

St. Peter's Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon





St. Leonard's Warmingham

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

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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.

Schools have broken up. Pupils, teachers and school staff are putting their feet up, taking a much needed and thoroughly deserved break. The hearts and minds of many people are focused upon their holidays. For some this means glamorous locations and exotic adventures, for others the time to spend catching up with friends and loved ones. Some people look forward to the school holidays with great joy, for others it provides a whole new set of challenges. One thing the school holidays do is to emphasise to us all the importance of rest.



We live in a society that bases identity around what we do, how long we spend doing it, what we have achieved and how much we have earned on the way. We also live in a society battling with a huge rise in stress related illness.

The creation narrative has something important to tell us about rest,

"So, the sky, the earth, and all that filled them were finished. By the seventh day God finished the work he had been doing, so he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it a holy day, because on that day he rested from all the work he had done in creating the world." Genesis 2:1-3

God rested. Humans rested on their first full complete day of existence – They rested as their creator rested. Rest is essential not optional. We need to put our feet up. We need to take rest seriously.

All the way through Jesus' ministry we see Jesus taking time out to rest with his father. Straight after his baptism, for forty days, early in the morning he 'disappeared' to be with his father. Jesus taught his disciples to rest. Jesus said,

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" Matt 11:28-30

Jesus invites the weak and heavy laden, to come to him and find rest. An inner rest where the pressures of this life subside, where we can be strengthened to face each day. As we make our way through the school holiday season let us be people who are not afraid to rest, people who are confident enough to put our feet up.

From our June Registers



Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

St Peter's

4th	Toby Daniel Howard Walker
4th	Hallie Mae Dale
25th	Neve Grace Savory
25th	Athena Rita Kidson

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Peace, perfect peace

Dear Jesus

When we pray for Your help and blessing, we remember the words, "be still in the presence of the Lord'. Fill us with the peace of mind and serenity which only You can give, and restore us once again. May we remain safe and content, knowing Your peace will continue to dwell in us.

By Terence Trimmer

A.S.A.P.

Have you ever considered the abbreviation A.S.A.P. (As Soon As Possible)? Generally, it brings even more hurry and stress into our lives. Yet there is another way to think of A.S.A.P, a way which might help us deal with those difficult times in our daily lives.

When there's work to do, and deadlines to meet, and your colleagues are rushing around, here's what you can do to help: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer.* When your worries mount up and you don't know how you are ever going to cope with what is coming at you: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer.*



God knows how stressful our lives can be, and He wants to ease our cares. In the Bible He promises to respond to our calls for help. So – call Him! A.S.A.P.!

Events at St Leonard's

Treasurer needed at St Leonard's



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.

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Sunday August 6th Lammas Service at St Leonard's Warmingham at 11.30am

Lammas Day is traditionally the first day of the harvest. At our service local farmers join to celebrate the first loaves of bread to be made from the first ears of ripe corn.

St Leonard's Home Group The Home Group will not be meeting in August.

Summer Social Evening

The weather certainly was not very summer like, so the decision was made to hold the Summer Social Evening in the Community Hall. What a wonderful evening we all enjoyed – listening to the South Cheshire Concert band, socialising, eating, and drinking.

The band played a selection of light, popular music. The programme included a March called "Glory and Honour," which was composed by Andrew North, who is our vicar's brother, and was played at the Trooping of the Colour 2006, for the late Queen's 80th birthday. In view of this, Albert – the band's musical director - handed the baton over to Paul so that he could conduct, and he rose to the challenge very well.





We enjoyed a delicious supper of ham and various salads, followed by a wonderful selection of home-made sweets. Thanks must go to all those who prepared, donated, and served the lovely food. Thank you to those who sold raffle tickets and gave draw prizes. The flowers on the tables were very pretty and extra thanks must go to the lady who gathered them from her garden in the pouring rain. Thanks also to the folks who took the ticket money, helped to set up the room in the afternoon and for tidying away afterwards.

