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Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon




*Welcome
to our
church*



St. Leonard's
Warmingham

⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
Romans 15:7

July 2024

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Sporting Thanks

As I write we are approaching the business end of the cricket T20 world cup. The Euros football tournament is in full swing, while the build-up for the Paris Olympics are well under way. As a sports lover I am spoilt for choice. The efforts and achievements of those involved are incredible.

What these events tell us about winning and losing is really interesting. A national team doing well brings people together in a celebratory manner. Suddenly matches are hyped to be games of epic proportions, fixtures critical, and teams need seismic shifts in things like run rates. The contrast between success and failure is marked and we certainly know how to hype the latter. Teams don't come to the end of their run, they crash out. The opposition didn't play better, the losing team were abject. A home favourite doesn't lose, they suffer a shock defeat. Occasionally someone might bow out if it is the end of their career.



But that is the thing about sport and especially tournament sport, there is only one winner. Only one team lifts the trophy, only one gold medal is awarded. We forget that there have to be losers.

In my, somewhat limited, sporting career one thing I have come to understand is that we learn so much more through losing. As a player and coach I have been involved with teams that have won cup competitions and leagues, scoring wonder goals on the way - those moments are really joyful, but that joy fades. I have also seen relegation, got completely taken apart in a national final, missed an open goal from three inches out and lived the laughter that came with it. Losing teaches us a lot about our character and in making mistakes on the field, and in life, we grow and develop.

One thing we can all learn is the importance of being thankful in the times of success and failure. In the times when things are going well, or when we are having a shocker.

St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians

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 can be challenging to be thankful in every situation, but maybe this can help us. To look for the one small thing we can be thankful for. It is easy

when we are winning at life and winning in sport. It is not so easy when we crash out in our relationships, businesses, and out of sporting competitions. Being thankful makes being upset so much more difficult, living with gratitude helps us to learn and to grow. Maybe we can use the sporting landscape to remind us to be thankful. I hope we win the T20, the Euros and many Olympic medals but being thankful might just help us if things don't go our way.

From our May Registers



Baptisms



Weddings



Funerals

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Events at St Leonard's

Treasurer needed

Our 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. Details on the inside cover.

July diary dates:

Monday 15th July

PCC Meeting at 7.30pm in Church

Sunday 21st July

Informal at 4pm in Church

Warmingham Home Group

The next meeting is on **Monday 22nd July** at 2pm at the home of Jenny Sant.

Please contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.

Sunday 4th August
Lammas Service
at St Leonard's Warmingham
at 11.30am
All welcome



Warmingham Village D-Day Event

On Thursday 6th June a good crowd collected at the Village Hall for the 80th commemoration of D-Day. Some guests being dressed in period outfits.



Drinks were served on arrival, then at 6pm Reverend Paul North led the gathering with a short service of words of remembrance for those who were involved in the D-Day landings in 1944 with hymns, followed by the National Anthem.

Groups gathered at tables both inside and outside the hall for a hearty fish and chip supper followed by cake and coffee.

W.I. leading the singing on D-Day



Beacon and Fireworks

The groups then made their way down to the church field where the Last Post was played and the beacon lit.





Lighting the beacon on the church field

Save the Date

Tuesday 3rd September 7:30pm

Q and A with Bishop Sam
St Peter's Hall

Confirmation at St Leonard's Church

On Sunday 9th June 2024, the Right Reverend Mark Tanner, Bishop of Chester, visited St Leonard's Church to confirm six candidates:

Simon Moss
Oliver Price
Edwin Richardson-Rutter
Anna Richardson-Rutter
Rachel Walker
Joseph Mellor

As shown in the photograph with the Reverend Paul North and Bishop Mark.



The candidates were well supported by family, friends and members of St Leonard's Church and all joined in fellowship after the service enjoying social time and refreshments.

