



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

### **Sunday 2nd**

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Alison Prince

### **Sunday 9th**

9.30am Family Worship Hilary Ayling  
Hero - Elijah

### **Sunday 16th**

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Colin Resch

### **Sunday 23rd**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Steve Delaforce  
9.30am Morning Prayer + Baptism Clive Hilton/  
Rev Colin Resch

### **Sunday 30th**

9.30am 'All Saints' Communion Revd Colin Resch  
4.00pm 'All Souls' Service Olga Harris/Gary Lee  
See page 5 for more details about these two services



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**[stleonardsswithland.org](http://stleonardsswithland.org)**

# **THE LINK**

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



*"May flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest"*

**King Charles III - 9th September 2022**

Revd. Colin Resch

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Colin E. Resch

As a QUEEN'S SCOUT you have prepared yourself for service to God and your fellow men and have shown yourself a worthy member of the great SCOUT BROTHERHOOD. I wish you God-speed on your journey through life; may it prove for you a joyous adventure.

June 1987 *Elizabeth R*

## Doing my duty for God and the Queen

Many years ago, just after my eighth birthday I attended my first ever Cub Scout meeting. Not long after that, I made a promise to do my best to do my duty to God and to the Queen. A promise that was repeated and renewed at my investiture as a Scout, Venture Scout, Scout Leader, and every year at the St George's day parade and at every investiture of a new Scout, Venture Scout or Scout Leader that I witnessed. As a Queen's Scout (although no longer an Active member of the Scout Association) I still try to hold to that promise. Now, following the death of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, one element of that has come to an end.

In his sermon during the Queen's funeral, and drawing from the text of the first reading from 1 Corinthians 15, the Archbishop of Canterbury reminded us that all things temporal must come to an end and be replaced by things eternal. My promise to do my duty to the Queen has been completed. If I were to become an active member of the Scouts once again, my promise would reference the King, but until that time, what is temporal has come to an end and I am left with the eternal - a promise to do my duty to God.

For me, doing my duty to God means doing my best to be the best disciple of Jesus Christ that I can be. To take note of his words as recorded in Scripture, his guidance, his instruction and to follow him wholeheartedly throughout my life. What does this look like? Well I guess it is best summed up in the words of Jesus when he was asked which is the greatest commandment. Jesus replied to his questioner with these words:

***"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."*** This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ***"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."*** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' (Matthew 22.37-40)

This is what following Jesus looks like for me. What does it look like for you? Why not let me know.

*With every blessing, Colin Resch*

## HOLY ISLAND OF LINDESFARNE RETREAT

**A 5-day free retreat from Monday 7th to Friday 11th August 2023**

We will be looking at various ways that might help us to form useful habits of prayer and approaches to fasting. There will be short talks each morning; during the day there will be private time to explore prayer and, of course, the natural beauty and peace of the Island. Early evening there will be gathering times for open discussion and to raise any questions.

There is also an optional boat trip to St Cuthbert's Island and also an opportunity to walk the Pilgrims' Way between the mainland and the Island when the tide is out.

Whilst we will be talking about fasting we will not be practicing any fasting from food as it would be sensible to seek medical advice before considering this.

If you would like to learn more or to book a place, please contact Steve on 07786702893 or [steve.delaforce@gmail.com](mailto:steve.delaforce@gmail.com) Please note that accommodation on Holy Island can get booked up fairly quickly, so bear this in mind.

*Rev'd Steve Delaforce*



## 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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### 44th ANNUAL SHOW - 10th SEPTEMBER 2022

We had a wonderful day, the weather was very kind to us, most of the time! The level of entries was most encouraging and the enthusiasm from the participants in the various events and our visitors was positively infectious. It was great to be back. As always the auction was a great success, with some entertaining bidding.

All in all a very successful day in which we raised a record of over £11,000. This year the bulk of the proceeds will be going to LOROS and Rainbows with smaller donations to other local worthy causes; Steps, Warning Zone, Take Heart, Bradgate Park Trust, Swithland School PTA, Adapt, Carpenters Arms Charity, Leicester & Rutland Wildlife Trust, Heartlink, Swithland Church and Angel Lynn.

Once again our grateful thanks. Everyone's valuable support has helped us to reach our goal and to help others. Without you this would not have been possible. We have set a provisional date for the 2023 Show, Saturday 16th September, and we hope you will be able to support us again next year.