A lovely social occasion that raised £381, split equally between the band and the Community Hall kitchen extension fund. Well done everyone! *Ruth*























St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

Date	Times and services	Sides- persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning, once in the month
Sunday 6th August The 9th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Lammas Service	Mrs J Baxter	Elizabeth Richardson	Janet F, Janet N, Anne
Sunday 13th August The 10th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Morning Prayer	Mrs J Furber	Amanda Richardson	
Sunday 20th August The 11th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Family Communion	Mrs C Royston	Amanda Richardson	
Sunday 27th August The 12th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am Holy Communion	Mrs H Walker	Sarah Richardson	
Sunday 3rd September The 13th Sunday after Trinity	11.30am Morning Service	Mrs L Case	Sarah Richardson	Sarah, Kate, Helen

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St Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of our Lord	9.00am HC 10.45am HC 12.30pm Baptism 1.30pm Baptism NO 7pm Evensong	2 Peter 1.16-19 John Edge Luke 9.28-36	No Evensong
Sunday 13th August The 10th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	Romans 10.5-15 <i>Jane Dunseath</i> Matthew 14.22-33	1 Kings 11.41- 12.20 <i>Ruth Edge</i> Acts 14.8-20 <i>Andrew</i> <i>Hollinshead</i>
Sunday 20th August The 11th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am HC 10.45am HC NO 7pm Evensong	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 <i>Chris Ward</i> Matthew 15.21-28	No Evensong
Sunday 27th August The 12th Sunday after Trinity	NO 9am HC 10.45am HC 7.00pm Evensong	Romans 12.1-8 <i>Gilly Booth</i> Matthew 16.13-20	2 Kings 6.8-23 <i>Alison Bate</i> Acts 17.15-end <i>John Edge</i>
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



St Peter's Community Hall, Minshull Vernon

For hall bookings please contact Jane:

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St Peter's Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Offertory	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of our Lord	Robert Hodson	Paul and Margaret Harvey	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Ellen Humphrey
Sunday 13th August The 10th Sunday after Trinity	John Edge Sandra Parkes	John Edge and Ann Hughes	John and Ruth Edge	Sandra Parkes
Sunday 20th August The 11th Sunday after Trinity	Patrick Smith	Philippa Goyer and Ann DeRuiter	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Sandra Parkes
Sunday 27th August The 12th Sunday after Trinity	John Edge Sandra Parkes	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Audrey Bergin	Dorothy Riley
Sunday 3rd September The 13th Sunday after Trinity	Robert Hodson	Paul and Margaret Harvey	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Dorothy Riley



Children's Society Boxes

It is now 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



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 each folk at 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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Potatoes, corned beef, pork, fish, soup - tinned and packets

Rice pudding, custard - tinned, packet, carton,

Tinned meat meals (chilli, stew etc.), fruit

Jars of curry / pasta sauce, jam / marmalade

Fruit juice (long life) / squash, tea bags / coffee, milk – UHT, sugar, cereals

To make a financial donation please click this link: https://www.stpaulscentre.org.uk/donate

Thank you so much for your continued support as we help to meet the needs of those in our local community.

6th August: The Transfiguration of Jesus

It's an unusual story. One day, Jesus is with three disciples on a high mountain in Galilee, when His appearance dramatically changes. Also, Moses and Elijah suddenly appear, and from a cloud comes the voice of God. What is this all about?

This event was witnessed by James, Peter, and John. They were close friends of Jesus. In the future, they were to become prominent leaders in the Early Church. They needed to see something special that would help them remember Jesus in the difficult years ahead. They had a glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. His face shone like the sun and His clothes turned white as light.

While this was an extraordinary sight for the disciples, it served to encourage Jesus who once had glory and majesty in Heaven. One day He would have it again. But firstly, He had to fulfil His mission: to suffer on the cross and die.

Why were Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus? Moses was the giver of the Law and Elijah represented all the prophets. They had pointed people to the promised Messiah. Jesus was about to complete God's plan of salvation.

God's voice was heard to remind Peter there was no need to build shelters. They were not going to stay on the mountain. God spoke to get the disciples to fix their attention of Jesus. The wonder of the Transfiguration was a short interlude before Jesus had to return to His work and subsequent death on the cross.

This story is a reminder that our times of spiritual blessing have to be followed by down-to-earth commitments and responsibilities. In the same way that Jesus gave His friends a glimpse of His awesome glory, to help them face challenging and traumatic times ahead, our special times in His presence are provided to encourage us and equip us for the trials we may have to face.

Our journey through life may sometimes rise to the peaks but we can't stay on a 'high' all the time – no matter how much we want it! We have to descend to face everyday challenges if we are to fulfil our calling in Christ. From *our* mountain-top experiences we all need to find a balance between times alone with God and serving Him in the company of others.

