



AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, THE POND, OAKLEY

For activities and opportunities to make new friends, come and join us for

Sitting and Standing Keep Fit



We meet every Thursday 2-3.30pm
Or follow an interest:

Table Top Gardening



We meet 2-3.30pm every month on the third Wednesday 15 May, 12 June (second Wednesday)

Flower arranging



We meet 2-3.30pm every month on the fourth Monday - 20 May, 24 June (tbc)

We look forward to welcoming new members.

For further information please phone 01256 782724

Get In Touch

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Rev'd Ben Kautzer Ben's day off is Friday

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Rev'd Ceri Deosun 07529 901800 Day off Thurs

Church Suite

WE are transferring to a new data management system, so please return your permission forms as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have responded so far!



CAP Money Course

WE are exploring the possibility of running some Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Coaching sessions. This is a way to explore budgeting, money management and the like, so is not just aimed at people who may be struggling with debt. If you would be interested in attending, or supporting this course, please contact the office.

Private Prayer

FROM 10.00am-4.00pm, every day at St Lawrence's Church Wootton. A quiet place to pray.

Thought for the week

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

Please pray for . . .

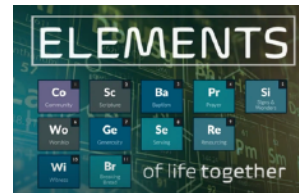
- ~ Preparations for Pentecost in the parish
- ~ Erika, Annie and Serena as they join the PCC
- ~ Peace and ceasefires in the Middle East and Ukraine

Why aren't dogs good dancers? Because they have two left feet.



Welcome

Sunday 28 April 2024



This week's services:

Sunday 28 April

9.00am Communion Service @ Wootton St Lawrence

10.00am All Age Service @ St Leonard's Oakley

Banns

WE publish the Banns of marriage between **Timothy James Annetts** and **Ruby Anne Viner** both of the Parish of St Mary's in Old Basing and between **Frazer Grant Taylor** and **Rebecca Joan Searle** both of this Parish.

These are for the **second time** of asking. If anyone knows of any reason in law why these couple should not be married, you are to declare it.



APCM update

GREAT to see so many people at the APCM on Monday. **Mark** and **Helen** were re-elected Churchwardens, and **Erika Conti** (above left), **Annie Wilson** (above centre) and **Serena Worthington** (above right) were elected to the PCC.

Thanks to all who shopped, catered, prepped and helped.



Hymns We Love

Wednesday 1 May

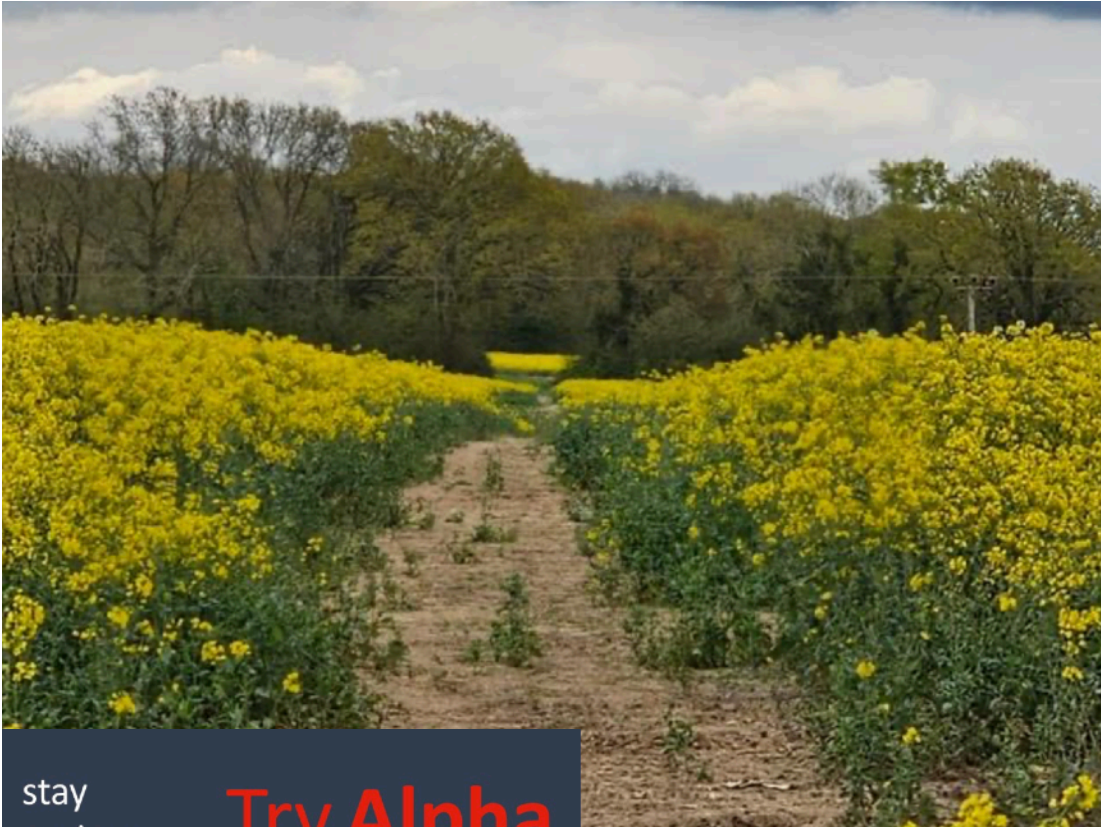
THIS month's hymn is *Rock of Ages*, so come along to **St. Leonard's Church** at **11.00am** to sing and learn about the story behind this classic. The **Café** will run alongside, as usual, from **10:30-12:30** in the Centre.