**Duncan Keates, Show Chairman**

#### ST LEONARD'S CHURCH FRIDAY CLUB

9am to 10.30am

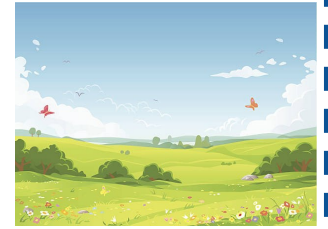
Every Friday in term time

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

Everyone welcome.



### ST LEONARD'S AUTUMN WALK IN COSSINGTON MEADOWS



**Monday 10th October at 10.30am**

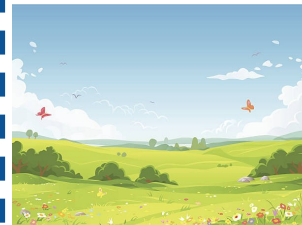
You are invited  
to join members of our congregation  
on our second organised walk with  
with Jerry Griffiths, a local Christian Guide.

The walk will last for approximately one hour  
and will give everyone the opportunity for  
conversation, observation, quiet reflection and prayer.

We shall gather at the entrance on to Cossington Meadows  
on Syston Road at 10.30am and return to  
St Leonard's Church for soup and bread rolls.

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful area  
so nearby and we look forward to  
sharing it with you.

**No need to book, just come along.**



Free roadside parking

For further information email

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**JAZZ CAROL SERVICE**  
**OF 8 LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
**WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER AT 7pm**

St Leonard's Church will be hosting this Jazz Carol Service.

There will be Traditional Lessons from St Luke and a selection of Traditional Carols all accompanied by Steve D's Jazz Band.

A couple of singing rehearsals will take place in late November and/or early December; dates to be arranged.

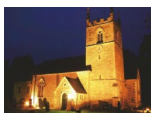
There will be two full rehearsals with the 7-piece Jazz Band  
5pm on Monday 19th December and  
at 5pm on the day of the Carol Service.

If you would like to be a part of the Jazz Choir or to read one of the Lessons (first come first served), please contact Steve D (Delaforce) on 07786702893 or [steve.delaforce@gmail.com](mailto:steve.delaforce@gmail.com)

***Sponsoring our Floodlighting and Church Flowers***

The beautiful flowers in church for Sunday 16th October are  
**'In celebration of John & Janet Roberts'**  
**50th Wedding Anniversary'**

If you too would like to remember a loved one or celebrate any special occasion, birthday or anniversary by sponsoring our floodlighting or flowers please speak to one of our churchwardens, Sally or Chris.



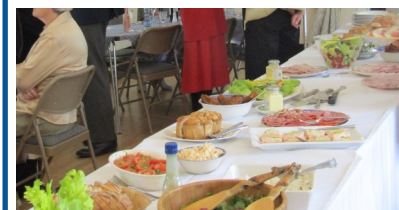
**HARVEST LUNCH**  
**25th SEPTEMBER AT**  
**THE MEMORIAL HALL**

Members and friends of our congregation once again gathered for this traditional celebration of Harvest time.



We began first with prayer and by singing a verse from the hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter' and then Gary lead us in a toast to our new King, Charles III.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch from a wide variety of food all brought to the hall by the participants and the afternoon closed with another heartfelt toast, this time to our late Queen Elizabeth



Many thanks to all those who were involved in any way in making this such a happy occasion and special thanks to Geraldine for once again planning and the organising the food.

**CRIB FESTIVAL OPEN CHURCH WEEKEND AT**  
**ST LEONARD'S ON**  
**SATURDAY 10TH & SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER**

We are planning to celebrate the Christmas Season at St Leonard's by decorating the Church with a great many and varied Nativity scenes. These will have be on loan to us for the weekend from members of our congregation. If you can add to our collection, we would very much like to include your crib in our displays.

Please contact Mary Toone  
[maryselina@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:maryselina@hotmail.co.uk) - if you have a crib you could share with us just for this weekend.





## ST LEONARD'S

### JAZZ CONCERT

16TH SEPTEMBER



A memorable evening indeed, when we were thoroughly entertained by the excellent Richard King Quartet. With ticket sales exceeding our expectations, we were able to raise almost £1,300 for our Replacement Gas Meter Appeal. Very many thanks to everyone who gave their support and helped to make the evening such a success.

