



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

- Saturday 4th** **“Songs of Praise”**
3.00pm A celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11
- Sunday 5th** **Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Alison Prince
- Sunday 12th** **A Celebration of the Restoration of our Bells**
9.30am Family Holy Communion Revd Colin Resch
- Sunday 19th**
9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Steve Delaforce
- Sunday 26th**
9.30am Morning Prayer Clive Hilton/Gary Lee

In addition to the above services
MORNING PRAYER
FROM CHRIST CHURCH MOUNTSORREL
is available online every weekday morning
at 9am via ZOOM
Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817 - Passcode: 032244

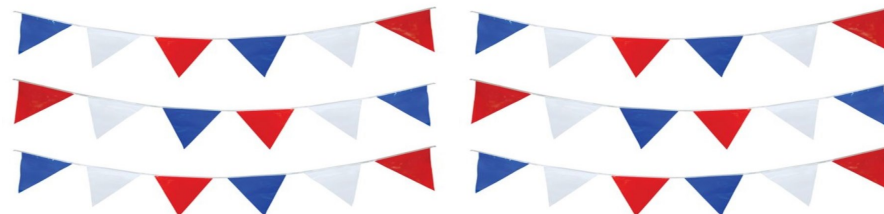
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THE LINK

*With St Leonard's in Swithland
in June 2022*



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True and Faithful Service

It can't have escaped your notice that we are celebrating, as a nation and commonwealth, the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen. This remarkable achievement is something truly to be celebrated regardless of whether you are a fan of the Royal Family or staunchly republican. Of course in most cases, 70 years of loyal service to the same employer may be considered verging into the category of employee abuse; but the Royal Family is different. Our Queen is not an employee nor is she under any obligation to continue doing what she does day after day - very few people would mind if, at the age of 95, she started taking things a bit easier.

Over the last 18 months the world of employment has seen a phenomenon taking place called 'The Great Resignation'. Record numbers of people have been quitting their jobs. The reasons for quitting or dropping out of the labour force are quite varied. They include lack of adequate childcare, low pay, concerns about Covid, burnout and fatigue. Some are quitting in search of better work opportunities, self employment or better pay.

This 'Great Resignation' has not escaped the Church either. Many clergy have quit their offices (don't worry, I'm not planning on quitting just yet) citing increased workload, lack of respect, stipends not keeping up with the cost of living and fatigue. But we have also seen 'The Great Resignation' impact the Church as volunteers re-assess their priorities and relinquish their responsibilities with no one ready or prepared to take them on. More and more tasks are then loaded onto the already overburdened clergy impacting on their levels of desire to keep going.

St Paul implores us to *'Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality'*. (Romans 13.10-13)

At our Baptism, we are signed with the Cross - our badge of office - and encouraged to fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of our lives. We are encouraged to 'shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father'.

Today, if you are feeling like giving up... take a moment to be renewed by God's grace; consider God's calling in your life and carry on. Unlike our Queen, we may not receive any recognition on earth for our dedicated service, but we continue serving nevertheless knowing that a greater reward awaits us: 'Well done, good and faithful servant'.

With every blessing, Colin Resch



**"SONGS OF PRAISE"
CELEBRATION TO MARK THE
PLATINUM JUBILEE OF
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

On Saturday June 4th at 3.00pm we meet at St Leonard's
for a most important event. It is to celebrate
70 years of our Queen's glorious reign.

The celebration will take the form of a 'Songs of Praise' service and will feature the Queen's favourite hymns. Although the Queen has never issued a list of her favourite hymns she has attended very many public church services over the last 70 years and at these she has been invited to choose one or two of the hymns. From these it has been possible to build up a picture of what we can assume are her favourites - so come along to find out which of the Queen's favourites are also your own!

There will also be readings from a new book, "Our Faithful Queen" by Catherine Butcher. This delightful 64 page book, which is full of photographs and rarely seen prayers, will be given as a souvenir to all those attending the service.

After the service, which will last approximately one hour, everyone is invited to stay for a celebratory glass of fizz and some jubilee cake - so please do come along and help us make this a day to remember.



**CHRISTIANS IN THE FOREST
SUMMER COURSE**
"GALATIANS (Freedom in Christ)"
by John Houghton

Paul's letter to the Galatians is the Magna Carta of religious freedom. It is a powerful and passionate rejection of all religions that depend on rule keeping, ritual and regulation for their efficacy. Salvation is by faith in Christ alone, without any additional help from us or anyone else. Faith in Christ makes us right with God and assures us of eternal life.

