

## Key Questions!



**IF** you have any keys related to the Centre and or the churches, please could you email **Victoria** to let her know exactly which ones you hold. If you have any that you don't need, haven't returned or shouldn't still have (!) please return them as soon as possible. If you prefer to do this anonymously, please

## Table Top Tips

**THE HUB** is meeting again on **Wednesday 26 October at 2.00pm** at the Methodist Church by the Pond for Flower Arranging Tips. If you would like to join us, please email [wain.linda@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wain.linda@yahoo.co.uk)  
New members are always welcome.



## Shop early for Christmas!

**FOR** the first time in eight years no supermarket will be stocking The Real Advent Calendar, but we will! If you would like to place an order please contact the office asap.



## No later than . . .

**IT** would be a great help if contributions to the weekly *Welcome* sheet are sent to the Church Office no later than midday on Tuesday. Thank you.

## Welcome back Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

**YOU** can now bring your plastic milk bottle tops and crisp packets to the Centre for recycling – please use the back door of the building between 9.00am and 1.00pm on weekday mornings.



## Please pray for

~ All those on half term

breaks.

~ For sense regarding Covid precautions to keep numbers low

~ For the COP26 Summit

## Thought for the week

Everything you say should be true, but not everything true should be said.

## Memorial Service

**ANGELA Robson** died peacefully in a nursing home in Norfolk where she had moved to be nearer her family. Angela was cremated with her closest family in attendance but in accordance with her wishes a memorial service will be held at St Leonard's Church on **Friday 29 October at 2.00pm**. Her family hope to see you there to celebrate her life. Following the service tea will be offered at the Malshanger Estate. Please let the Office know if you wish to stay to the tea.

## Private Prayer

**ALL** day, every day at Wootton, but no longer at St. Leonard's.

## Email addresses

**PLEASE** use these addresses instead of any others you may have lurking in your contacts [office@oww.church](mailto:office@oww.church) [bookings@oww.church](mailto:bookings@oww.church)

I got lost in thoughts. It was unfamiliar territory.



# Welcome

Sunday 24 October 2021

## Sunday 17 October

### 9.00am Holy Communion

at St Lawrence Church Wootton

### 10.00am Holy Communion

at St Leonard's Church

We continue our Wellbeing series

## Could this be you?

**OAKLEY Infant School** is looking for school governors and we would like to invite members of the community in Oakley to join us.

Being a school governor means being interested in getting the best education for the pupils at the school.

Governors can become involved in a range of school matters, which can include recruitment, finance and curriculum.

They also provide a strong link between the school and the local community, and an independent view to support the school on long-term development and improvement. Our Governing Body meets on a half-ternly basis and governors also join another committee.

There are a range of training opportunities available through Governor Services at Hampshire to help governors undertake their duties and develop their understanding of the key areas of school management.

This role is voluntary.

If anyone is interested, please contact the school where the Headteacher would be delighted to share details of the role with you. More info can also be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>

## Or could this be you?

**OAKLEY Junior School** are visiting St. Leonard's Church on the morning of **Wednesday 3 November**. We will need some help to chat to the children and serve some refreshments. If you can help, please contact the office or **Helen Miller**.

## Sunday Teams Explained

**THANKS** to all those who have come along to either of the Sunday Teams meetings. If you couldn't make either meeting please speak to **Penny** about the new system we are introducing.

## Restart

**SATURDAY** morning prayers have resumed in person at St Leonard's Centre. Please contact **Mike** and **Sheila Compton** for more details.



## Children's Society boxes.

**GOOD** news! These can now be handed to **Sue Birkbeck** for emptying! If you would like to help Sue empty her loft by taking a box to fill with all your loose change, please contact her on [Sue\\_bx@hotmail.com](mailto:Sue_bx@hotmail.com) or 07786 493378!



## Church for Our Time Update

**WE** are simultaneously working towards gaining the approvals necessary for the project from both Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and the Diocese.

The Council is predominantly concerned with the planning permission for the extension while the Diocese will look at the whole scheme – the re-ordered church and the extension.

We have completed pre-planning application discussions with the Council and as a result of this, the extension has now been designed with a more steeply pitched roof to better reflect the shape of the Church building. This new design was presented to the Diocese in September and is supported without any objection.

We are now progressing the detailed specifications that will be presented for final approval by the Diocese and the local planning department.

Once we gain the necessary approvals, then we will launch a full discussion with the PCC and the church about how we proceed towards our vision for a 'church for our time'. Thank you for your continued support to this project.

If you have further questions about the plans and how they fit into the wider strategy for our Church, please do have a chat with Ben or myself.

**Derek Felton**

# ST LENS JNR NEWS

**WE** had a wonderful morning with the children last week at the centre, with craft, playing, eating and dancing!! It is so great to have the Centre busy and full every Sunday morning.



## Half Term

There are no morning groups on the next two Sundays, as our children, families and their leaders take a mini break for half term.

## Sunday FunDay



We will be back with a bang though next week for our awesome Sunday Funday at 3.30pm! Please do share with any families you think may like to come and a huge thank you to all those who have offered to help. I will be in touch this week.

## Youth Worker

Last week saw the official launch for our Youth Worker and gift day. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. We will keep you up to date as we continue to move forward with the project.



## Prayer Needs

Please keep the schools, preschools, staff and pupils in our community in your prayers as they take a much needed break next week.

*Helen Miller*

## Return Prayers

**THE** Winchester Diocese operates a prayer cycle to pray for each Parish, and it is our turn on Tuesday! Perhaps we could encourage you to pray for the Diocese in return?



## Mission Action Group

**AS** a church we support many organisations locally and around the world.

The Besom, Child of Hope, Childs Trust, Money Lifeline and Mechanics for Africa are just a few of the groups we have supported financially recently.

You may have heard some of their moving and encouraging stories in our services.

We would like to invite suggestions of organisations and individuals we can consider for future support.

We normally only consider registered charities and the criteria we use is: that the grants are Kingdom life changing, that there is the opportunity for our church family to be involved, that the group benefits their local community, and there are no geographic or other boundaries. Please send your suggestions to the Church Office.



**THE** church website this week welcomed its 20,000 visitor.

# Basingstoke Community Food Link

- Stopping food waste -



## TAKING A BITE OUT OF HUNGER

CFL collects fresh nutritious food that cannot be sold and would normally go to landfill from supermarkets around the town. Their volunteers then sort and repack it and deliver to charities and churches who distribute it among their local community.

[contact@bcfd.org.uk](mailto:contact@bcfd.org.uk)



### How can you help?

- Volunteer as a driver
- Help load collections
- Help sort food donations
- Set up a distribution hub
- Support us financially

We are looking for individuals and churches who can give £10, £20, £50 a month (or more) to help with our running costs and expansion plans - vehicles, fuel, accommodation, equipment and utilities.



**SUNDAY  
FUN DAY  
FAMILY CHURCH**

**LIGHT  
PARTY**

**SUPERHERO  
FANCY DRESS  
WELCOME**

**DISCO  
PICK 'N MIX  
FACE PAINTING  
AND MORE!**

**SUNDAY  
31 Oct  
3.30-5.00  
ST LEONARD'S**

