

ST LEONARD BANBURY



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Prayers

Lord of Creation:

Let your kingdom come!

Anthems

Blest are the pure in heart



Good Morning everyone. Today, our Service will be slightly different. During our Interregnum, there may be Sundays when we do not have a Priest. When this happens, a Churchwarden is allowed to take a "Service of the Word". This is fundamentally Common Worship but without The Eucharist.

Newsletter and Service Sheet

Sunday 8th February **2nd Sunday before lent**
Morning Prayers @ 10.00

Services for the coming week.

Wednesday 11th January Morning Prayers @ 10.00
Saturday 14th January Morning Prayers @ 10.00
Sunday 15th January Eucharist Service @ 10.00

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Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 1.1—2.3

01 Genesis In the beginning when God created the heavens
and the earth,

2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the
face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face
of the waters.

3 Then God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated
the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a dome in the midst of the
waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.

7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were
under the dome from the waters that were above the dome.
And it was so.

8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was so.

10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it. And it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,

15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth. And it was so.

16 God made the two great lights-the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night-and the stars.

17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,

18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.

21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters

swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

22 God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.

23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind. And it was so.

25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

27 So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

29 God said, See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food. And it was so.

31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 136

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, •
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, •
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 Who alone does great wonders, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who made the great lights, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 10 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, •
for his mercy endures for ever;

- 11 And brought out Israel from among them, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 12 With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 15 But Pharaoh and his host he overthrew in the Red Sea, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 16 Who led his people through the wilderness, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 17 Who smote great kings, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 18 And slew mighty kings, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 20 And Og, the king of Bashan, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 21 And gave away their land for a heritage, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 22 A heritage for Israel his servant, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, •
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, •
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, •
for his mercy endures for ever.n

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 6.25–end

25 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they?

27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,

29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed

like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the

field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the

oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith? 31

Therefore do not worry, saying, What will we eat? or What will

we drink? or What will we wear? 32 For it is the Gentiles who

strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father

knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the

kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will

be given to you as well.

34 So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring

worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy
the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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THANK YOU



- If you attend a service in person, you may appear in Church photographs, video or livestream; this may be used in the public domain, including social media. If you or your family do not wish to be viewed on the livestream video feed for a service at which you are present, please let a us know before the service.*

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

Copiesd of the February Rota are now available at the back of the church.

St Leonards is looking for members of the congregation to come and **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 for more details.



We were saddened to learn that Pricilla Ormerod passed away last week. Please keep her family and loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time. Pricilla's funeral will take place on the 12th February 2026 at 1.15pm at St Leonard Church Banbury and afterwards at The Banbury Crematorium at 2pm.

INTERREGNUM

An interregnum is the period of time between one parish priest leaving and a new one being appointed. The word comes from Latin and simply means “between reigns”.

During an interregnum, the parish continues its life and worship, but without a permanent incumbent in post. Day-to-day responsibilities are usually overseen by the churchwardens, with support from the area dean and the diocese. Services continue, pastoral care is provided, and visiting clergy may help with leading worship and the sacraments.

This time can be one of waiting, but it is also an opportunity: a chance to reflect on who we are as a church, what God may be calling us to become, and what gifts we hope to see in our next priest. While change can feel uncertain, the interregnum is an important and prayerful part of the life of a parish as we prepare for the next chapter in our ministry

Our Interregnum Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you have drawn us all into this church and community, and filled us with your love. In our time without a Vicar, help us all to share the responsibility of continuing to offer your welcome and love to all, so that we will care for all those in need. 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 Priest, who will help us follow your way for the future and grow your Kingdom at St Leonard. We ask this for your sake. Amen.

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