providing direction to the parish in good safeguarding practice.

They will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy and practice.

**The role can be taken by one person, or the role shared.** Support is provided by the diocese.

If you would like more information or to discuss the role please speak to Rev Paul North.

England's Lionesses have been amazing. As someone who loves sport, it has been great to follow their progress over the last few seasons and especially over the last few weeks. What an amazing achievement. How sad it was for them that they lost the world cup final. All the hard work, all the hours and hours of training for just one goal to separate the teams. Sharing a pitch with a group who are celebrating wildly, watching their opponents collect their medals and lift the trophy, that must be difficult to do. After such effort and exhaustion, the emotions must be so painful.



Sport, and especially a final like that, can be so harsh. There is only one winning team, and in the world cup, 31 losing ones. 31, who history won't remember without a google search. And yet there is so much for the Lionesses and all the other teams to celebrate. There is so much to be thankful for.

While reflecting on the world cup, I was drawn to the writings of Saint Paul:

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

It's easy to rejoice when things are going well, it is easy to give thanks when you are winning in life, but we are encouraged to do this in all circumstances. How can we be full of joy when we have lost? How can we give thanks when the other team lifts the cup? Maybe, the key lies in the phrase 'pray continually'. Praying helps us to recognise how much God loves us, this means we can be full of joy because joy is not based on our circumstances but on God's love for us. In turn, this means we can give thanks whatever we are facing.

The Lionesses should be so proud of all they have achieved - it is amazing. They should have joy, and we should be thankful for their efforts. Today you might feel like you are winning or losing in life. Whatever you are going through, be encouraged to pray. In prayer you can hear God's love for you, in praying we can rejoice and be thankful.

If you want to think more about how faith and sport go together you could visit the website of Christians in Sport. <https://christiansinsport.org.uk>

## From our July Registers



### Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord's family*

St Leonard's

16th Florence Rosemary Corbett  
15th Cassian Michael Ray Coyne



### Weddings

*Bless these thy servants*

St Leonard's

15th Connor Michael Mchale &  
Nicole Louise Oliver



### Funerals

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

St. Peter's

25th Rosemary Hickson

## Prayer for September 2023

Dear Father in heaven,

September is a time of change, a change of season, changes in many areas of our lives as a new term begins and new opportunities present themselves. It can be a time of challenge and uncertainty for many of us as well as excitement. Thank you Lord, that You never change, Your promises never change, Your Holy-Spirit inspired Word never changes. You are constant and rock-solid, always.

Help us to remember that You make all things new when we put our trust in Jesus, You give us new life and new ways of understanding, but help us also to remember that You never contradict Your revealed self. Help us always to check out our thinking with what You say in Your Word. Help us to be faithful to You as we take each step forward, each new day.

In Jesus name, Amen

*By Daphne Kitching*

# Events at St Leonard's

## Treasurer needed at St Leonard's



The current Treasurer at St Leonard's Church is stepping down due to her work and family commitments, so we are looking for a volunteer to join the PCC and take on this valuable role.

Do you think you have the interest and skills to take on this important job? Please contact the Churchwardens to find out more.

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Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Church  
**Friday 6th October at 7pm**  
**Please bring donation for St Paul's Pantry**

Harvest Supper in Warmingham Village Hall  
**Friday 13th October**

**7pm for 7.15pm prompt start**

**£15 adults £10 children up to 12**

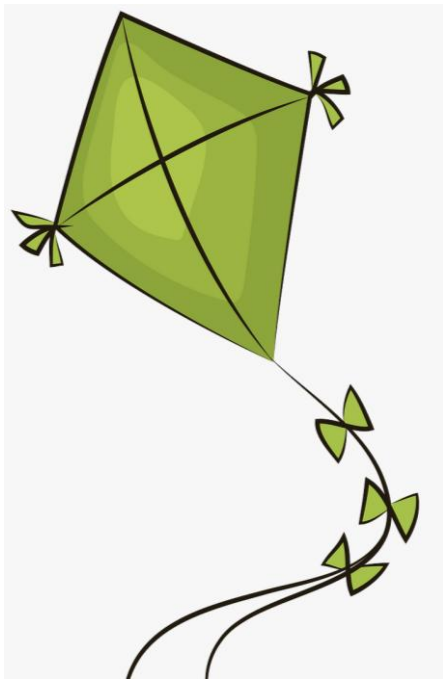
Book your place by signing the list in church  
or by contacting Janet Furber 01270 526393

St Leonard's PCC  
Meeting  
**Wednesday 27th  
September**  
7.30pm in Church



## Warmingham Home Group

The next meeting is on **Monday 25th September** at 2pm at the home of Jenny Sant. Please contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.



### Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: "I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied.

The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing."