## A CRAFT FAIR

is being held at Christ Church on

Saturday 15th October

10am - 4pm

There will be a section of stalls to include:

Jewellery

Handmade cards, handbags & scarves

Story spoons

Handmade ceramics

Hand painted wooden craft, cards and artwork

Miniature art on seaglass

Knitting wool

Tropic skincare

Limited edition fine art prints

**Refreshments available**

**All proceeds for Christ Church funds,  
so please give this event your support.**



## ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS TIDE

### All Saints

On **30th October at 9.30am** we will be holding a Holy Communion Service to observe All Saintstide.

The observance goes back many centuries and honours all God's saints, known or unknown, who died for their faith or who lived extraordinary lives. In modern times many Christians have a strong sense that the saints are still with us and watch over and pray to God for us. Although dead they are members of Christ's church and we use this day to give thanks for the lives of all the saints as they are examples to us and we pray that God will inspire us to follow them with meekness, kindness, integrity and moral courage and come to full radiance of glory.



### All Souls

On the afternoon of **30th October at 4pm** we will be holding a service to remember and honour those we have loved who have died and are treasured in our own memories and also those treasured in our community. We acknowledge that death is the gate to life and unending fellowship with our Lord. During the service the names of loved ones recorded in our Book of Remembrance will be read out and all whose funerals have occurred in the last year. There will be prayers and hymns and an opportunity to light votive candles and after the service a chance to reflect and exchange thoughts over a cup of tea.

*Olga Harris*



### Ringling the Bells following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth and the proclamation for King Charles

The protocol for ringing the bells and the lowering of the flag following the death of the Queen is set out in a document 'Operation London Bridge'.

As the death of Her Majesty was announced after 6pm, we were required to toll the tenor bell double muffled for half and hour at midday the following day, on Friday.

The bells were double muffled by Chris Newman on Friday at 10am with Val Capewell in attendance. The bell was tolled by Guy Jibson and Graham Sharp at midday.

Following the proclamation of King Charles on Saturday morning 10th September, the bells were required to ring open i.e. not muffled. The Swithland band rang open bells for a wedding on Saturday afternoon at St Paul's, Woodhouse Eaves, fulfilling this part of the protocol. Since then the bells have been rung half-muffled for two Sunday services.

The photograph shows all the ringers who rang from 10am on the morning of the funeral, Monday 19th September. The team included Marc Wainwright our oldest ringer and Jo Wilkins, one of our learners. We rang rounds and call changes, one of which is called 'Queens'. It was wonderful to stand in the churchyard and hear the bells knowing that all over the country the bells were ringing out to celebrate the life of Her Majesty.



I am very grateful to everyone who participated in the ringing over the 10 days. Many ringers were away, including myself, when the death of Her Majesty was announced and the remaining ringers rallied together to make sure the bells were rung in accordance with the protocol laid down.

Back row - John Roberts, Jo Wilkins, Nick Cunningham, Marc Wainwright, Graham Sharp, Val Rees. Seated - Val Capewell, Suzanne Cunningham, Janet Beeby, Margaret Hardwicke.

### The Lowering of the Flag

As Keeper of the Flag, Brian Beeby was also away. On Thursday evening, following the announcement of the Queen's death, the flag was lowered by Graham Sharp and David Beeby. Following the proclamation, the flag, now the Union flag courtesy of Martin Greenwood, was raised to proclaim the new King. After 24 hours the flag was lowered to half-mast by Graham. The day after the funeral, the flag was raised to the top of the flagpole.

**Janet Beeby - Tower Captain**

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### Swithland Women's Group

This group started life as Swithland Church Young Wives many years ago and subsequently was changed to Swithland Church Wives. In an effort to be more inclusive and up to date, we have decided now to call ourselves 'Swithland Women' (affiliated to the Church). The group is open to all - church goers, those of any faith or none - all are welcome.

We meet in the Memorial Hall on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm with a speaker followed by light refreshments and time for a chat.

However, our first meeting on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm, will be held in St Leonard's Church when Anne Horton will be coming to talk to us about many of the memorials and artefacts it contains.

A printed programme of future meetings will be available and our yearly subscription of £15 can be paid.

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come and join us.

We shall look forward to seeing you.

**Sarah May 890547 Janet Beeby 890805 Val Capewell 890551**