



# St Leonard's Church, Wollaton



## Living for Jesus

11 May 2025

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

## St Leonard's @ 10am with Holy Communion

Lead David Hughes Talk James Halstead



1 Timothy 6.11-19

Matthew 9.35-38

*Next Sunday 18th May: We will be holding a Holy Communion service in Church prior to the APCM Meeting, in Church. There will be no 4pm service.*



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

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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)

A message from Tim and Jo

We would like to express our enormous gratitude and appreciation for all the support, encouragement and generosity shown to us as we have come to the end of our time at St. Leonard's. It has been a joy and privilege to be a part of the church and the wider parish community. We will miss you all and look forward to hearing about what God continues to do through and among you. With our love and prayers. Every blessing. Tim and Jo

New address: 26 Lowther Grove, Garforth, Leeds LS25 1EN

So, What Happens Now? Navigating the Interregnum

The 27th April was a wonderful celebration of Tim and Jo's ministry among us, and we're so grateful for all that God has accomplished through their dedication. We wish them every blessing as they settle into their new home this week.

As we now enter the interregnum, please be assured that we've been planning to ensure the smooth running of our church life and to find our next Rector. This includes:

- Service Schedule: continuing different types of services to help us worship God.
- Ongoing Ministry: coordinating things previously overseen by Tim, to help our church life to flourish.

Recruiting Our New Rector: following our March discernment meetings, we've been preparing our parish profile for potential candidates, working with the Diocese as part of the recruitment process. While we are eager to welcome a new Rector, we know this needs to be a prayerful process requiring careful discernment. Please lift our church life and those leading during this time in your prayers. Don't forget the weekly opportunities to pray together as a church family for God's blessing on the challenges ahead.

With love and blessings, Mike Smith & Mienieke Vine (Churchwardens)

<p>A prayer for this time of transition</p> <p>Father God,</p> <p>in this time of transition,</p> <p>help us to see Your presence in our community</p> <p>and to listen to Your will for the way ahead.</p> <p>May our lips speak Your words, and our hands do</p> <p>Your work as we wait for your kingdom to come.</p> <p>As we look for the Holy Spirit's leading</p> <p>in the appointment of a new rector,</p> <p>we pray for guidance, inspiration and grace.</p> <p>We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ,</p> <p>for the sake of His Kingdom,</p> <p>and in sure and certain hope.</p> <p>Amen</p>	<p>A prayer for whoever will join us</p> <p>God of the journey,</p> <p>whose Spirit blows where it will:</p> <p>move amongst your people,</p> <p>and draw to this village and this church a new priest,</p> <p>who will equip us to build your kingdom;</p> <p>prepare our hearts to work with them,</p> <p>in the service of your of Son, Jesus Christ,</p> <p>our Saviour.</p> <p>Amen</p>
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100 Years of Wollaton 1925-2025 - Grand opening of the Dovecote and new exhibition

The Dovecote will be officially opened by Lord Middleton on Sunday, 11th May, with drinks from 2pm and the opening at 2.15pm, followed by a guided village walk at 3.15pm. The new exhibition explores Wollaton's transformation from village to suburb through maps, documents, photos, and clothing from 1925 to 2025, and will also unveil a new planted area and memorial bench for Maureen Jones.

## APCM

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in Church following a morning Communion service. After the service, refreshments will be served before we begin the meeting at midday.

Copies of the Annual Reports and Accounts will be emailed to all members of the Electoral Roll. Next Sunday there will be a QR code on the notice sheet making these documents available online.

All information will be available on the church website before the meeting.

Please speak to Carol Barber after today's service or email the Church office if you would like a hard copy.

## Chair of the Community Centre – Volunteer Role

Our present Chairman of the Community Centre is stepping down and we are looking for a committed individual to lead the strategic and operational management of our Centre. This hands-on role involves overseeing projects and finances, managing staff, coordinating maintenance and health & safety, and acting as a key liaison with St Leonard's Church. You'll be a visible face of the Centre, helping ensure it remains a vibrant, well-run hub for the community.

For more information please email your interest to [slwollaton@gmail.com](mailto:slwollaton@gmail.com)

Craft Groups runs every third Thursday of the month in the Community Centre, 7-9pm.

All are welcome to bring a craft you are working on and enjoy coffee, cake and company!

Thank you for all the stamps that have been given to Jenny and myself recently. They are passed onto the Bone Cancer Research Trust who sell the stamps and also postcards towards their funds. If you would like to know, more check out the facebook page of Friends of BCRT - postage stamp appeal and more. Stamps should have a border of about a centimetre if possible and can be passed on to Jenny Eaton on Thursday mornings, myself on Sundays or left in the Parish Office. Thank you all so much, Jan Taylor

## Christian Aid Week 2025 11th - 17th May

The focus is on the impacts of the Climate Emergency on the lives of subsistence farmers in Guatemala (in Central America).



Extreme weather conditions, particularly from drought, are robbing people of reliable sources of water. Our gifts will help communities build resilience with new water collection systems, use of more drought resistant seed varieties, the provision of equipment and training in product development, pricing & marketing. If you would like to donate, you can do so either via the website (the donate button is at the top right of the Christian Aid website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>) or by using one of the envelopes that will be available to collect from church.

## Celebrating Peter Price

Join us on Sunday 22nd June at the 10am service as we celebrate and thank Peter Price for his many years of service as organist at St Leonard's. Peter will share his spiritual and musical journey through hymns and bible readings.

A cash collection will be held—please bring donations to the office.



## The week ahead

Come for Coffee	Tues	10:00am
Hand bells	Wed	7:30pm
Bell Ringing Practice	Thurs	7:30pm

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

### Worship Services

Thursday 15th May  
St Leonard's @ 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May  
St Leonard's @ 10 with Holy Communion in Church



## Dates for your diary

### APCM

Sunday 18th May following the service  
At 12:00 in Church

Craft Group in the Community Centre  
15th May, 7-9pm

### Alpha

15th May at 7pm in Church

Dads 'n Kids in the Community Centre  
17th May @ 10am



## Please Pray:

As we mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we thank God for the courage and sacrifice of those who brought peace to Europe. May their legacy inspire us to live with justice, compassion and unity.

### We pray for the sick -

*Kathleen Price, King Charles III,  
Catherine Princess of Wales, Dr Jun,  
Bob Keen, Kath Barnes, Pauline Flatt*

*We remember the families of those who  
have died recently and pray for the families  
of, Chris Marshall, Jon Webster,  
Kathryn Davis, Carole Pullen*

### Funerals;

*Jon Webster, 12th May at 1pm*

Service of thanksgiving for Chris Marshall  
on the 5th June in Church at 12:15



## Contacts:

### To contact the Church Office:

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### Community Centre Bookings

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