



## St Leonard's Church, Wollaton

### Living for Jesus



16 February 2025

Today's Service can be found on our website homepage  
[stleonardswollaton.org.uk](http://stleonardswollaton.org.uk)

## St Leonard's @ 10am in the Community Centre

Lead Tim Pullen      Talk Elaine Thompson



Colossians 1: 24-2.5

John 17:1-10

## St Leonard's @ 4pm with Holy Communion

Lead Tim Pullen      Talk



Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.

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Our vision is to be a joyful and vibrant church empowered by the Holy Spirit committed to sharing God's love with the wider community, welcoming partnership with others, so that all may be drawn in to the abundant life of Christ.

Find out more about us and what's going on at  
[www.stleonardswollaton.org.uk](http://www.stleonardswollaton.org.uk)

Dear members of St Leonard's,

You may be aware that our Rector, Tim, is retiring on Sunday the 27 th April after over a decade of ministry to St Leonard's and the local community. There will be opportunities to express our gratitude to him and Jo later, but we would like to acknowledge now, the huge contribution they have made to the life of this church over the years.

As we look for a new Rector, our aim is to gather views from young and old, new and longstanding members across all our regular services. As part of this process, we would like to invite you to one of two meetings:

- Thursday, 6 th March (11-1pm) in church (following a shortened 10:30am Service of Holy Communion)
- Sunday, 9 th March (12-2pm) in the Community Centre

These events will form a critical part of our discerning how God is leading us forwards. Please come ready to pray, reflect, and share, as we seek to listen to God and each other. A light lunch will be served at each event.

Whilst St Leonard's is without a Rector, the church will be managed by the Standing Committee and Resources Team (SCART), a sub-committee of the PCC. This team consists of Mike Smith, Mienneke Vine, Lisa Smith and Carol Barber and will now also include Lindy Jones and Elaine Thompson.

During this time, let's take every opportunity to pray; as individuals, families, Connect groups. There is also an opportunity each week at 9:30am before our Sunday services to come together as a church to seek God's help.

Please pray for God's blessing on Tim and Jo. Please pray for the members of SCART, that we would hear God clearly and make wise decisions. Pray for our church, that we would continue to rejoice in God's love, sharing it with whomever we meet. Pray for our future Rector, that God would envision and prepare them, to lead, encourage and challenge us.

With love and blessings,

Mike Smith & Mienneke Vine

(Churchwardens)



St Leonard's, Wollaton

invites everyone supporting the ministry of this church to give through the Parish Giving Scheme



## Introducing the Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme, or PGS for short, offers secure and simple ways for everyone to give to their chosen church. Our church, and thousands of others throughout the Church of England, has chosen PGS to help us manage financial gifts from our community, with maximum security and minimum fuss. Whether you are a member of the community or a visitor, giving regularly as part of your personal discipleship, marking an important life event, or making a contribution to the life and work of your local church, all gifts are vital to the life and ministry of this church in our community, and each gift is deeply appreciated.

### What's Special about PGS?

The diocese to which this parish belongs is one of more than 30 across the Church of England to become a member of the PGS, which is a registered charity. This means that PGS will always be designed by the Church, for the Church. Together, we are committed to advancing regular giving in every church, helping to overcome one of the greatest challenges to church income, static giving. Gifts made through PGS are only given to the specific parish you choose.

### How does PGS help our Church?

PGS not only provides a safe way for you to give to our church, it helps everyone involved.

As a giver, you benefit from:

- Flexibility, retaining control of how much you give, how often and to which church
- Certainty, that this simple giving method is helping our church to receive regular financial support
- Futureproofing, having the option to increase a regular gift annually to protect your gift against inflation
- Anonymity, if preferred
- Security, peace of mind that the Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme protects your regular gifts

### Did you know that it's making life simpler for our church treasurer too?

- PGS processes multiple gifts in a single transaction, reducing administration and paperwork
- PGS claims eligible Gift Aid from HMRC on our church's behalf, maximising your gift with no hassle for the treasurer
- Secure access for the treasurer to view our church's monthly and annual statements online
- Saving time, for all those who count the cash given in church

And our church benefits from:

- A trusted mechanism to channel the financial generosity of all givers
- Predictable income that can be dedicated towards our mission and ministry, life and work
- Stable and planned giving makes it possible to plan for the future and to be the church God calls us to be



## Setting up a regular gift

There are three secure ways to set up a regular gift by Direct Debit with PGS:

- Online at [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page
  - By telephone on 0333 002 1271
  - Or by completing a gift form and posting it
- If you are eligible to claim Gift Aid, it's easy to opt in, and you can also choose to increase your giving annually in line with inflation.



## Setting up a one-off gift

A one-off gift is made in a single transaction using a debit or credit

card, or with Apple or Google Pay, through the PGS website, [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

You may be a regular giver, choosing to make an additional one-off gift for a special occasion. If you manage your regular giving online, you can simply log-in securely and follow the instructions on screen to make your one-off gift. You'll then see it on your statement of account.

However, you don't need to have a PGS account, or give regularly, to make a one-off gift – this facility is open to everyone who would like to support our church. To make a one-off gift to our church, simply visit the PGS website or use your smartphone to scan the QR code, and you'll be guided through the transaction securely in a few short steps.

## By choosing to give online, you can:



Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit



Make a single one-off gift



Give anonymously



Give securely



Increase your gift annually in line with inflation



Opt in to Gift Aid to increase your gift by 25% (if applicable)

Scan this QR code to access our dedicated PGS landing page and set up your one-off gift or regular giving online.



Visit this unique URL

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wollaton-st-leonard-nottingham/>



## The week ahead

Come for Coffee Tues 10:00am  
 Hand bells Wed 7:30pm  
 Office Hour Second Tues every month 6-7pm

Wollaton Youth Club Tues 5-6:30pm  
*At Kingswood Church*  
 Toddler Group Thurs 10:00am  
 Toddler Group Thurs 1:30pm  
 (Term time only)

### Worship Services

Thursday 20th February  
 St Leonard's @ 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd February  
 St Leonard's @ 10am with Holy Communion



## Dates for your diary

Silent Prayer Group  
 Wednesday 26th Feb, 7.30 pm  
 20 Caxmere Drive, NG8 1GG

Book Group  
 Thursday 6th March, 7.30pm  
 The Rectory, 143 Russell Drive



### Please Pray:

We each continue to pray for our five that they may explore Christian faith.

Father, please grant empathy, wisdom and skill to all who work with children with additional needs, pupils in special units or at home because they cannot attend school, those battling poor mental health and newly arrived refugees who need extra support.

We pray for *the sick* -  
*Kathleen Price, King Charles III,*  
*Catherine Princess of Wales, Dr Jun,*  
*Kyle Burnet,*

We remember the families of those who have died recently and pray for the families of, *Joan Butler, Luigi Reale, Sarah Edward, Sheila Chambers*

### Funerals:

*Luigi Reale, 18th February at 1:30*  
*Joan Butler, 25th February at 12:30*  
*Sheila Chambers, 5th March at 12:30*



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### Community Centre Bookings

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