By Lester Amann

And Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. *Mark 6.31*

Spiritual Disciplines: Rest by Canon Paul Hardingham

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28).

Today, the spiritual discipline of *rest* is a challenging one. We are pressured to cram more and more activities into fewer hours. This has been described as *'hurry sickness'* and is an enemy of our spiritual life. August is a month for resting, and so is a good time to look at this discipline.

God instituted the discipline of rest in the creation of the world. He created everything in six days and rested on the seventh (Gen 2:3). He instituted the Sabbath, a weekly day of rest (Lev 23:3). However, it is helpful to draw a distinction between *busyness* and being *hurried*. Busyness is an outward condition, while hurry is about our inner state, resulting from too many competing priorities. Jesus was often busy but never hurried! What questions should we be asking about getting more rest?

Balancing Rest and Work:

What is a helpful rhythm of work and rest in our lives? How can we take seriously the Sabbath principle of having one day a week to rest and not work? How might we use our time differently eg taking a long walk or having an unhurried conversation with a friend?

Using Our Leisure Time Creatively:

When we actually take a break we often end up simply watching TV, surfing the net, shopping unnecessarily or eating when we are not hungry! Can we choose leisure activities that really refresh us? It's not a case of more leisure time, but using the time we have more creatively.

'The solution to an over busy life is not more time. It's to slow down and simplify our lives around what really matters.' (The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: John Mark Comer).

Read a book!



This summer, why not encourage your children to read a book? A recent study has found that children who read for pleasure carry the benefits with them far into adulthood. And the most avid childhood readers score far higher on vocabulary tests, even thirty years later. As Marcel Proust the author once said, there are "no days of our childhood lived so fully as those spent with a favourite book."



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



Bumblebees are happy near churches

Bumblebees like churchyards. At least, they were the insects most seen during a recent survey of churchyards and burial grounds in England.

It all shows "how valuable, when managed sensitively, many of our churchyards are for

bumblebees," said a spokesman for Caring for God's Acre, a conservation charity for UK burial grounds. Such places often offer unique habitats for nature.

The survey was part of the Churches Count on Nature, an opportunity for communities to record plants, insects and animals found in burial grounds and churchyards. After bumblebees, ladybirds and aphids took second and third place.

Way ahead

People aren't really so smart. The turtle had a streamlined body for travel, a hard top, retractable landing gear and a mobile home for thousands of years before we did.

Rosemary Hickson – Funeral at St Peter's 25th July



The church will remember Rosemary as a most faithful Churchwoman over many years mainly at St Peter's but also at St Leonard's. The farming community will remember her as an intelligent, diligent, resourceful and resilient farmer and farmer's wife at Parkhouse Farm who, with husband John, built up a perfect herd of Friesian cows (the Healbury herd) after losing their earlier stock in the foot and mouth community outbreak of 1967. The will member remember Rosemary as а of Middlewich Young Farmers' Club, especially the occasion when she was one of the Ladies

In Waiting to the Cheshire Young Farmers Dairy Queen, and subsequently as a loyal Warmingham WI member and keen bridge player. The trifles she could make were amazing!

Rosemary was born at Clive Farm near Winsford. She had remarkable parents who both left their mark on her – her mother being the most gentle kind lady, while her father was a strong tough character who had served as a Captain in WW1.

Rosemary and John were married in October 1956 on her 21st birthday. They had two children – David and Elizabeth. She is reported as saying in her inimitable way after Elizabeth was born: "I've got one of each. That will do." Sadly John died in June 1994 after Rosemary had devotedly nursed him over a long and cruel illness.

David gave a moving tribute to his mother at the funeral. He recalled several amusing episodes in her life. For example, the calf which baulked at drinking from the bucket, but learned obedience after Rosemary threw the bucket of milk over him/her. Or the cheeky neighbour who would invite Rosemary over if she had nothing on. Or the note she found under the windscreen wiper of her car which read:

Roses are red Violets are blue. Your pigs are beautiful And so are you.



Since losing John, Rosemary has been a close friend with Willie Crawford who, with his late wife, had been longstanding family friends. Together, Rosemary and Willie have made the most of their twilight years. To Willie, as to David and Elizabeth, our deepest sympathies. We also remember Rosemary's lifelong friends Cynthia and Eileen who also were present at the funeral.

