

THE LINK

*With St Leonard's in Swithland
in October 2021*



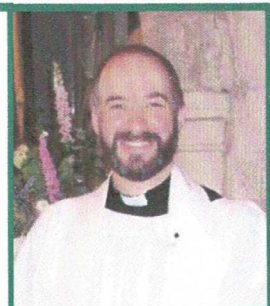
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Learning to be still

How are you doing?

How are your stress and anxiety levels?



Over recent weeks, I have been reflecting on words of Jesus from the sermon on the mount recorded in Matthew's gospel. In this teaching, Jesus instructs us not to worry. *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"* (Matthew 6.25)

With twenty-four hour news coverage available at our fingertips, it seems that we absorb more bad news in a day than our predecessors used to in a lifetime; and without a doubt there have been many issues of concern over recent weeks and months - Covid, climate change, Afghanistan, murders, food poverty, rising gas prices.....the list goes on. When faced with all of these issues, it is a wonder that any of us dare get out of bed in the mornings.

What is your strategy for dealing with these stressful situations? Some people choose to ignore the issues and continue with their own agendas seemingly unaware of the needs of others around them; some people do what they can to help knowing that they can't help everyone; others, and you may be one of them, take each issue to heart and become overwhelmed with stress and anxiety.

Church can be a good place to find some peace and quiet in the midst of our busy lives. I would like to encourage each one of you reading this to visit a Church (or some other quiet place) to sit in quietness and stillness and reflect on these scriptures; and, as you do, may you meet with the living God and learn, once again, to trust him for all things.

1 Peter 5.7: *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

Matthew 11.28-29: *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Psalm 55.22: *Cast your cares on the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*

Isaiah 40.31: *Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

Philippians 4.6-7: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

If you need to talk, 'phone me or drop me an email.

With love and blessing, Colin Resch



OUR
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

RAISING AN AMAZING £646!

VERY MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE
WHO HELPED AND GAVE THEIR SUPPORT

Ride and Stride 2021



This year those participating from St Leonard's Church in Ride and Stride raised £915.75, an excellent result indeed!

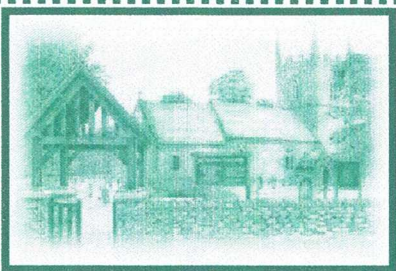
Half of the money raised goes to our church, St Leonard's. The other half to the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. The money given to our church, £457.37, will be put towards pastoral care or the fabric of the building.

The share retained by the Trust will be distributed by the Trustees at their Spring and Autumn meetings to aid churches, chapels and meeting houses in their never-ending need to keep up with expensive repairs and maintenance.

Many thanks to those that participated in Ride and Stride this year and also to those who manned the church, clocking participants in and out and providing refreshments sometimes a lonely task but as you see from the result, very rewarding.

Do join in **Ride and Stride** next year which will be held on **Saturday September 10th 2022.**

Martin Greenwood



OPEN CHURCH AT
ST LEONARD'S ON
OCTOBER 9th - 2pm to 4pm

Last of the season

Call in at the church - share a cup of tea and slice of cake with us - wander round our churchyard - or simply take time to enjoy some peace and tranquillity.

We would love to see you.



HARVEST LUNCH AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Good food - good friends - good fellowship



All of the above were much in evidence as members and friends of our congregation gathered together for a delicious lunch at the Memorial Hall to celebrate our Harvest Festival.

We began with Olga Harris saying grace, there was a message from Pat Copson sending her greetings and love to us all, Martin Greenwood thanked everyone for their participation and Alyse Keates read a delightful prayer she had written herself, which brought the lunch to a very fitting close.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make this occasion such a success and special thanks to Geraldine Mason for once again planning and organising the food so expertly.



Could You be a School Governor?

