

NOVEMBER

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

Sunday 7th

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

Sunday 14th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Eric Whitley
9.30am	Remembrance Service	Jeff Harrison
10.50am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	

Sunday 21st

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

Sunday 28th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Colin Resch
9.30am	Morning Prayer and Gift Service	Olga Harris/Gary Lee



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



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Extract from Swithland Parish History
Publication Number 3 (2018)
'Swithland Soldiers Lost in the First World War'

"So Swithland lost three of its young sons who worked the land around here. You can imagine the devastating effect of that on such a small community... and understand why the patriotic fervour that had marked the first days of the war, eroded into a sense of futility and waste. There is a poem by Wilfred Owen, who himself died just a few days before the war ended, that captures this feeling... and speaks to the death of a country boy."

Futility

*Move him into the sun -
Gently its touch awoke him once
At home, whispering of fields half-sown,
Always it woke him, even in France,
Until this morning and this snow,
If anything might rouse him now
The kind old sun will know.*

*Think how it wakes the seeds -
Woke once the clays of a cold star.
Are limbs, so dear achieved, are sides
Full-nerved, still warm, too hard to stir?
Was it for this the clay grew tall?
- O what made fatuous sunbeams toil
To break earth's sleep at all?*



Remembrance Sunday in Swithland
14th November 2021



As Autumn colours are blown away and the clocks are put back, it seems fitting that Remembrance Sunday comes upon us sombrely. The scary fun of Halloween gives place to the wistful reflections of All Souls ... and Advent, with its promise of Light, is still a few weeks off.

At 9.30am everyone is invited to join in the special traditional **Remembrance Day Service** at St Leonard's Church. We meet to honour the memory of the eleven young men from our village and our local community who were killed in the First World War and the four young men that died in the 1939/45 war.

After the Service in Church that will end before 10.30am, there is ample time to move up to the Swithland War Memorial in Main Street for a simple **Act of Remembrance**. The names of the Fallen will be read out and a wreath laid on behalf of all of us in the village and community. The Last Post will be sounded at 11.00hrs followed by the Two Minutes Silence and Reveille.

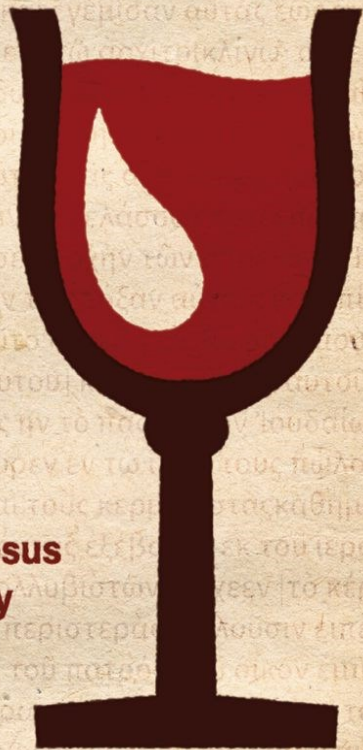
After the ceremony all are invited for tea, coffee and biscuits in the Memorial Hall.

There will be a Temporary Road closure in effect around the Memorial for the few minutes that the ceremony will take. Marshalls will halt the traffic briefly.

People attending will be encouraged into the Memorial enclosure so that all space can be utilized for social distancing in the enclosure and along the pavement to avoid crowding.

Please refer any questions to Jeff Harrison, 111 Main Street, Swithland 01509 890162

water into wine



**And other miracles of Jesus
explained by James Cary**
BBC sitcom writer
& stand-up theologian

Tuesday 30th November St Mary's Church, Silbey
Show starts at 7.30pm
Tickets in advance £5
via www.jamescary.co.uk
(U16 free when booked with an adult)
£6 on the door.

Little Church Lane,
Sileby,
Loughborough
LE12 7NE

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OF LOROS HOSPICE** ★

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Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
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ST LEONARD'S CHURCH SWITHLAND PARISH PRAISE

Come and sing with the Praise Band

'AD 2000'

All your favourites and some new ones too!

Join in the fun for all the family and help to
raise some much needed money for LOROS

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
4pm 'til 6pm

Light refreshments provided - Free entry

Greetings from
Swithland St Leonard's Primary School

We all returned from the summer holiday back to a much more 'normal' school with everyone raring to go; one class even headed off to the seaside in the glorious sunshine we had in September.

Of course, now we have been able to bring the whole school together as one, (we were unable to do this before due to the COVID 'bubbles') we can resume all our usual activities together. The simplest of times, for example lunchtime and playtime, now suddenly seem a lot busier, with children bustling everywhere - these were things we had taken for granted before, that have brought smiles to everyone's faces!

In addition, we have been thrilled to come together for collective worship and for our Harvest service in the church.

Next half term starts with us joining in with the Swithland Flower and Vegetable Show scarecrow event - our scarecrows are already made, the children had great fun putting them together.

After so long working separately, it really does seem like a blessing to be able to collaborate on these events once again!

Long may it last.

Mrs C Lethbridge



News from the Bell Tower

The ringers are pleased that practice has resumed on a Thursday evening at 8pm. It is good to get back to some form of normality, although most of us found it hard to remember methods that we had been ringing before lockdown.