Child's Trust Invitation



WE are always amazed by the collective and individual support we receive from the St Leonard's community. Some of you may already know, that we are having CHILD's Trust's 25 Anniversary celebration on Saturday **11 May 2.45-5pm** at **Buckskin Evangelical Church**.

If you have the time, we would love to see you there, you can let us know via : www.childstrust.org.uk/25thanniversary Thank you for being an amazing support to us over the years". **Julie** and **Mark Thomas**



stay curious **Try Alpha**

Got questions about life?
 Explore the things that matter with some new friends
 Everyone welcome!

Wednesday evenings: join us for dinner & chat
 starting 24 April from 7.00-9.30pm

Thursday mornings: join us for breakfast & chat
 (with plenty of space for little ones to play)
 starting 25 April from 9.15-10.30am

At the **St Leonard's Centre, Oakley** [RG23 7ED]
 Keen to come along? Want to find out more?
 Email office@oww.church



Nature's Coat of Many Colours FELLOWSHIP WALK

TUESDAY 30 APRIL @ 10.00 am
 Starting from Oakley Village Pond. **THIS** approximately one hour walk will be filled with colour with the beautiful yellow rape seed flowers and then the intense blue of the bluebells spread beneath the bright green emerging leaves of the beach trees. We are calling this walk 'Nature's Coat of Many Colours'thinking of the themes of colours in our own lives along with reflecting on Joseph and his special coat. ALL WELCOME, do join us.
Annie Wilson 07740 597698
Barbara Robson 07722 957057



Thy Kingdom Come

AS we prepare with longing and anticipation for a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on our church and in parish this Pentecost, we will be joining in with a global movement of prayer called Thy Kingdom Come (www.thykingdomcome.global).

From **Sunday 12 May** to **Pentecost Sunday 19 May**, we will be offering a big week of prayer with a wide range of events, activities, and gatherings, including: a churchwide 24/7 commitment to prayer, daily morning prayer (in St Leonard's and online), space for reflective and contemplative prayer, a midweek service of Holy Communion, a special midweek session of Worship at the Well, prayers for our schools, a mini pilgrimage between Oakley and Wootton St Lawrence on **Thursday 16 May**, a longer pilgrimage from Winchester Cathedral to St Leonard's Church on **Saturday 18 May**, and more.

We are hoping to kick off this week of prayer after the 10.00am service at St Leonard's on the **12 May** with an opportunity to 'beat the bounds' -- an ancient tradition of prayer walking the boundaries of Oakley, Newfound, Wootton and Malshanger.

If you are keen to be involved, or would like to chip in your own creative ideas, please contact **Erika Conti** (welcome@oww.church) or **Ben Kautzer** (ben@oww.church).

Confirmation & Baptism

CONFIRMATION marks the point in the Christian journey where those who have been baptised make a firm commitment to live and work as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop, the Church asks God to fill each candidate with the power of the Holy Spirit to equip and empower them for a new way of life.

Bishop David (*below*) will be leading a confirmation during the **10.00am** service at St Leonard's on **Sunday 23 June 2024**.

Young people, old people, new to church, been around for yonks ... it doesn't matter!

God's invitation is for everyone. If you've never been baptised or christened but would like to take that step or begin a journey of exploration ...

If God has been at work in your life and you would like to confirm your faith ...

if you just sense something stirring in you but don't know what it all means or where it's all going, Ben would love to meet up and have a chat with you.





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