You may already be aware that many of the Primary Schools in this area and Rawlins Academy are all Church of England Schools. This means they are supported by the Diocesan Board of Education. The Church of England has always been concerned with education in many forms and the history of Church schools began when the National Society for the Promotion of Education was founded in 1811.

As you can imagine, much of the day-to-day activity of schools is managed by head teachers and their senior leadership team. However, the strategic direction of the school is generally directed by the Board of Governors. Governors are volunteers who offer strategic guidance and support to their school communities. Being a governor is a great way to give your skills back to the community. Although anyone over 18 can apply, Church of England schools are also expected to have a number of Foundation Governors, who are trained and supported by dioceses.

Nearly three years ago, Clare Darby was appointed Principal at Rawlins. She says "Rawlins is a Church of England Academy and at the centre of our work are our Christian values of compassion, wisdom and endurance. Our focus is to provide an environment that enables pupils to be wise, compassionate and forgiving." It is great that the Principal is committed to enhancing the Christian impact on the school. If you do a Google-search for 'Rawlins Visions and Values' you will see the visions and values supported by Bible references.

At the start of this year there were three Foundation Governors at Rawlins, one of whom is David Bowler, the vicar at Quorn. As you probably know, David is due to retire at the end of October, and one of the other Foundation Governors has recently resigned, which will leave just one, Colin Shipway.

If you would like to find out more about what it involves to be a Foundation Governor then Colin would be more than happy to speak to you about this. If you think this is not something for you, then that would be fine, but please pray that God will call the right people to these positions. This is a great opportunity for us, as Christians, to have a very positive impact on the lives of many young people in our community.

If you would like to speak to Colin Shipway, Colin Resch can give you his contact details.



Many people have already sent us some really useful views on Swithland Parish Church so, thank you if that was you!

If you haven't managed to complete the survey yet, there is still time.

We'd love to hear from you too.

Either:

1. Go to: stleonardsswithland.org/survey/
2. Or scan this QR code:



The survey is completely anonymous and should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

It will be more valuable than you know to receive your views so here's a big **THANK YOU** for taking the time to respond!

Climate change is affecting every single person and animal on this planet we call home right now.



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE?

It is a statement of fact, we cannot be any more certain; it is unequivocal and indisputable that humans are warming this planet.

The IPCC report on Climate Change (quoted above) was released in August 2021 and states that climate change is widespread, rapid and intensifying. It has found changes in the Earth's climate in every region and across the whole climate system. Prof Ed Hawkins, one of the authors of the report says, "The consequences will continue to get worse for every bit of warming and for many of these consequences there's no going back."

WHAT HAS CAUSED CLIMATE CHANGE?

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2: 15

Mankind has not cared for the planet as God expected us to do. Instead we have over used its resources for our own purposes.

The climate and the earth's temperature are being influenced by:

- The burning of fossil fuels that provide energy to heat and light our homes and to make the goods we buy.
- The use of fossil fuels to transport us, the goods and food we enjoy around the world.
- The cutting down of forests such as the rain forests in Brazil to make way for vast plantations where products such as bananas, palm oil, pineapple, sugar cane, tea and coffee are grown.
- The intensive farming of animals to provide us with meat and dairy products.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

The Earth is warming, rainfall patterns are changing, and sea levels are rising. UK Met Office

The most obvious impacts of this are:

- More frequent and intense droughts.
- Rising sea levels as the ice caps and glaciers melt.
- Higher temperatures.
- Sea temperatures rising.
- Storms and increased rainfall.



These impacts are already directly harming animals, destroying the places they live and wreaking havoc on people's livelihoods and communities. More extreme temperatures in the form of heatwaves and increased flooding will affect people's health, property and businesses.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?
**Even if we were to stop all emissions today, we would
not prevent some changes. *UK Met Office***

This does not mean that we should not try to cut emissions as the sooner we do so, the smaller the changes will be. We can reduce emissions by:

- Reducing our energy use, which will also reduce our bills.
- Eating less meat and dairy.
- Leaving the car at home and cutting down on the amount we fly.
- Respecting and protecting green spaces, planting trees.
- Investing our money responsibly.
- Cutting down the amount we consume and waste.