A method is a sequence of bells which we ring to a pattern which we have learnt over the years. These sequences are rung all over the country and have been rung for more than a hundred years. Indeed, in the ringing room, there is a chart detailing a 'peal' which takes around 3 hours which was rung in 1920 by members of the tower. Prior to the bells being removed from the tower in January 2019, Richard Bimson led a team of ringers from the Leicestershire Guild to ring a final peal on the bells.

We have also started ringing for the 9.30am service although Marc Wainwright has been ringing for the 8am service for a while now. We may not always have a team of 6, but we will endeavour to make it sound reasonable!

On Saturday 16th October we had a 'tower tidy' morning with the result that the ringing room looks excellent and Nick Cunningham spent around one and a half hours vacuuming the floor of the bell chamber. Thank you to all for your efforts.

Janet Beeby - Tower Captain

Swithland Church Men's Club

Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 10th November at 8pm at the Griffin Inn

The talk by Derek Holloway is entitled

"Agincourt, England's Greatest Military Victory"

Save the date - 8th December - Christmas Dinner

Andrew Brown, Chairman - andrewbrown763@btinternet.com



The Y Centre - East Street Leicester

***‘EVERY YOUNG PERSON DESERVES
A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME’***

St Leonard's will once again be supporting the Y Centre in Leicester by donating Christmas Shoeboxes. This is what the centre have told us:

“We are so very grateful for all the wonderful shoeboxes we have received over the years. Items we would happily accept up to Wednesday 16th December include:

- Gift sets - perfume/aftershave/make-up etc.
- Arts and crafts items - notebooks, felt pens/colouring pencils/nice colouring books, etc.
- Toiletries - shampoo/conditioner/shower gel/toothpaste/brush.
- Deodorants - MUST be roll-ons - NO aerosols.
- Hair products - pump sprays/gel/wax/bobbles/etc - NO aerosols.
- Games and cards.
- Tea/coffee/sugar/hot chocolate.
- Sweets/chocolates.
- Fluffy socks/scarves/gloves.
- Non-perishable foods - pot noodles/cereal bars, etc.”

If you wish to donate, you can bring your shoebox to any Sunday Service as well as our Gift Service on Sunday 28th November, or simply leave your box in the church porch. Please make sure the shoebox contents are easily accessible as the those in charge at the Centre do need to check each one before distributing them.

We shall, of course, be arranging to pass everything on to the Y Centre in plenty of time for Christmas.

***Val Capewell, Sarah May, Janet Beeby
Swithland Church Wives Group***



**St LEONARD'S CHURCH '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

“SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS”

Due to the re-ordering of the kitchen/office area at St Leonard's, we no longer require the items below and are offering them to anyone who is able to collect and transport them.

Approximate measurements are:

Desk - 1m80cm length, 75cm width.

4 draw cabinet + key - 1m30cm height, 45cm width, 60cm depth.

3 draw cabinet + key - 1m height, 45cm width, 60cm depth.

Please contact chrismwatts@live.co.uk



The Power of Words

I wonder if you are a regular user of a dictionary? I read this week that almost one hundred revised and new entries and senses have been added to the Oxford English Dictionary in their October 2021 special update, including *climate crisis*, *extreme weather*, and *mass extinction*.



Words can change their meaning; and, in different contexts, can have polar opposite definitions. For example, the word 'bad' has the definition; '*of poor quality; unfavourable; adverse*' as well as '*informal; good; excellent*'. No wonder we sometimes get confused. Put together in a story, poem or song, words have the power to bring adventure and excitement, love and passion, fear and horror. Words can bring us to laughter as well as to tears and sometimes both at the same time.

Words can be used to leak sensitive information to the press but also to secure sensitive information in the form of passwords. There is even a daily changing password for after-hours entry to the Tower of London, used by Tower staff, residents and soldiers on duty.

We all use words in various ways. Sometimes our words are encouraging and uplifting; sometimes we use words that are hurtful and bring division. James writing to the early Christians reminds us of the importance of using our words wisely.

"Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check ... The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. ... (it) is a world of evil among the parts of the body ... It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be." (James 3)

As one who is equally guilty of sometimes speaking without due care, may I encourage you to think carefully about the words you use when communicating with others so that we build one another up in love.

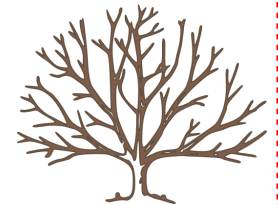
You may like to use this verse from the psalms in prayer as you ask God for help in speaking well:

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19.14)

With love and blessing, Colin Resch

CHRISTIANS IN THE FOREST

AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY



Our Autumn Bible Study Course -

"Acts 13-28 To the Ends of the Earth" by Christine Platt - continues into November on the following dates.

All meetings start at 7.30pm.

2nd November at St Leonard's Church Swithland

9th November at the Baptist Church Woodhouse Eaves.

For further information contact Gary Lee - garyhlee87@gmail.com



Launde Abbey

Autumn Classical Concert - 14th November

Aquilae Due - harp & flute - Eleanor Turner & Lisa Nelsen

Advent Retreat - 22nd to 25th November

"Seeking Some Small Heaven"

*Preparing for the possibilities of the Advent Season
with Ian Adams*

For further information visit www.laundeabbey.org.uk