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know, by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings, that though you can't see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!

## The divine Gardener



This is the time of year for many churches to hold their Harvest Festival services. No doubt, there will be displays of food, some grown in local gardens. While gardeners have pleasure growing fruit and vegetables, it can be hard work tending to them.

Jesus knew about the care given to vines. In John 15:1-8 Jesus compared Himself to a vine and referred to God as the gardener. In this parable, God is responsible for pruning the vine. He sees what parts are useful, and what parts useless. The unproductive parts are cut away, so that growth is encouraged. Jesus is telling us that God will prune our lives, not to harm us, but to encourage our spiritual growth.

God's pruning cuts away wrong attitudes and wasteful behaviour, all of which serve no useful purpose in our lives. This pruning is required so that we become more fruitful. And the fruit God wants is love, joy, patience etc. (see Galatians 5:22-23). These holy qualities are intended to influence the world to change it from the bad to all that is good.

To encourage its growth, a vine has regularly to be cut back. The effect looks drastic, but it is still essential. When God cuts away the dead wood in our lives, He does it because He knows how our lives can grow. The pruning knives are in the hands of our Father God who only desires the best for us. This pruning process can be painful, but Jesus says that it is vital if the Holy Spirit is to flow through us to produce the fruit that God wants.

Also in this parable, Jesus said He was the Vine, and we are the branches. We have no existence apart from Jesus. We can do nothing for God on our own and must be joined to Jesus. In the same way a vine utilises the life-giving sap to flow into the branches, so we need the Holy Spirit to flow His life into us. It is only by us remaining in Jesus, that He can give us the inner resources for an effective fruit-producing life.

Jesus said, '*Abide in Me*' (John 15:4 King James Version). Abiding speaks of sustenance, being upheld and supported, enduring and withstanding. So, if we are to reap a harvest of holiness, may we be prepared for God's pruning, and continue to abide in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

*Lester Amann*

# Cheshire Harvest

## Sunday 24 September

### Chester Cathedral

Harvest Festival Service

3.00 pm

Farming Roadshow outside the  
cathedral and displays in the cloisters  
throughout the day





## St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

Date	Times and services	Sides- persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning, once in the month
Sunday 3rd September The 13th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Morning Service	Mrs L Case	Sarah Richardson	Sarah, Kate, Helen
Sunday 10th September The 14th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Morning Service	Mr A Crank	Sue Moss	
Sunday 17th September The 15th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Family Communion 1.00pm Baptism 2.00pm Baptism	Mrs J Newton	Sue Moss	
Sunday 24th September The 16th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am Holy Communion	Mrs L Crank	Nicole Archer	
Sunday 1st October The 17th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Morning Service	Mr K Newton	Nicole Archer	Janet, Nicole, Cecilia
Friday 6th October	7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service			

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## St Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 3rd September The 13th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am HC 10.45am HC NO 7pm Evensong	Romans 12.9-end <i>Alan Culshaw</i>  Matthew 16.21-end	No Evensong
Sunday 10th September The 14th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am HC 10.45am HC 12.30pm Baptism 1.30pm Baptism 7pm Evensong	Galatians 4.4-7 <i>Ruth Edge</i>  Luke 1.46-55	Song of Solomon 2.1-7 <i>Chris Parkes</i>  Acts 1.6-14 <i>Sandra Parkes</i>
Sunday 17th September The 15th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am HC 10.45am HC NO 7pm Evensong	Romans 14.1-12 <i>Gilly Booth</i>  Matthew 18.21-35	No Evensong
Sunday 24th September The 16th Sunday after Trinity	NO 9am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	Philippians 1.21- end  <i>Chris Ward</i>  Matthew 20.1-16	Ezekiel 33.23,30- 34.10 <i>Alison Bate</i>  Acts 26.1,9-25 <i>Andrew Hollinshead</i>
Friday 29th September	7pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by Supper		
Sunday 1st October The 17th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am HC 10.45am HC NO 7pm Evensong	Philippians 2.1-13 <i>John Edge</i>  Matthew 21.23-32	No Evensong



### **St Peter's Community Hall, Minshull Vernon**

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## St Peter's September Rotas

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidespersons</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>
Sunday 3rd September The 13th Sunday after Trinity	Robert Hodson	Paul and Margaret Harvey	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Dorothy Riley
Sunday 10th September The 14th Sunday after Trinity	John Edge  Sandra Parkes	John Edge and Ann Hughes	John and Ruth Edge	Ann de Ruiter
Sunday 17th September The 15th Sunday after Trinity	Patrick Smith	Philippa Goyer and Ann DeRuiter	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Ann de Ruiter
Sunday 24th September The 16th Sunday after Trinity	John Edge  Sandra Parkes	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Audrey Bergin	Marilyn Scott
Friday 29th September Harvest Thanksgiving				Harvest Flowers
Sunday 1st October Harvest Festival	Robert Hodson	Paul and Margaret Harvey	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Harvest Flowers
Sunday 8th October Harvest Sunday	John Edge  Sandra Parkes	John Edge and Ann Hughes	John and Ruth Edge	Harvest Flowers

## Harvest Flowers

If you have offered to decorate a window in St Peter's for Harvest, please could flowers be in church before the Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 29th September.