We can also talk about the changes we are making to our family and friends and encourage them to do the same. These changes are not just about improving the lives of future generations but about improving our lives and those of our neighbours.

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on this planet we call home right now.**

WHAT IS COP26 AND HOW CAN WE AFFECT IT?

COP26 is The United Nations climate change conference where almost every country on earth will be represented. It is taking place in Glasgow from 1st to 12th November. This conference will be a pivotal moment in the fight against climate change.

What can we do ? - We can pray:

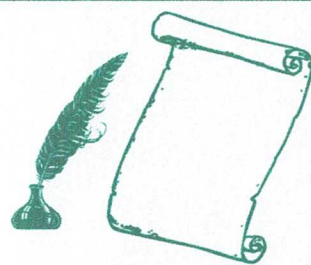
- For Alok Sharma MP Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy who, as President, will preside over COP26 negotiations.
- For all world leaders taking part that they will work together for the benefit of all peoples.
- That all the world leaders have the courage to make the hard decisions that need to be made.

Liz Resch

From the Registers - 2021

Baptism

August 29th Jack Roadley
September 19th Amelie and Daisy Vickers



Marriage

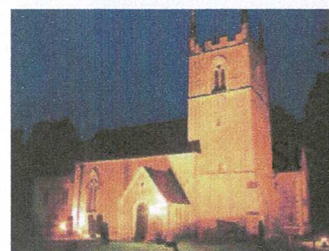
June 19th Henry Gardner and Yoanna Mircheva
July 9th Daniel Copp and Libby Dickson
July 24th Josh Wheeler and Scarlett Bromwich
July 31st Ricky Wickwar and Rebecca-Jane Mason
August 8th Edward Timmins and Lucy-Ann Short
August 15th Ben White and Megan Featherstone
August 20th Sean Mills and Alice Winter
September 3rd Sean Branson and Bethany Hardy
September 11th Matt Mousley and Nancy Cooper
September 16th Dom Eaton and Louise Levy
September 18th Nigel Pinegar and Amy Collett

Funeral

June 21st Hugh Dixon

Church Floodlighting - 2021

If you wish to sponsor the floodlighting of the church to celebrate the memory of a special person or occasion, please contact Sally, our churchwarden.



6th September - Janet Hunt in memory of David and Moss.
11th October - Sally Allen in memory of Jack and Joan Copson.
25th October - Val Capewell in memory of Phyllis and Pat Close.
8th November - Judith Copson in loving memory of Leonard.
20th December - Jayne and Derek Cranage in loving memory of
Neil and Betty Dewick and Emily and Ted Cranage.



**GREAT NEWS !
OUR 'FRIDAY CLUB' IS OPEN
EVERY FRIDAY IN TERM TIME
9am to 10.30am**

Toddlers, Mums, Dads, Grandparents & Carers
are all invited to come along and join us for playtime
activities, bible stories, songs, a drink and a chat.

EVERYONE WELCOME

SWITHLAND CHURCH MEN'S CLUB

There will be a meeting at the Griffin Inn
on Wednesday 13th October at 8pm

This will be an Annual General Meeting
which will be followed by a presentation from Chris Aspinall
on his life working with glass entitled
"Through the Looking Glass"

We look forward to seeing members new and old once again.
Andrew Brown - Chairman



Launde Abbey

***AUTUMN CLASSICAL
CONCERTS***



17th October **Classical Guitar - Jonathan Richards**

14th November **Aquilae Duo - harp and flute**
Eleanor Turner and Lisa Nelsen

For further information visit www.laundeabbey.org.uk



*You are invited to join us at
any of our services and be
assured of a very warm
welcome*

Sunday 3rd

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Colin Resch
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Revd Colin Resch

Sunday 10th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Colin Resch
9.30am	Family Service + Baptism	Revd Colin Resch

Sunday 17th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Steve Delaforce
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Revd Steve Delaforce

Sunday 24th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Colin Resch
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Clive Hilton

Sunday 31st

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alison Prince
9.30am	All Saints Communion	Rev Alison Prince



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