

Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



St. Leonard's

Warmingham



“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

2 Timothy 1:7.

January 2024

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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.

Whilst there is a vacancy in the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, please contact the Churchwardens regarding any safeguarding issues. See above for contact details.

Taking the decorations down

As we take the Christmas lights down, things can certainly seem bleak and dark. It seems some of the joy and sparkle is missing. The start of the New Year sees us packing down the decorations, cleaning up the mess and putting the boxes back in the loft. As we store everything, it is all too easy to pack Jesus away for another year too. Having spent the previous few weeks thinking about him, we can fall into the trap of putting him out of our thoughts for another year. Perhaps, we might dust him off for a couple of days around Easter, but we have to ask ourselves if we will allow the truth of Jesus' birth to really impact our lives going forward?



The Shepherds are a great example to us of the impact that Jesus' birth can and should make on our lives.

As Luke's Gospel records

"The shepherds returned, glorying and praising God for all they had seen and heard" Luke 2:20

Looking into the eyes of Jesus, meeting their saviour changed the lives of the Shepherds. They returned praising God. Their lives were changed forever by Christmas. All they had seen and heard meant they would never be the same. They would live each day with Jesus in their hearts and lives.

What impact has Christmas had on you? After all the festivities are you ready to pack Jesus away with the rest of Christmas; happy to return to your day to day lives?

John reminds us that Jesus is,

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5

As the decorations are removed, as some of the glamour is boxed away, and as the lights come down, let us remember that Jesus is the light that shines in darkness, and he wants to live alongside us. Let us be reminded we can, like the shepherds, take the joy of Christmas into each day.

From our November Registers



Baptisms *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

St Leonard's

19th Arielle Jude Cagna

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As the New Year begins, I look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give me the courage to do all that You ask of me. Please also make me brave to not do what isn't from You. Show me how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for me even more.

A Prayer for Thankfulness

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

Joseph P. Shadle

From the Churchwardens at St Leonard's ...

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and continues to help to keep St Leonard's running smoothly, from cleaning the church, general maintenance, cutting grass, collecting grass, arranging services, arranging flowers, helping with refreshments at services and fundraising events, and anything else that helps with church life. You are all a vital part of the church community and our jobs would be a lot more difficult without your continued support.

We wish everyone a very happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Thank you.

Plough Service

Sunday 14th January in St Leonard's Church at 11.30am



Monday 15th January in St Leonard's Church at 7.30pm.

Starting Sunday 21st January 2024 a new service with stories, children's activities and refreshments. Every 3rd Sunday at 4pm.

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Warmingham Home Group

The next meeting is on **Monday 29th January** at 2pm at the home of Frances Noden. Please contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.



Christmas at St Leonard's



Pancake Morning

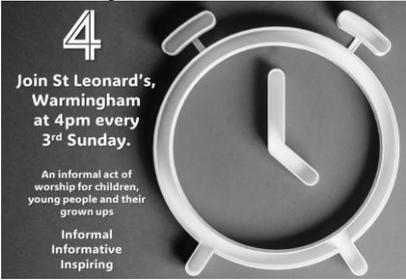
Saturday 17th February
in the Village Hall

Freshly Tossed Pancakes
Bring & Buy Stall
Raffle

Christmas and Christingles at St Peter's



St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

Date	Times and services	Sides- persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning
Sunday 7th January The Epiphany	11.30am Morning Service	Mr K Newton	Mrs J Sant	Janet and Cecilia
Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2	11.30am Plough Service 	Ms N Archer	Mrs E Richardson	
Monday 15th January	7.30pm PCC Meeting			
Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3	11.30am Family Communion 4.00pm Family Service 	Mr S Moss	Mrs E Richardson	
Sunday 28th January Epiphany 4	9.00am Holy Communion	Mrs J Sant	Mrs C Whittaker	
Sunday 4th February Presentation of Christ	11.30am Morning Prayer	Mrs J Baxter	Mrs C Whittaker	

Warmingham Village Hall

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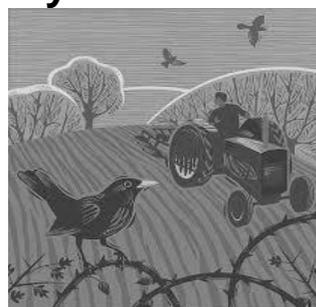
St Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 7th January The Epiphany	9am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	Ephesians 3.1-12 <i>Chris Ward</i> Matthew 2.1-12	No Evensong
Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2	9am HC 10.45am 7pm Evensong	Revelation 5.1-10 <i>Ruth Edge</i> John 1.43-end	Isaiah 60.9-end <i>Alison Bate</i> Hebrews 6.17-7.10 <i>Andrew Hollinshead</i>
Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3	9am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	Revelation 19.6-10 <i>Gilly Booth</i> John 2.1-11	No Evensong
Sunday 28th January Epiphany 4	No 9am HC 10.45am HC 12.30pm Baptism 1.30pm Baptism 7pm Evensong	Revelation 12.1-5a <i>Alan Culshaw</i> Mark 1.21-28	1 Samuel 3.1-20 <i>Sandra Parkes</i> 1 Corinthians 14.12-20 <i>Chris Parkes</i>
Sunday 4th February Presentation of Christ	9.00am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	Hebrews 2.14-18 <i>Jane Dunseath</i> Luke 2.22-40	No Evensong



Monday 22nd January
in the Community Hall

**St Peter's
Plough Service and Supper
Sunday 11th February**



St Peter's Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Offertory	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Sunday 7th January The Epiphany	Robert Hodson	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Nicola Darlington
Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2	Ben Entwistle Sandra Parkes	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Audrey Bergin	Nicola Darlington
Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3	Philip and Gail Barnes	Paul and Margaret Harvey	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Pat Davies
Sunday 28th January Epiphany 4	Patrick Smith Sandra Parkes	Philippa Goyer and Ann De Ruiter	John and Ruth Edge	Pat Davies
Sunday 4th February Presentation of Christ	Robert Hodson	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Ruth Edge

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to go on the rotas, please speak to our Churchwardens: St. Peter's - Chris; St. Leonard's - Janet or Mike. They would be really pleased to hear from you!