Warmingham Sings

On Saturday 15th June over a hundred guests enjoyed an evening of song in Warmingham Church. Claire Henry conducted the Phoenix Singers from Knutsford and a choir from Warmingham Primary School, singing a varied and much appreciated programme.

The event raised over £760 for the Warmingham Church Tower Fund.

Claire conducts Warmingham School Choir singing with the Phoenix Singers.



Claire conducts the Phoenix Singers at the concert.



St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

Please check times of services carefully

Date	Times and services	Sides- persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning
Sunday 7th July The 6th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Morning Service	Mrs J Baxter	Mrs S Richardson	Helen and team
Sunday 14th July The 7th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Morning Prayer	Mrs J Furber	Mrs J Newton	
Sunday 21st July The 8th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Family Communion 4.00pm Informal Service	Mrs C Royston	Mrs J Newton	
Sunday 28th July The 9th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am Holy Communion	Mrs H Walker	Mrs E Richardson	
Sunday 4th August The 10th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Lammas Service	Mrs L Case	Mrs E Richardson	



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Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 7th July The 6th Sunday after Trinity	9am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong	2 Corinthians 12:2-10 <i>Alan Culshaw</i> Mark 6:1-13	No Evensong
Sunday 14th July Sea Sunday / The 7th Sunday after Trinity	9am HC 10.45am HC 12.30pm Baptism 1.30pm Baptism 7pm Evensong	Psalm 107:23-32 <i>Ruth Edge</i> Matthew 14:22-33	Job 4:1; 5,6-end <i>Alison Bate</i> Romans 15:14-29 <i>Andrew Hollinshead</i>
Sunday 21st July The 8th Sunday after Trinity	9am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong	Ephesians 2:11-end <i>Gilly Booth</i> Mark 6.30-34,53-56	No Evensong
Sunday 28th July The 9th Sunday after Trinity	No 9am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	Ephesians 3:14-end <i>Ben Entwistle</i> John 6:1-21	Job 19:1-27a <i>Ruth Edge</i> Hebrews ch.8 Chris Ward
Sunday 4th August The 10th Sunday after Trinity	9am HC 10.45am HC 12.30pm Baptism No Evensong	Ephesians 4:1-16 <i>Jane Dunseath</i> John 6:24-35	No Evensong

St Peter's Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Offertory	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Sunday 7th July The 6th Sunday after Trinity	Ben Entwistle	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Sandra Parkes
Sunday 14th July The 7th Sunday after Trinity	Patrick Smith	Paul Harvey and Ben Entwistle	Andrew Hollinshead	Sandra Parkes
Sunday 21st July The 8th Sunday after Trinity	Philip and Gail Barnes	Philippa Goyer and Ann deRuiter	Val Simcock and Paul Harvey	Dorothy Riley
Sunday 28th July The 9th Sunday after Trinity	Ben Entwistle	Paul Harvey and Ben Entwistle	Audrey Bergin	Dorothy Riley
Sunday 4th August The 10th Sunday after Trinity	Patrick Smith	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	John and Ruth Edge	Marilyn Scott



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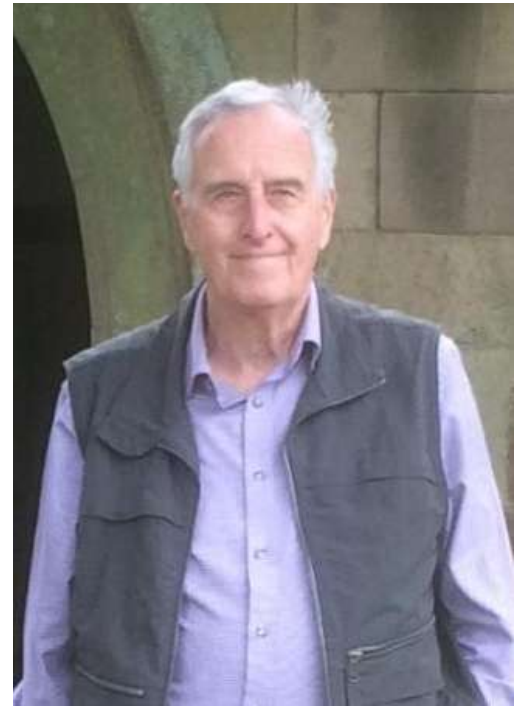
The white flower is the beautiful scented double orange blossom.

