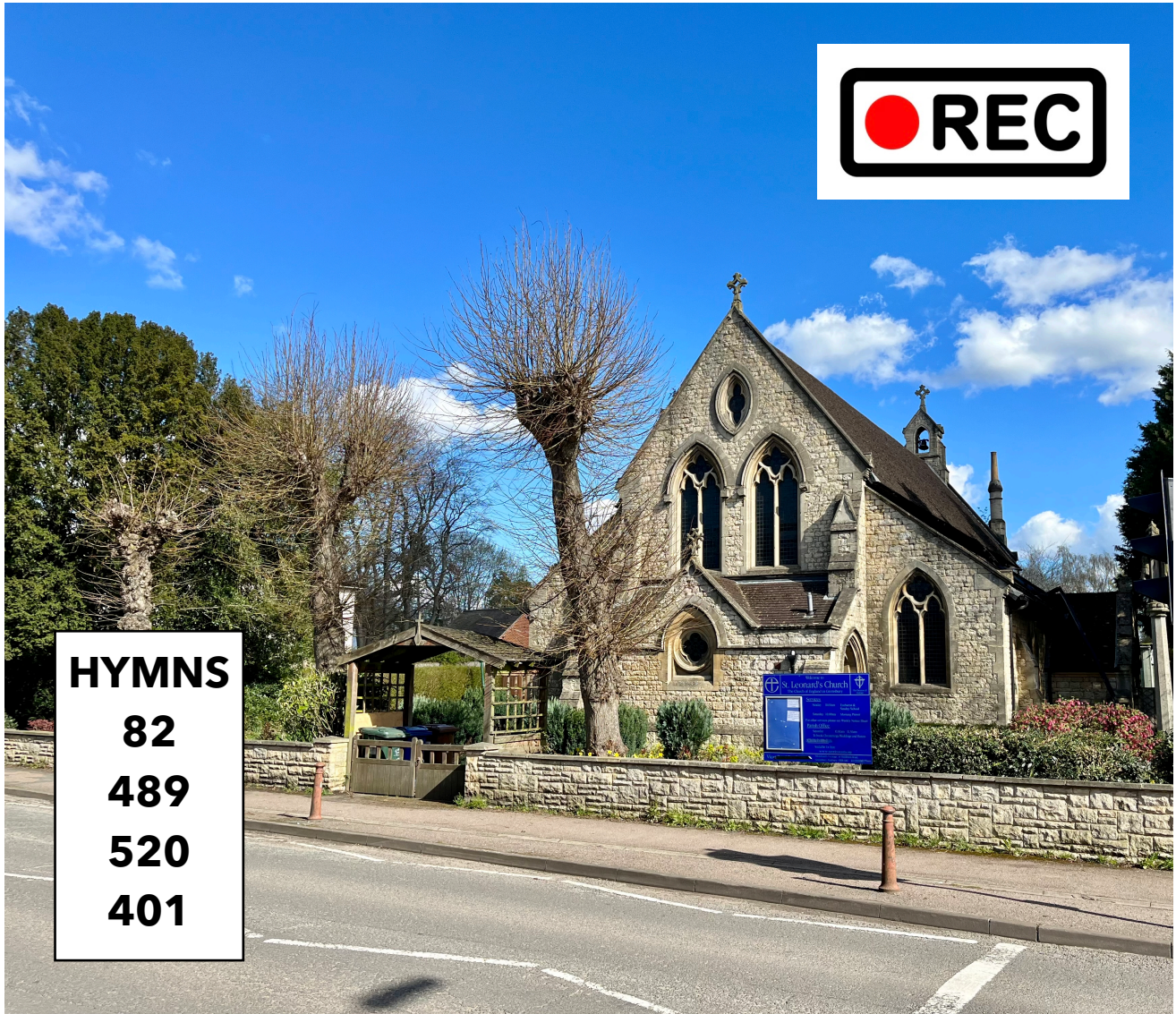


# ST LEONARD BANBURY



## HYMNS

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## News & Readings

Sunday 7th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Services for this coming Week:-*

Wednesday 10th December

Eucharist Service 10.00am

Saturday 13th December

Prayers 10.00am

Sunday 14th December

Eucharist Service 10.00am

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**PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU**

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Sunday 7th December 2025  
2nd Sunday of Advent

## Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## Readings

Isaiah 11.1–10

- 1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by  
what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;
- 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike  
the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adders den.

9 They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge  
of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72.1–7, 18–19

1 Give the king your judgements, O God,

and your righteousness to the son of a king.

2 Then shall he judge your people righteously

and your poor with justice.

3 May the mountains bring forth peace,

and the little hills righteousness for the people.

4 May he defend the poor among the people,

deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,

like the showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish,

and abundance of peace

till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

who alone does wonderful things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever.

May all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen.Amen.

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Romans 15.4–13

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,



6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name;

10 and again he says, Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people;

11 and again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him;

12 and again Isaiah says, The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

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

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

Matthew 3.1–12

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

2 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 Now John wore clothing of camels hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our ancestor; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Post Communion**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bidding – Come to us, Lord:  
**Response – We know our need of you.**

*Anthems*

473 The Church's one foundation  
67 Bread of Heaven on Thee we feed

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.

**TO DONATE, A NEW QR is now available at the back of  
this Newsletter and also at the back of the Church.**

**It's Good to Talk** ... about Carols - THIS Saturday, December  
13th at 11am followed by a buffet lunch - everyone is invited to this  
discussion group and it will take place at Sue's house in Stroud Close.  
Talk to Sue for more details.

**CAROL SERVICE READERS** wanted. Please see Jerry if you  
would like to help out.

- **Banbury Street Pastors latest newsletter is  
available to read at the back of church.**
- **Remember if you are cold** there are blankets and shawls  
available - ask the sidesperson. GOOD NEWS of our heating is  
imminent.
- **Christmas presents for The Ridings** - monetary  
donations needed to help fund this - please give money direct to  
Sue Ayliff or put in an envelope clearly marked 'For the Ridings.'
- **Free Christmas crafts and games drop-in** for over-50's  
- Wednesday 17th December 10-11.30 am Britannia Road  
Children's Centre.

## Church Maintenance

*There are still a LOT of ongoing maintenance issues that need to be addressed so .....*

*Please Please Please continue to help.*

*If you are giving to the Church Repair Fund in the Church, PLEASE complete a yellow donation envelope as we can claim tax relief on the monies you are giving. Please mark the envelope REPAIRS.*

Thanks. If donating using the Church Bank Account , again please use the reference repairs.

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S/c 40 09 02 Acc. no. 61047248



### Intercession Prayers:-

If you wish to have prayers said for anyone, please complete the sheet at the back of the Church.

Copies of the DECEMBER Rota is now available at the back of the Church.

PLEASE can you **help** with the various weekly activities that are necessary for the running of the Church. If you are interested in assisting in any way, please talk to Roger, Jerry, Liz, Charles or John to find more details.

## AND



**want** someone to act as our representative, who can attend a monthly day time meeting (usually Wednesday). For more information contact Sue Ayliff.



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