Donations, or Harvest flowers in memory of a loved one, would be much appreciated.



## Children's Society Boxes

It is time for the annual opening of the Children's Society home collection boxes. It would be appreciated if you would kindly arrange to have your box returned to church as soon as possible, or if you prefer, contact me directly and I will arrange with you to collect it. Many thanks for your continued support. Margaret Davies, 01270 214316

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Children's  
Society**

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should feel  
alone**

- Save the Date -

**Friday 22nd September 2023**



Please join us on Safari as we venture to good folks homes to enjoy a starter. Folk then all move on to other local homes for the main meal and again moving elsewhere for pudding, with everyone meeting up together for coffee. It all makes for a very social and enjoyable evening, meeting different folk at each course! Tickets £20 or £10 if you can cater for a small number of folk. Let Ruth know if you wish to join in.

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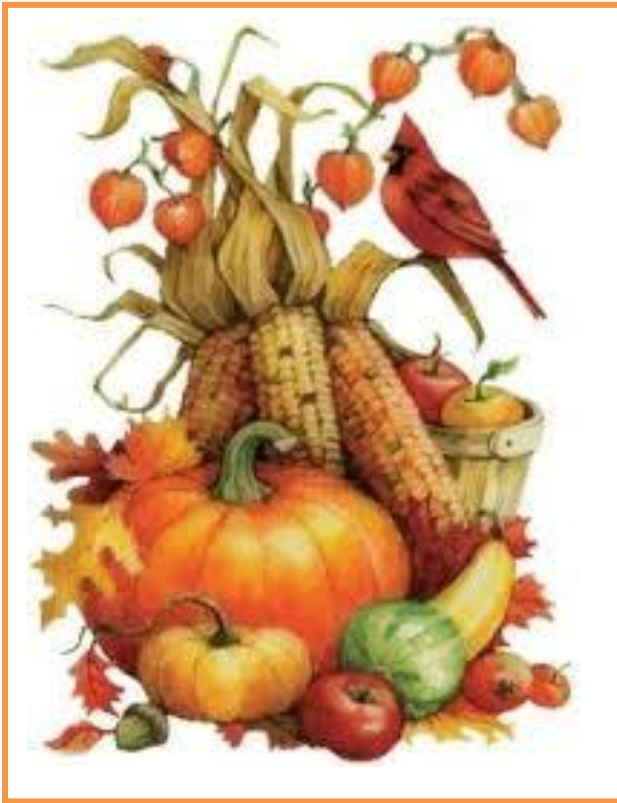
- In June and July 2023 2.7 tonnes of food was donated and 445 people received crisis food.
- Unfortunately, from January to July 2023, donations of food have decreased by 60%. The number of people needing crisis food has increased by approximately 25% compared to the same period in 2022. It is therefore no surprise that we are having to purchase significant volumes of food items we are short of on a weekly basis. We don't receive grant funding for the Foodbank, it is resourced through monetary donations and donations of food.
- Do keep spreading the word about our need and do direct people to our website about ways people can support. Every item and every penny helps: <https://www.stpaulscentre.org.uk/donate>
- If you are thinking ahead to organising a Harvest collection then it would be much appreciated if you would consider collecting for St Paul's Foodbank.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Whether you are a donor, volunteer or staff member all your efforts and hard work are helping to meet the needs of those in our local community.



Donations from our Harvest Festivals will be given to St Paul's Pantry





St. Peter's Church  
Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon

## Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Friday 29th September  
7.00pm

Followed by Supper in the Hall

Please bring your own drink

## The Secret of Living

The secret of living  
Is learning to pray –  
It's asking our Father  
For strength for the day!

It's trusting completely  
That His boundless  
grace  
Will overcome care  
And each problem we  
face!

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*Anon*

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The official date is **Friday 29th September**, but a coffee morning to support Macmillan can be held at any time. From a group in the garden sharing a coffee or a takeaway cake and cuppa, you can hold yours however you like.

## A grain of sand at a time

This autumn, do you feel overwhelmed with all the things that you need to get done?

Then think of your life as an hourglass. There are thousands of grains of sand in the top of the hourglass; and they all pass slowly and evenly through the narrow neck in the middle.

