

Sunday busyness! THE BOX



WE are mindful that the times when people need to sit and reflect on the service at the end are increasing.

As a result, we are asking people to leave the service quietly and make your way over to the Centre for a coffee and a catch up instead.

Also, to cut down the amount of 'business' done on a Sunday, we are trialling The Box. Any visiting or pastoral requests, forms, orders etc. for the office or the leadership team can be left in The Box, which will then be dealt with on Monday mornings. Pens and paper will be provided, but you can obviously bring these along in an envelope if you prefer.

It will be at the back of the Church until the end of the 10.00am service, when it will transfer over to the Centre ready for coffee.



IF you would like to support the Parish financially, please contact the office for information about the Parish Giving Scheme.

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Pre Service Prayers

THE Prayer Room upstairs in the centre is set aside each Sunday morning from 9.50 - 10.15am to be still, to pray for the morning service and to listen for God's words of encouragement for us all. Do come any Sunday and join with others in prayer.

Post Service Prayer

PRAYER Ministry is available after the service. If you feel you would like to receive this, please head to the side chapel on the right of the church.

What's going on

TO keep up to date with what's going on in the parish, why not sign up to our weekly newsletter containing the Welcome Sheet, and all the information about what's going on!



Private Prayer

10.00am-4.00pm
every day @
Wootton

Please pray for

Tolerance and patience

Those on the Bereavement Journey Course

The Gap team

Thought for the week

Evangelism is not so much about reminding people about how lost they are - but how loved they are..

I always wanted to be a Gregorian monk but I never got the chants.



TODAY

Sunday 21 September 2025

9.00am Morning Service @ St. Lawrence's Wootton

10.30am Holy Communion @ St. Leonard's Oakley

Talk series: 'DNA:Who we are and What we do' 2:'Depth'

Next Sunday 28 September 2025

8.00am Holy Communion @ St. Leonard's Oakley

10.30am Morning Service @ St. Leonard's Oakley

Talk series: 'DNA:Who we are and What we do' 3:'Belonging'



Carrier bags

THE Food Bank are very short of carrier bags for people to take groceries etc home with them. If you have any lurking, please could you drop them to Ian Pryce or to the office. Apparently, this is an ongoing issue, so please do keep any and pass them on.

Zambia 2026?

*If you can dream it
you can do it.*



We are exploring the opportunity to go on a 2 week mission trip and visit the global church in Ndola, Zambia in Summer 2026. The outline plans are to work at 3 projects; Dream Factory Zambia, Oasis Village Trust and Orchard Ministries.



The trip will involve light building work, children's ministry, women's empowerment and health education.

An Information evening to share more plans will follow soon.

To benefit we would think you would be;

- 16 + (Younger if travelling with parent/guardian)
- Healthy enough to cope with a busy schedule, and to be comfortable in less luxurious surroundings
- Someone to get stuck in, practical, committed and enthusiastic.
- A team player willing to bring your gifts to the project



MORE INFO?

Contact Emma Felton:
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or 07896004440



New Bishop of Basingstoke

VEN. Kelly Betteridge, the Archdeacon of Bodmin is to be the new Bishop of Basingstoke.

Kelly is originally from Wiltshire, the daughter of a farm foreman – she says she “grew up with a strong connection to the countryside.”

After graduating in 1992 with a degree in education and theology, Kelly began her ministry as a youth and children's worker before becoming an All-Age Advisor for the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), delivering training, creating resources and shaping policy relating to children's ministry.

Kelly then completed her MA in contextual theology in 2010 at Queens College Birmingham and was ordained at Coventry Cathedral the same year.

She served as a curate at St Nicolas Nuneaton, and in 2014 she became the vicar of St Nicolas and priest-in-charge of Weddington and Caldecote, before moving to become the Archdeacon of Bodmin.

Kelly is married to Simon, who is the National Director of Linking Lives and is also head of community development for Compassionate Communities UK.

Together they share a passion for building intergenerational communities of blessing.

She also has two stepchildren – “with their partners, our granddaughter, parents, siblings and cats, we have our own growing community of blessedness!” she says.

She enjoys being creative, as well as reading, baking, live music and theatre, and walking, saying: “We’ve done several distance walks and a Mont Blanc charity trek in 2022. But most of the time though I’m happy just pottering in a local wood, examining moss and lichen!”

She also loves travelling and has had the opportunity to lead groups on trips to the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and to visit Tanzania with Tearfund.



Ladies Who Lunch

Men2Mow

AFTER their summer break these two groups are back this September.

Men2Mow visit the Barley Mow for a lunchtime meal on the second Wednesday of most months and an evening meal, at 7.00pm, on the last Tuesday of the month.

Interested? Derek Hall 01256 781006 or Graeme Wheeler 07870 380226 would be delighted to give you more details.

For details of the Ladies who Lunch who meet one Thursday a month in the Barley Mow contact Margaret Bunkle 07880733029



Working Men's Lunch

ARE you a man working from home, who'd like to connect with others on a Monday lunchtime? This new group is meeting up between 12 noon – 1.00pm so you can bring your lunch and enjoy some fellowship to start your week well. The venue changes each week, so please speak to Ben or Deniyi for more information.



This is Us

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER
9.00-10AM

ST LEONARD'S CENTRE

'This is Us' is a welcome gathering

for anyone who has started coming along recently.

An opportunity to meet some of the leaders of our church
and find out a bit more about what happens at St Leonard's!

Please email welcome@oww.church to register your interest



This is Us

Stay Curious
Try Alpha



The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra! **What do you think?** Come for introduction evening of film and discussion. No pressure, no cost.

What have you got to lose?

24th September 7.30 pm

St Leonard's Centre,
Rectory Road.
Oakley.

NOW STARTING
1ST OCTOBER



Scan me

www.oakleywithwotton.org.uk/alpha-course

Open day!

St. Leonard's

Pre School



50TH Anniversary Celebration

Saturday St Leonards Centre
27th September Rectory Road, Oakley
RG23 7ED

2-4pm



Everyone is welcome - past, present and future families!

Come along and help us celebrate 50 wonderful years of learning, laughter and little footsteps.

Join us for fun activities, crafts, games, cake and refreshments.

Meet the team and explore our preschool at the Open Day!

www.stleonards-preschool.co.uk

CAS IS BACK



10:00am CAS Tots, CAS Kids, CAS AM - Yr 6+
Sunday Mornings
@St Leonard's Centre

6:30pm CAS+ - Yr 8-9
Every Sunday
@Varies

3:30pm Youth Cafe- Yr7 +
Tuesday Afternoons
@Methodist Chapel by the Pond

6:30pm Tribe - Yr 10
Wednesday evenings- 6:30pm
@Varies

6:30pm The BIG SUNDAY
Date announcements on our social media platform.
@Oakley Methodist Chapel by the Pond.

4:00pm CAS PRAYER ROOM(CPR) - ALL AGE
3rd Wednesday Monthly
@St Leonard's Centre Oakley

6:30pm The Gap- Yr 6-8
First Friday Monthly
@St Leonard's Centre Oakley

6:30pm The Bridge- 18-30+
2nd/4th Friday Monthly
@Varies

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PLUG IN
CAS 2025/2026 REGULAR MEETINGS

YOUTH & CHILDREN