

THE LINK

*With St Leonard's in Swithland
in July & August 2021*



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A message from Rev Darren Walker

Dear brothers and sisters,

As my time with you is drawing to a close, as I prepare for my next adventure as Rector of the United Benefice of Whitwick, Thringstone

and Swannington, I wanted to say thank you. It was four years ago that I first arrived in Mountsorrel as a rather green newly ordained Deacon. I was not sure what to expect as I started my curacy, unsure if I would fit in with my new church family; I need not to have worried. From the very start I was made to feel welcome at both Christ Church and St Peter's in Mountsorrel and about 18 months later the same welcome was afforded to me over at St Leonard's in Swithland.

During my time as your curate, I have been blessed by all your support for my fledgling ministry. You have allowed me to grow as a minister and allowed me the room to try new things and have been forgiving when I have made mistakes. For this alone I will always be grateful. I was told at theological college that it was unwise for those in leadership roles to have close friendships, but this was always going to be impossible. I have made many friends over the last four years and these will I am sure, now be lifelong.

I will treasure some special memories, from conducting one of my first weddings with a two year old sat on my feet as I married his mum and dad, to running around Christ Church with my coat over my shoulders as I got a room full of children over excited as we prepared to watch a movie together, to being a small part of Sunbeams Toddler Group and so many thanks to Linda and Alison in helping me to grow in this part of my ministry. Thank you Peter, Veronica, David, Ian, Sally and Chris, our Church Wardens and to all members of PCC, for all your hard work. Thanks also to everyone involved in leading music at our churches, especially John Strange as he tried his hardest to teach this newbie how to sing Matins and Evensong (although I still can't say 'transitory').



A big thank you to Colin, Liz and Sarah for welcoming Wendy and I into your home on many occasions. Finally, a thank you to Colin. I remember when I first started under your tutelage, I would often refer to you as 'my boss' and as I leave I now call you a dear friend and brother in Christ. You have guided and taught me, you have stretched me and given me permission to be brave and to try new things. Never once did we have a cross word between us. The times we drank coffee in your study as we chatted away an afternoon, to finding an extra bottle of red wine when at Clergy Conference, will be memories that I will always treasure.

So, goodbye, and don't be a stranger. I am after all not that far away. Be kind and loving to each other always and passionate in your love for Christ.

A Final Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you
 May the wind be always at your back
 May the sunshine warm upon your face
 The rains fall soft upon your fields
 And until we meet again
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand



Sunday 11th July

A joint open air service to say farewell to Darren

11:00am, Christ Church

Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7JU





SWITHLAND FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW 2021

Make a date!

Subject to Government rules prevailing at the time,
The Swithland Flower and Vegetable Show will return on
SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER



RIDE AND STRIDE
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH



**Help us to raise money for both St Leonard's and the
Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust**

You can participate by cycling, jogging, walking or driving to as many or as few different churches or chapels as you wish - or you can simply be on hand to offer a welcome to those who visit St Leonard's.

Sponsorship forms are available at the back of church or more information can be obtained from Martin Greenwood - 07756 234201.

Last year we raised £1046

Help us to raise the same amount in 2021 or even more!

Repairs to the Memorial

I am delighted to tell you that the repairs to the Memorial are now complete. We have been able to carry out this project due to the generosity of local donors.

The steps are now safe and we hope to tidy up the lettering on the Memorial and paint the railings soon.

Sarah May



Swithland Parish Meeting

Due to the continuation of Covid restrictions I have not been able to hold the usual Parish Meeting. I am sure you will have noticed the new speed monitor at the Rothley end of the village. My thanks to the group who fitted it. Let's hope this will remind drivers to reduce their speed.

If you have any queries about anything in the village, please feel free to contact me.

Sarah May, Chair Swithland Parish Meeting

From the Church Registers

Wedding

5th June 2021 Christopher Dorn and Sophie Kinder

Funerals

6th January 2021 Eric Atkinson

24th May 2021 Christopher MacLaren Allen





OPEN CHURCH ON SATURDAYS
AT ST LEONARD'S
AUGUST 14th - SEPTEMBER 11th -
OCTOBER 9th - 2pm to 4pm

We are delighted to confirm that St Leonard's Church will open on the above dates when you will be very welcome to come along and either share a cup of tea and slice of cake with us, have wander around our very interesting churchyard or simply enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our lovely church.

We look forward to seeing you.



CHRISTIANS IN THE FOREST
REMAINDER OF SUMMER COURSE
"Acts 1-12 Church on the Move"
by Christine Platt

Remaining dates are :

- 6th July: Gospel explosion
- 13th July: God writes a new chapter
- 20th July: Conflict resolution



All meetings are at 7pm on Zoom.

For ID and Passcode and further information please contact Gary at garyhlee87@gmail.com



Climate Change

St Leonard's as an Eco Friendly Church

Some of you may well recall that from July 2019 to the Spring of 2020 there was lively correspondence in the LINK each month on the subject of Climate Change. Unfortunately this was cut short - as so many other things were - by the first coronavirus lockdown in March, but as I remarked at the time "No other topic has ever raised so many concerns and so much response".

St Leonard's now finds itself with the aspiration of becoming a church which is as eco friendly as it is possible to be and we are proposing that a small working party be formed to look carefully into this matter and come up with a blueprint for the best way forward.

You need not be a churchgoer to accept this invitation to help us. If you have any skills, advice or expertise in this field to offer which can be used to progress our aims, we will be very pleased to hear from you.

Please reply initially to myself and I will pass your name on to one of our Fabric Committee members.

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Thank you!

Sally, Rachael and Charles would like to thank everyone for their help and support in so many ways over the past year and to Colin and Darren, despite Covid restrictions, for their help with the preparations which enabled us to have the funeral service for Chris at St Leonard's.

Sally Allen



CHURCH SERVICES

All services will take place at St Leonard's in line with current restrictions. Please be assured that you are most welcome.

Church at Home Zoom Services

11.00am each Sunday

ID: 73236185391 PC: 002546

Sunday 4th

9.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

Rev Colin Resch

Sunday 11th

11.00am

Joint Churches Service in
Christ Church Churchyard

Rev Colin Resch &
Rev Darren Walker

Sunday 18th

9.30am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev Steve Delaforce

Sunday 25th

9.30am

Morning Prayer

Olga Harris &
Gary Lee



Services will take place at 9.30am on each Sunday during August.

Details to be confirmed. Please check our website.



St Leonard's Church

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