We are like that hourglass. When we start in the morning, there are hundreds of tasks which we feel that we must accomplish that day. But if we do not take them one at a time, and let them pass through the day slowly and evenly, as do the grains of sand passing through the narrow neck of the hour glass, then we are bound to break our own fragile physical and mental structure. Do not attempt more than God designed you to do.



## Weather by app?

Do you watch the weather via an app? It seems millions of us do, as we try to outguess what the British weather is going to do next.

There are thousands of weather apps out there, and it seems that you can find one that will predict almost anything you want. But if you want reliability, you could do worse than choose the Met Office app.

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has recently named the Met Office

as the world's best public sector-provided app for usefulness, reliability and information quality. As its website says, "92.5 per cent of the Met Office's next day temperature forecasts are accurate within two degrees Celsius." As the UK's official weather service, it is also responsible for weather warnings, and sends them directly to users as push notifications.

Or you might try The Weather Channel app. Some industry analysts say that the US-based Weather Channel is the world's most accurate forecaster. Using data from IBM, the Weather Channel offers a main app with hurricane, lightning and wildfire tracker capabilities on top of all the usual functions, as well as a separate Storm Radar app.

# St Peter's September Book of Remembrance

- 2nd Edna Theresa Nehammer (1975),  
Elizabeth (Betty) Janetta Hart (2013)
- 5th Karen Nehammer (2006)
- 6th Sydney Horne (1993)
- 7th Edward Harold Bickerton (2015)
- 8th Gillian Laura Bell (2009)
- 9th William Joseph Waddington (2000)
- 12th David Lee Roberts (2005)
- 13th William Washington (1918), Joyce Wood (2016)
- 14th Francis Nelson Beattie (2016)
- 15th Evelyn Mary Webster (1988)
- 18th Joyce Marina Owen (2020)
- 21st Doris Powell (2015), Ann Woodworth (2022)
- 22nd Jonathan Bayes Sinclair (1975), Ann Wood (2008),  
Hilda Elizabeth (Betty) Gunn (2010)  
Raymond John Hudson (2014), Marguerite Charlesworth (2015)
- 23rd Maurice Riley (1975)
- 24th Sydney Morris (2007), Peter Hopley (2013)
- 25th Judith Ann Holmwood (2021)
- 26th Sarah Jane Benson (1995), Winifred May Hope (2001),  
Mary Duncalf (2018)
- 28th Margaret Helen Leech (1961)
- 29th Henry Percival (1918)
- 30th Samuel Alfred Palin (1982)

## Prayer of thanks for teachers

Dear Father,

Thank you for teachers. Thank you for their gifts of knowledge and communication. Please give them patience and understanding in their work and most of all the wisdom to listen to you and to be directed by your Kingdom values. Thank you for Jesus – the best teacher of all. Help us all to learn from Him that greatest of all lessons, that you are the living God, His Father and ours, and that you love us and want us to know you. Father, as we pray and trust in the name of Jesus, our teacher and Lord, may that close knowledge of you become our reality. Amen.



# Warmingham Village News

## September Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 12th	Walk `n Talk	Rode Heath	10.30am

### Advance Notice:

Friday 6th October Harvest Thanksgiving in Church at 7pm

Friday 13th October Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7pm

Contact Janet Furber 01270 526393 for details and to book a place.

## Warmingham & District W.I

The meeting on Wednesday 2nd August was an afternoon meeting at the home of committee member Sue Hill where members enjoyed afternoon tea and taking part in a quiz. There was a Bring and Buy stall and a raffle which was won by Lesley Crank.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 6th September** when we return to the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. It is Film Night and on the programme is "Seven Chances" starring Buster Keaton. For the competition, members are asked to bring along a Scrapbook.

The **Craft Group** meet once a month on a Friday afternoon in Sandbach.

The **Book Group** will not be meeting in September but plan to meet on the second Monday of the month in October.

The **Darts Team** meet at the Market Tavern on Monday lunchtimes.

The W.I. meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Caroline on 01270 526022.

## In Memoriam

It was with sadness that we heard of the deaths of Isobel Young and Rosemary Hickson, two long serving members of Warmingham W.I. In remembrance of them some roses have been added to the W.I. Garden at St Leonard's Church.



## Walk 'n Talk

On Tuesday 8th August the walkers travelled to Rudyard Lake. Some of the group walked the length of the lake and back to Hotel Rudyard whilst others enjoyed a trip on the little train for part of the walk. We joined together for an enjoyable lunch at the hotel.



The next walk is on **Tuesday 12th September**. We meet at the Broughton Arms car park at Rode Heath at 10.30am for a canal and countryside walk. The Broughton Arms is on the A533 at Rode Heath ST7 3RU. If you plan to come please sign on the list at W.I. or ring Caroline on 01270 526022.

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