

# St Leonard's Church, Wollaton Living for Jesus



5 October 2025

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

# St Leonard's @ 10am All Together - Harvest

Lead All Together Team



Ruth 2

Deuteronomy 24:19-22

# St Leonard's @ 4pm with Holy Communion

Lead Jonathan Smithurst Talk Jonathan Smithurst

Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35

Come ye/you thankful people come We plough the fields and scatter Now thank we all our God

## Followed by Harvest Supper at 5pm in the Community Centre



Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator God,

you made the goodness of the land,

the riches of the sea

and the rhythm of the seasons;

as we thank you for the harvest,

may we cherish and respect

this planet and its peoples,

through 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

The application deadline for our new Rector closed recently. Whilst we received one potential applicant for the Rector position upon reflection we have decided to re-advertise the post for a further four weeks. As a result, the Parish Visit Day will now be planned for Thursday 6th November, with interviews on the Friday morning. 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

#### Help Needed – Dads 'n Kids Setup

Dads 'n Kids group runs every 3rd Saturday 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 setting out the larger equipment. Thank you.

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.

Wollaton Walled Garden

Autumn Festival Weekend 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

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!

## Silent Prayer Group

The Silent Prayer Group will next meet on Wednesday 29th October, 7.30 pm, at 39 Bramcote Lane.

## 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: <a href="mailto:slchurchwardens@gmail.com">slchurchwardens@gmail.com</a>

#### Harvest Appeal for the Middle East

This Harvest we are supporting the Tearfund Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. We will all have seen and heard reports of the terrible situation in Gaza. Tearfund are providing humanitarian supplies to their Christian partners in the area, to be distributed as soon as this is permitted. The West Bank and Lebanon have also been severely destabilised by events in the area, and Tearfund works through local partners to provide emergency funding for hospitals and schools, distributing essential supplies to people in need, and providing shelter and other assistance to those forced from their homes.

Please think and pray about how you can respond to this appeal. Donation envelopes are available in church and you can also give online. If you do so, please indicate in the process that your gift is a response to the Harvest Appeal at St Leonard's church, Wollaton. <a href="https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/middle-east-emergency-appeal">https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/middle-east-emergency-appeal</a>

We're also looking for donations towards St Martha's Foodbank. They are requesting non-perishable items, such as pasta, rice, tea, coffee, cereal, biscuits, tinned soup/veg/fruit/rice pudding.

Please be prayerfully considering what you might be able to give this year.

We also need volunteers to help transport items to St Martha's on Wednesday 8th October please.

### Parish Giving Scheme

Please note that PGS will be switching over their system to a new digital platform during October. This means that the PGS website will be taken offline from Monday 13th October until Thursday 30th October, when the new system will launch. To allow the PGS team to process any changes ahead of the switchover, the last date for givers to make any changes to their November giving is 3pm on Monday 13th October. Any new givers can still complete the form on the church website as before. Please note that the changes are infrastructure updates only, and won't affect how people give through PGS.

## 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!





#### The week ahead

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## Dates for your diary

Come for Coffee Tues 10:00am Hand bells Wed 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice Thurs 7:30pm Wollaton United Service 26th October @ 6:00pm St Thomas More RC Church

Wollaton Youth Club Tues

5-6:30pm

At Kingswood Church

Toddler Group Thurs 10:00am Toddler Group Thurs 1:30pm

Worship Services
Thursday 9th October

St Leonard's @ 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday 12th October

St Leonard's @ 10am with Holy Communion

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





#### Contacts:

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

Gracious God, Thank You for the harvest and all Your good gifts. As half term begins, bring rest to families and schools. Help us to share what we have and care for Your creation. Amen.

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 Churchwardens:

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