



St Leonard's Church, Wollaton



Living for Jesus

28 September 2025

Today's Service can be found on our website homepage
stleonardswollaton.org.uk

St Leonard's @ 10am with Holy Communion

"Freedom in Christ - The Fullness of Freedom"

Lead David Hughes Talk Archdeacon Phil Williams



Ephesians 2:1-10

John 4: 1- 30 & 39 -42



Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Interregnum Update

Following the application deadline, we received only one applicant for the Rector position. While this may feel a little disappointing, Elaine and Mike, our Parish Representatives, took time to reflect and discuss the way forward.

The option to interview the one candidate is still open but it feels important to try and widen the field. We believe it's in the best interest of both the church and the future Rector that the person appointed is chosen from a broader range of applicants, with a shared vision that has been prayerfully and intentionally discerned.

After careful consideration, we have decided to re-advertise the post for a further four weeks. As a result, the Parish Visit Day is now planned for Thursday 6th November, with interviews on Friday morning.

We hope you understand the reasons behind this decision. Please continue to pray with us; for the process, for the person God is calling to join us, and for one another as we continue to grow and serve in God's Kingdom.

A prayer for the interregnum:

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the ministry of those who serve your Church, and for the gifts you pour out on us.

Be with us now in this time of vacancy and transition.

Strengthen and sustain those who are holding the life of St Leonard's together.

Show us all how we can play our part with grace, love and humility.

May we be a people of prayer, hope and unity, trusting in your timing and your will.

Guide and inspire all who are involved in seeking our new Rector.

Prepare the heart of the one you are calling to lead us, and prepare us to receive them with joy.

Renew us by your Spirit, and lead us forward together in your love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Bring and Share HARVEST Supper

Sunday 5th October
5.00-7.00pm
Community Centre



The Children's Society

It is now time to bring your collection boxes back into church.
Please bring into Natasha in the office.



As we navigate the interregnum, good communication is really important. If you have any concerns, issues or queries about the running of the church please raise them directly with the churchwardens: slchurchwardens@gmail.com

Connect Group

Connect Groups are an important part of our life as a family at St Leonard's, mostly meeting fortnightly.

They provide time and space to worship God during the week.

They help us to deepen our fellowship with one another as we share what matters to us, offer support and encouragement, and learn to pray for one another.

They help us to focus on passages from the Bible and to discuss them in the light of our experience.

They give us the opportunity to use our gifts in a safe environment.

They are the time when we encourage each other and pray for our witness and that of the wider church. Are you part of a Connect group? If not, you are missing something and we are missing your unique contribution. Talk to someone on the PCC about joining one.

Celebrate 20 Years of the Community Centre!

The Mothers' Union warmly invites you to join us on; Thursday 2nd October at 2:30pm as we celebrate two decades of our beloved Community Centre! We'll be joined by Malcolm and Mary Stacey, who will share stories and memories of the Centre's journey over the years. Come and enjoy a nostalgic talk, good company, and light refreshments as we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Everyone welcome!

Wollaton Walled Garden

Autumn Festival Weekend



Sat 4th & Sun 5th October, 11am-4pm

Entrance £2 (children free)

Refreshments with home bakes, book stall, plant sales, Bric-a-brac stall, Local history booklets on sale

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning



Saturday 1st November
10am–12 noon Community Centre

Tickets £2

Join us for a friendly coffee morning, ALL proceeds in support of MU projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, helping women gain skills in literacy, numeracy, and farming.

Donations needed!

To make the event a success, we'd be grateful for:

- Unwanted gifts (for raffle/ tombola)
- Cakes, books, jigsaws
(No bric-a-brac, please)

A box will be left in Church for donations. Thank you for your support!



Help Needed – Dads 'n Kids Setup

Dads 'n Kids group runs every 3rd Sunday of the month 10am-12, and we need a few extra hands to help set up before each session.

If you can arrive 20-30 minutes early, we'd love your help with:

- Tables & chairs
- Big equipment (table tennis/ foosball table)
- Ride-on toys & toy boxes

Even occasional help makes a big difference!

Thank you.



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
At Kingswood Church		
Toddler Group	Thurs	10:00am
Toddler Group	Thurs	1:30pm

Worship Services

Thursday 2nd October
St Leonard's @ 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday 5th October

St Leonard's @ 10am All Together

St Leonard's @ 4pm with Holy Communion



Dates for your diary

Harvest Supper
5th Oct @ 5pm
In the Community Centre

Wollaton United Service
26th October @ 6:00pm
St Thomas More RC Church

The main church building is open during the day.

You are welcome to come in to look around or to spend time in quiet reflection and prayer



Please Pray:

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

We pray for all taking part in the Robin Hood Marathon this weekend. May it be a time of encouragement and generosity, as many run not just for themselves, but to support others and bring hope.

We pray for *the sick* -

Kathleen Price, Dr Jun, Paul Asher, Beryl Myatt, Jean Farmer

We remember the families of those who have died recently and pray for the families of, Ruth Phipps, Sylvia Garnett

Funerals:

Ruth Phipps, 7th Oct at 12:30

Sylvia Garnett, 10th Oct at 2pm



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