All meetings at 7.15pm for tea, coffee and biscuits - 7.30pm study start

21st June at the Methodist Church, Woodhouse Eaves

28th June at St Leonard's Church, Swithland

5th July at St Leonard's Church, Swithland

12th July at the Baptist Church, Woodhouse Eaves

19th July at the Baptist Church, Woodhouse Eaves

26th July at the Methodist Church, Woodhouse Eaves

2nd August at the Methodist Church, Woodhouse Eaves

For further information contact garyhlee87@gmail.com

***ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING REPORT***

Following election at the meeting held on 4th May 2022, our Parochial Church Council officers are:

Churchwardens: Sally Allen and Chris Watts
Chairman: Revd Colin Resch
Vice Chairman: Clive Hilton
Treasurer: Val Capewell
Secretary: Penny Craven
Safeguarding: Ali Wright and Chris Watts
Health & Safety: Martin Greenwood
Electoral Roll: Ali Wright



Copies of the Report for the Annual Meeting are available on request from the churchwardens.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY
ALSO KNOWN AS WHITSUNDAY
SUNDAY JUNE 5th**

The festival of Pentecost is held on the
7th Sunday after Easter.

It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples
of Jesus after his Ascension to heaven.

We look forward to welcoming you to our service at 9.30am.



**SWITHLAND CHURCH WIVES
SUMMER OUTING**

Arrangements have been made to visit

'The Paddocks' at Hungarton

on Tuesday 28th June at 6pm

'The Paddocks' at Hungarton is a lovely two acre garden which we first visited six years ago. Unfortunately it rained heavily on that occasion and we were not able to spend long in the garden, so we are hoping for some better weather this year. There will also be plants available to buy.

Reservations have been made at 'The Ashby Arms', Hungarton (formerly The Black Boy), for an evening meal around 7-7.30pm. Menu details and costs will be circulated shortly. Husbands, partners & friends are all very welcome to join us.



Val Capewell 890551-Sarah May 890547-Jan Beeby 890805

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH 'FRIDAY CLUB'
9am to 10.30am**

Meetings will be held on June 10th, 17th, 24th
and on July 1st and 8th

Mums, dads, grandparents and carers -
come and join us for playtime activities, bible stories songs,
a drink and a chat



EVERYONE WELCOME!



GAS METER REPLACEMENT UPDATE

We have been delighted with the response to the appeal which appeared in the May issue of The LINK for donations towards the cost of replacing our aged gas meter.

Very many thanks to everyone concerned.

In an effort to increase the funding of this expenditure we are now planning a Jazz Concert evening, early details of which are given below. This will be a ticket only event, so please make a note of the date and look out for further information next month.



AN EVENING OF JAZZ STANDARDS - PLUS A BIT MORE!

Friday 16th September
from 7.30pm

OPEN CHURCH AFTERNOONS 2022

Come and see the photographic displays of our 2019

Bell Restoration Project

and visit our ringing chamber

on **Saturday 11th June 2pm to 5pm**



Or join us on any of the following
Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm
for tea and a slice of cake



July 9th
August 13th
September 10th



PRAYER NETWORK

Prayer is one of the foundations of
the Christian Faith.

In prayer Christian believers speak directly to and with God

We believe that God delights to hear our prayers,
and that prayer can make a difference.

We have a small group of Church members
who have committed to pray for others.

If you would like prayer for yourself, or someone else,
please visit our website where you will be able to leave your details.

Click on the heading **Worship & Prayer** and the subheading
Ask for a Prayer will give you all the information you need.

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'The Beauty of Swithland Woods'

Art Competition



Many representations of woods and bluebells
filled the church at our Open Afternoon on May 14th.

Congratulations to the competition winners who were:

Freya Hunter, Isla Stokes,
Verity Toone and Ali Wright.

Very many thanks to all those taking part
and to everyone who helped in many other ways.



BLUEBELL SERVICE 24th APRIL IN SWITHLAND WOODS

Our 92nd Bluebell Service was a truly wonderful occasion. It was blessed with the sunshine of a lovely Spring day and was attended by over ninety

people, many of whom later enjoyed tea and cakes at St Leonard's Church. As a result we shall be able to donate £190 to our chosen charity, The Children's Society.

Our thanks to everyone who helped to make this event so successful, and especially to the Bradgate Park Rangers for their willing involvement and support.



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES 950 YEARS WITH A FLOWER FESTIVAL

A unique and inspiring display of flowers throughout the Cathedral, using the theme of 'Vision', will provide something for everyone to enjoy - from the Mayflower Pilgrim's journey to the New World, to the Moon Landing - plus much more.