Always smiling and upbeat, and always beautifully turned out with her hair styled each week by Elizabeth (she often stood in as cashier in one of her salons, where she

will also be fondly remembered). Rosemary has been a model wife, mother, farmer and pillar of the community and the church. She will be missed in so many ways – not least for the way she would parade the haggis at Burns Night suppers in St Peter's Community Hall!

Now laid to rest with John in St Peter's churchyard, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

St Peter's August Book of Remembrance

- 2nd Clifford Newton (1956), Joseph Davidson (1965)
- 5th Harry Cornes (2000)
- 7th Clifford Meakin (1994)
- 9th Edwin Roy de-la-Haye (2021)
- 10th Mary Elizabeth Brown (2000), Barbara Handley (2002)
- 11th George Kenneth Morrey (1998)
- 14th Patricia Barbara Morris (2012)
- 16th Ellis Thomas (1995)
- 17th Stan Williams (2002)
- 18th Roland White (2005)
- 20th James Gibbons (1915), Keith Metcalfe (1997), Joyce Sobutta (2017)
- 21st Beryl Holland (2012)
- 22nd John Edwin Walker (1976)
- 23rd George Smith (1994)
- 24th Joyce Graham Buckley (1985), Masud Ahmed Khan Khadim (2000)
- 25th Peter Malcolm Riley (1969), William John Jinks (1988)
- 27th Charles John Mandleberg (2012)
- 29th Albert Stanley Fleet (1969), James Brierley (2004)
- 30th Ian Griffiths (2010)
- 31st John Bayes (2000), Elsie Johnson (1996)

International Bat Night: 26th-27th August

Did you know that there are 18 species of bat in the UK?

And did you know that these bats make up almost a quarter of ALL our mammal species?

So, our UK bats are well worth celebrating. And International Bat Night brings together bat groups and the Bat Conservation Trust, to provide many opportunities for bat walks and talks at dusk in local neighbourhoods across the UK.

As the bat groups explain: "We aim to encourage thousands of people across the country to see bats in their natural environment by taking part in a range of events organised by local bat groups, wildlife trusts, countryside rangers and other organisations across the country."

More information at:

https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/international-bat-night



Allotments come of age as 2023 marks the 21st year of National Allotments Week

Much beloved by gardeners across the UK, allotments are cherished for the space they provide to grow one's own fresh vegetables, among other things.

This year the theme is Soil Health. As National Allotments Week explains:

"Good soil health is widely accepted as way to improve yield when growing edibles, but also contributes positively to biodiversity and the environment as the world faces more climate challenges. The NAS hope that this National Allotments Week will inform and educate gardeners old and new about the benefit of caring for the soil and the creatures that inhabit it." More info at: https://www.nsalg.org.uk

Gardening Prayer

Heavenly Father, as I tend to this garden, I am reminded of the sanctity and beauty of life and see Your goodness and grace. May the soil, seeds, and plants that sprout produce fruit, nourishing the body and soul. May this time spent in the garden be a moment with You in peace and reflection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Warmingham Village News

August Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd	W.I. Meeting	Member's Home	3.00pm
Tuesday 8th	Walk `n Talk	Sandbach	10.00am

Warmingham & District W.I

At the meeting on Wednesday 5th July, the President, Caroline Dawson, welcomed members and led the business part of the meeting. Craft group members Jenny and Cynthia demonstrated the art of macramé which members were to use to make a macramé key fob. The members then had a try for themselves.



The refreshments were prepared and served by Helan Isherwood and Celia Waiters.

On Friday 7th July a team of four represented Warmingham & District W.I. at the final of the Cheshire W.I. Quiz. They did not win but it is the taking part that counts!

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd August**, which will be an afternoon meeting in a member's garden.

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

The **Book Group** meet on the second Monday of the month.

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 (except for this month – see above). Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Caroline on 01270 526022.

Walk 'n Talk

On Tuesday 11th July the walkers travelled to Alderley Edge. They walked through the woods to Stormy Point from where there is a super view across Cheshire to the hills of the Peak District. They continued on via the Beacon to Castle Rock before returning to the car park. A pub lunch was enjoyed in Chelford.



The next walk is on **Tuesday 8th August**. We meet at Waitrose Lower car park at 10am to travel to Rudyard Lake. Please let Helan know if you plan to come on 01606 841711.

Items for Village News should be sent to helan.isherwood@sky.com

ONOT late

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for church. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again.

As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! But please don't shove me either!"

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