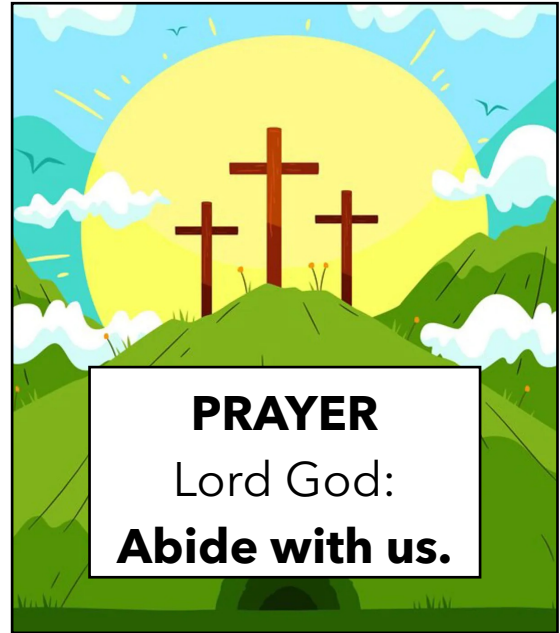
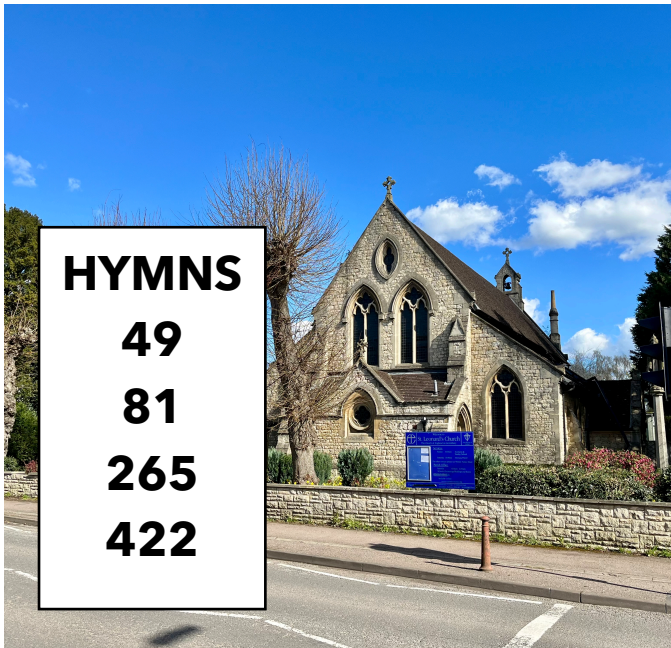


# ST LEONARD BANBURY

## Newsletter and Service Sheet



### OUR INTERREGNUM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to love one another and to grow in faith as we serve you together. Guide those who are seeking to find the right Vicar, who will help us follow your way for the future and grow at St Leonard. We ask this for your names sake. Amen.

Sunday                      19th April                      Eucharist Service @ 10.00  
3rd Sunday after Easter

#### ***Services for the coming week:***

Wednesday                22nd April                      Morning Prayers @ 10.00  
Saturday                    25th April                      Morning Prayers @ 10.00  
Sunday                        26th April                      Eucharist Service @ 10.00

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Sunday 19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

A collection will be made during the Offertory Hymn.  
If you pay tax, please complete the yellow envelope, we are then able to claim tax relief on your donation.

**You can also pay by card (contactless)**



## Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight  
of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Readings

Psalm 116.1–3, 10–end

- 1 I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;  
because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the benefits he has given to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Alleluia.

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O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the simple;  
I was brought very low and he saved me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the Lord has been gracious to you.
- 7 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

## 1 Peter 1.17–23

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 24.13–35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, What are you discussing with each other while you walk along? They stood still, looking sad.

18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?

19 He asked them, What things? They replied, The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.

25 Then he said to them, Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?

27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

29 But they urged him strongly, saying, Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over. So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

32 They said to each other, Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?

33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

34 They were saying, The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!

35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

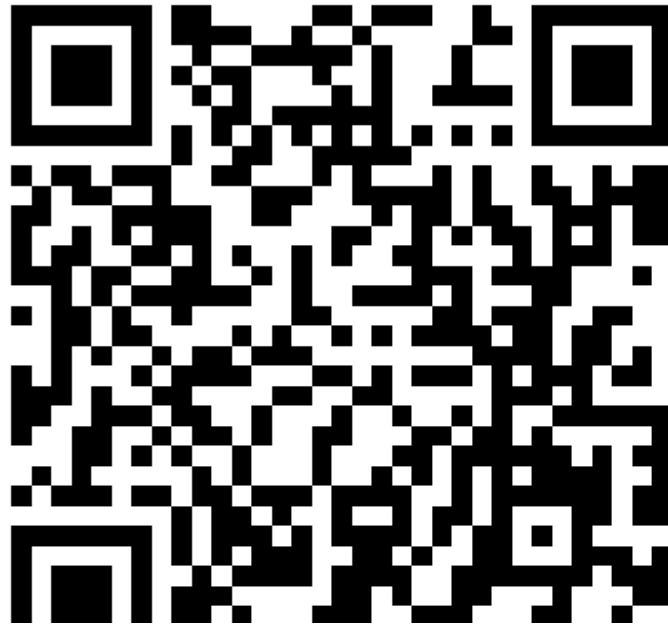
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**PLEASE**



**THANK YOU**



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Growing together, succeeding together

- **Volunteer needed** to go into Dashwood School to take part in their annual RE day on Tuesday 16th June - for more information talk to Sue Ayliff.