A visit to the Cathedral followed by an afternoon cream tea
is being arranged by members of
Christ Church Mountsorrel on
Saturday 6th August

If you are interested in joining the visit, please contact
Veronica Liquorish, Church Warden for Christ Church Mountsorrel,
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Further details once finalised will follow in the July issue of The LINK.

BELLS - A CELEBRATION WEEKEND

11th and 12th June 2022



Saturday 11th June from 10am onwards

Richard Bimson has organised a team to ring a **peal**, (which will involve ringing for approximately 3 hours!) to celebrate the return of the bells to St Leonard's. Prior to their removal from the tower in 2019, he organised and conducted a peal. Thank you Richard.

2pm - 5pm

This is an Open Church afternoon also providing the opportunity to learn more about the history of our church - see details on page 4.

5pm - 7pm

We shall be thanking all those who gave so generously to our appeal, raising a magnificent £25,000, with a drinks and nibbles celebration. Graham Clifton from Whites Bell Hangers is coming along and will mark the end of the Bell Restoration Project by handing a bell rope to Rev Colin Resch. The president of the Leicestershire Guild, Sally Brown, will also be present.

Please email Janet Beeby if you are hoping to come to this event -
janbeeby@btinternet.com

Sunday 12th June - 9.30am

Our Annual Bell Ringers Service during which we will give thanks for the success of the project and return of our bells.

Ringling for the Jubilee - Friday 3rd June

We are hoping to join the national ring for the Jubilee at 11.30am.

We shall look forward to welcoming you to any, or all, of these special occasions.

Janet Beeby - Tower Captain



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mini Duke & Junior Duke Award Scheme

This year pupils at school have had the opportunity to sign up to The Mini and Duke Award Scheme, which is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The scheme is aimed at children aged 6 to 12, and aims to give them the opportunity to 'have a go' at new and varied challenges. Through activities children develop self-confidence, independence and resilience which are good life skills and learn that sometimes you have to work at things before you succeed. The activities are exciting and different from normal school work.

There is one award per year ranging from Micro Duke, Mini Duke to Junior Duke with a bronze, silver, gold and platinum level. Each level starts in September and pupils complete activities (of their choice) and receive a certificate and badge on completion.

The activities are based on independence, exercise, presentation skills, helpfulness, being prepared, memorising information and an Eco challenge. Children choose 7 activities from 10 challenges per level, and write in journals, add photos and complete a section on self reflection. Parents can add their comments on each challenge. Children work to pre-set check point dates and bring their journals into school for review.

Here are examples of activities that some of the children have completed:

GOLD MINI DUKE

Caring for Others

Sometimes, when adults are tired, it's nice to be given a cup of tea or coffee. Your challenge is to learn how to make one safely just the way your chosen adult likes it.

Safety Points:

- * The kettle shouldn't be too heavy for you so make sure that you have just enough water in it for one cup.
 - * Steam will burn you so never reach over the kettle.
 - * Boiling water can burn your skin so, to avoid this, it might be wiser to put the mug on the floor rather than the worktop. That way, any spillages go on the floor rather than your skin.
 - * Only fill the mug half way or it will be too hard to carry without spilling.
- Make sure you have asked how the recipient takes his/her tea or coffee e.g. strong/weak, milk, sugar?



PLATINUM JUNIOR DUKE



Trip Planning

Take control of a trip, using local public transport e.g. bus, train, etc.

It may be a journey into town to meet friends or to go shopping or to take part in or to watch a sport. The trip you plan must make use of a timetable (bus, train or other public transport). It should involve more than one mode of transport e.g. walking to the bus stop, catching the appropriate bus then knowing where to walk at the other end. A responsible adult should accompany you, but not help. His or her only role is to keep you safe.

You must have already planned the time you need to arrive and work out the details of your trip. Make sure that you are safe and never go anywhere without your parent's permission. Make a written timetable/plan of your trip to show your assessor.

Self assessment: Where did you plan to go? With whom did you travel? Which mode of transport did you use? What was the most difficult part of the process and journey? How did you feel throughout your journey? How could this challenge help you in future? How do you think you would feel if you were doing this without a parent or guardian?

Here are some of the pupils with their awards and examples of journals. The photographs have been supplied by Mrs Lethbridge, Headteacher.



This opportunity is being funded by school. I hope the pupils enjoy learning new skills and face new challenges as they complete the Duke Awards whilst at St Leonard's school.

Ali Wright - Foundation Governor St Leonard's Church