



BURSLEDON PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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The Bible Society

Gareth Davies from the Bible Society, who is one of our mission partners, is coming to talk to us on Sunday Morning 8th February at both churches.



What's New?

Wisdom in the Desert

Lent Course: Desert Mothers and Fathers (Lectio 365)

Starting 15th February

This Lent, we invite you to journey with the Desert Mothers and Fathers using the Lectio 365 app. Also our Sunday sermons will explore the wisdom of the early Christian men and women who withdrew to the desert in the 3rd and 4th centuries to seek God in prayer, simplicity, and silence.

We will be encouraged to slow down, listen deeply and discover how these ancient voices can speak powerfully into our modern lives.

The Desert Mothers and Fathers wrestled with many of the same questions we face today—about faith, distraction, community, temptation, and what it truly means to follow Christ. **(Life group material also available)**

Designed for Lent, this course offers a gentle but challenging invitation to draw closer to God, creating space for reflection, honesty, and spiritual growth as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

UPCOMING SERVICES

- * **Sunday 1 February**
08.00am HC BPC St Leonards
All Age / Family Service
9.30am St Paul's Church
11.15am St Leonard's Church

- * **Sunday 8 February**
Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's Church
11.15am St Leonard's Church

- * More information can be found on our website:
www.bursledonparish.org/service/

- * **M18 Prayers**
6.30pm every Monday
via Zoom

- * **Mid Week Communion**
Wednesday 9.15am
4 February St Paul's Church
11 February St Leonard's Church

Alpha

It is the last chance to join the current Alpha Course. [Click here](#), or head to our website for more information:

bursledonparish.org/church-life/alpha/
Speak to John, or email the church office
office@bursledonparish.org

Thursday 5th February 7.30pm at St Paul's Church



Eco Feature

Junk Mail

Modern marketing methods, especially targeted direct mail, have become one of the great nuisances of our time. But we have to accept that junk mail is not going away. It obviously works – otherwise companies would not use it.

If you want to opt out (and potentially save a few trees?) you can contact the Mailing Preference Service.

This is a free service that removes people from lists used by the industry. Click on the link below

(or head to their website)

[_https://www.mpsonline.org.uk/consumer/register](https://www.mpsonline.org.uk/consumer/register)



In other news



Café 2:4

St Paul's Church

Mon 9th Feb 2pm-4pm.

Everyone is invited for free coffee and cake.



Don't forget we are collecting items of food for the food pantry based in the Pilands Wood Community Centre this Sunday at each service.



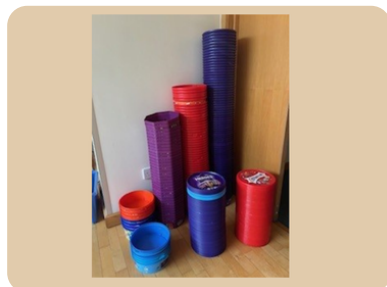
Ladies, you are invited to

Mothers Union coffee

morning held at St Paul's

Church. Wednesday 18th

February 10.00am



Thank you to everyone who has dropped their chocolate tubs to church.

They will all be recycled and money raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Volunteers needed!

We are reaching out with an important request regarding the future daytime opening of St Leonard's Church.

At the moment, we do not have enough volunteers to cover the weekly rota for locking the church. Unless we can increase the number of people willing to help, we will unfortunately need to close the church during the day.

If you are able to volunteer to lock the church for a week at a time, even just once or twice a year, it would make a significant difference.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we hope that together we can keep St Leonard's open and accessible to all.

A sign-up sheet is available on the notice board at the entrance to the church for anyone who can help.