The other flowers are in St Peter's old churchyard.

Now that the wildflowers have finished flowering, Badger (real name) and his team from Harding's have mown the grass in the old churchyard at St Peter's, but weren't they a show!

When did you last read a hymn?

Of course, we always SING them, but with a good tune, it's often all over in a few minutes, and maybe we haven't had time to think what we have sung. Just try one, now. How about "Thine be the Glory", an excellent Easter hymn, and my favourite. Look it up on Google or any good hymn book. There are three verses. The first begins "Thine be the glory". What an antidote this is to the shout "MINE be the glory" which dominates so much of life around us. "Endless is the Victory, Thou o'er death hast won". We are on the winning side, and that's not Triumphalism, it's fact.



Verse 2 "No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life"... but there are doubts in everyone's life. Even the disciple Thomas couldn't believe, until he saw for himself the wounds in the hands and side of the Risen Lord (described in John chapter 20 verses 24-29). Maybe we need to look at the wounded circumstances in life to discover that Christ still suffers there. He is always the Wounded Healer. He understands Suffering.

Verse 3 "Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb... scatters fears and gloom". If He is just a memory from the past, then for us He's not Risen. But if we look for His active presence in our circumstances, maybe in people, places, or events, then we will not be disappointed! He is not simply a character from history, He is With us now. His last recorded words in St. Matthew's gospel are "I am with you always, to the End of Time"... and we have no idea when that is!

Hymn reading can be very profitable, and will enrich our Hymn singing, as well as our understanding of a living Faith in 2024.

Rev. David Marsh, retired priest

¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

Ephesians 5:19



Caring for seafarers around the world

Why we celebrate Sea Sunday

When a ship comes into port, you might think that seafarers would be queuing at the gangway: impatient to stretch their legs and explore the local town. That might be true for some, but for most, the pressure of work means there is little time for such luxuries. Even if there is time, many seafarers choose to remain on their ships. I remember doing exactly that. You arrive in a port, think you ought to go ashore, but somehow you never

get round to it. Life on a ship is different. You develop a different way of living, sleeping and socialising. Sometimes it is easier to stay with the familiar than enter the hustle and bustle of shore life. Nothing wrong with that, but eventually, it can lead to isolation and loneliness. I'm sure many people ashore who live alone can identify with that. Sometimes it's easier just to stay in than risk going out and not meeting anyone.

I loved being a seafarer, but it can take its toll. In Matthew 25, Jesus talks about how a visit from someone who cares can bring light and peace. That's why we at Mission to Seafarers visit ships. We care, and we want to show the love of Jesus to seafarers – not matter who they are.

Our Sea Sunday theme is Psalm 107. The Psalm not only reminds us that God looks after seafarers, but also that they see things that we don't: "They saw the works of the Lord, His wonderful deeds in the deep."

Seafarers don't just bring us goods and cargo; they see God's world in a raw and powerful way that we can learn from. When we visit a ship, we do God's work by showing love and compassion. In return, we are changed by entering their world. Everyone benefits when God's work is done, and He in turn is worshipped.