Would you consider writing a short article for the magazine?

We would love to hear what you have been up to this past year. Any special events or birthdays you would like to share.

St. Peter's Community Hall, Minshull Vernon

For hall bookings please contact Jane: Email:mvchall@yahoo.com
Tel: 07902 936490

St Peter's January Book of Remembrance

- 1st Joyce Miriam Holland (2017)
- 2nd Selina Emily Wilde (1946), James William Broad (1994),
Muriel Jessie Manifold (1997)
- 3rd Ronald Edward Brown (1978), Victoria Louise Patrick (1994)
- 4th Mary Maxwell (1993), William Ian Roger Darlington (2014)
- 5th Lucy Hanwell (2011), Rita McGrath (2003),
Margaret Knapper (2016)
- 6th Revd Canon Gordon David Geddes (2011)
- 7th Kathleen Williams (1995)
- 8th Clifford Jones (1970), Ethel Elizabeth Blayney (2019)
- 9th Harriet Foster (1962), Alfred Edward Whitehead (1996)
- 10th Wilfred Everall (2021)
- 11th Stanley Bate (1982)
- 12th Samuel Herbert Moreton (1970)
- 13th Malcolm MacDonald (2003)
- 15th George Ernest Washington (1916), Laura Bayes (2000),
Graham Barnes (2001), Janet Collins (2015)
- 16th Ellen Jinks (1960), Hilda Bate (1965)
- 17th Graham Edward Dowsett (1989), Lucy Eleanor Vernon (1993)
- 18th Alfred George Leech (1973)
- 19th Ralph William Broad (1965), Frantz Peter Nehammer (1954),
Alan Ford (2017)
- 20th Dorothy Ethel Boothroyd (2012), Joseph Henry Crawford (2012),
John Epps (2023)
- 22nd Thomas Davenport (1979), Brenda Barber (2014),
Eira Tempest (2019)
- 25th Samuel Crawford (1915)
- 26th Kathleen Mary Leech (2010), Mavis June Moore (2005),
Mary Bramall (2023)
- 27th Walter Moses Bate (1984), Trevor Ernest Holland (2003)
- 28th Gordon Wood (2006), Kathleen Evans (2009)
- 29th Thomas Marshall Charlesworth (2013), Ann Elizabeth Smith (2015)
- 30th James Albert Roy Kavanagh (2011)
- 31st Ellen Callwood (1970), Gladys Walker (1983),
Gladys May Thompson (1995), Horace Williams (2005)

Used Stamps

Please could you kindly pass on any used stamps from your post. Stamps can be left in St Peter's porch and St Leonard's porch. They are collected in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Thank you.

News from Warmingham CE Primary School



Christmas has truly begun! As we entered the season of Advent, our Key Stage One began rehearsals of the Nativity. This year we were fortunate to 'rope' the vicar in! We worked together to create 'Good News', written by Rev Paul – a Nativity enjoyed by all, with story-telling, acting, singing and musical accompaniment.

The children were amazing, re-telling the true story of Christmas.

Warmingham Village News

January Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 9th	Walk `n Talk	Sandbach	10.00am
Sunday 14th	Plough Service	Church	11.30am
Every Thursday	Bellringing at the Church from 7.30pm - 9.00pm		

Warmingham & District W.I.

December meeting

The meeting on Wednesday 6th December was opened by the President, Caroline, who welcomed members and signed the minutes from the previous meeting. Members were asked to select and vote for one of the four proposed resolutions to go forward to the W.I. AGM.

Caroline welcomed the speaker: Ray Hill. Ray entertained the members with a talk illustrated with pictures of Optical Illusions. This was followed by social time and an opportunity to peruse the Bring & Buy Stall.

Next meeting – Wednesday 3rd January

The January meeting is a Social Evening with time to play old fashioned games and a supper of soup and apple pie. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall and a raffle. The competition is "Birds".

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

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

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 and new members are always welcome - for further information please contact Caroline on 01270 526022.

Walk 'n Talk

The next walk is planned for **Tuesday 9th January** with a walk from Brereton Country Park followed by lunch.

Meet on Lower Waitrose car park in Sandbach at 10.00am. If you wish to join the walk or just come for lunch please sign the list at W.I. or ring Caroline on 01270 526022. You do not need to be a W.I. member to join this activity.

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

St Leonards Church, Warmingham.

CAN YOU HELP?



We are looking for a

Treasurer and a **Safeguarding Officer**

If you feel you have a couple of hours each week to spare we would love to hear from you.

The **Church Tower** is to undergo a major restoration project within the next 2 years and we have to raise a lot of money through donations and grants. Are you able to help with this massive project?

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