*Revd Steve Morgan, Regional Director for Europe,
The Mission to Seafarers*

St Peter's July Book of Remembrance

- 1st Moses Reid (Priest) (1880), Annie Siddall (2009)
- 2nd Winifred Buckley (1993), Dean Fulker (2005)
- 3rd Amy Ellen (Nellie) Bickerton (1997)
- 5th Margaret Vivian Swindail (1992), Joseph Handley (2001)
- 6th Barbara Williams (2006)
- 7th Thomas Richard Darlington (2009), Gladys Grocott (2002),
Rosemary Hickson (2023)
- 10th Harry Leslie Wood (1990), Sadie Cooper (2010),
Edna May Crawford (1996)
- 11th John Stone Hickson (1994), Evelyn Maria Celgy (2015)
- 12th Joseph Samuel Jinks (1984), Kathleen Mary Curtis (2002)
- 14th Edith May Taylor (2002)
- 15th May Morris (2012)
- 16th Albert John Wilson (1988)
- 17th Pamela Mary Adamson (2003)
- 18th Sandra Sandland (2012)
- 19th Shirley Ann Hodnett (1978)
- 23rd Frank Winstanley (1974), Harry Mason (1990), Walter Fleet (2007)
- 25th Edward Gordon Harold Bennett (2005),
Anthony Stephen Murray (2010),
Caroline Mary Twiss (2012), Kathleen Gertrude Egerton (1995)
- 28th Charles Anthony Chapman (2013)
- 30th Michael James Steele (2009), Trevor John Moores (2018)
- 31st Ella Rosina Goldthorpe (2003)



St Paul's Pantry Starter Packs

For over thirty-five years St Paul's Centre has collected and received donations of furniture from our community. From these collections, we supply hundreds of items of furniture every year to local households, free of charge, or at low cost. To help local families, we would appreciate donations of the following:

Clean single & double duvets, crockery, ornaments, cooking and dining utensils, household items, clean towels and rugs, electric kettles, toasters etc. Also, wardrobes, sideboards, units, desk and office furniture, garden furniture, dressers, cabinets, occasional furniture.

News from Warmingham CE Primary School

Forest Church with Reverend Paul and Ms Archer

You Can Find Me!

“When I consider your heavens, the work for your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you can care for him?” Psalm 8:3-4

It's important that we all take time to stop and rest. The perfect place to do this is outside where we can sit and reflect. We spent some time in our woodland area with Reverend Paul and Ms Archer just listening and appreciating the amazing world God created for us, before creating some masterpieces from things we found in the woodland.

God is constantly speaking to us. He doesn't always use words. Day after day, he paints amazing sunsets across the sky to show us His power and glory. He strokes our cheeks with a gentle breeze to remind us that He is right beside us. He speaks in the faces and voices of our loved ones.

We can find God in every minute of the day – if you have eyes that are looking and ears that are listening. To develop our spirituality, we all have to learn to take time to stop, and ask God's Spirit to help us see and hear Him better.

Our forest church session helped the children and adults to practise looking and listening for God in the world around us, so that we will all be able to see and hear Him more, especially in times of need. We were reminded that we need to search for God with all our hearts – and we will find Him.







Warmingham Village News

July Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 9th	Walk `n Talk	Sandbach	10.00am

Every Thursday Bellringing at the Church from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Warmingham & District W.I

At the June meeting on Wednesday 5th June Hazel Griffiths gave an interesting, illustrated talk about Audrey Hepburn. The competition winner was Caroline with her “star” bakes.

At the July meeting on 3rd July the speaker is Catherine Jones with the topic “Colours for You”. The competition title is “Colours”.

On **Thursday 11th July** there is a visit to Pilkington Glass with lunch in the café and an opportunity to watch glass blowing. In August we have an outside meeting and this year on **Wednesday 7th August**, we are having a boat trip on the River Dee at Chester with lunch aboard.

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

The **Book Group** meeting is on Monday 8th July.

The **Darts Group** meet at the Market Tavern in Sandbach on Monday lunchtimes.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further information please ring Caroline on 01270 526022.

Walk ‘n Talk

The walk on Tuesday 11th June was in Congleton town and was followed by an enjoyable lunch at the Old Saw Mill.



The next walk is on **Tuesday 9th July** when we meet at Lower Waitrose car park at 10am and travel to Congleton for the walk.

If you wish to join the walk or just come for lunch please sign the list at W.I. or ring Helan on 01606 841711. You do not need to be a W.I. member to join this activity.

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