

NEWSWIRE: 5th April 2024



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A message from Ruth

For Jesus' friends and family, watching him die a cruel and unjust death, must have been an unimaginable loss, a personal grief further compounded by the death of a dream. Jesus, not just the one they loved, but he who had promised so much, who had changed so many lives, who they believed would change their future.

In the mess of my every day, I too readily feel the hopelessness of those grouped at the foot of the cross. As I grapple with the challenges of life, I too easily see only the apparent defeat of Good Friday.

Reading the Easter narrative again this year I was however struck by Jesus' early morning encounter with Mary. Jesus did not run through the salvation narrative, nor did he remind her of everything that he had said about his death and resurrection. He did not diminish her pain, or scold her for her lack of faith - in the quietness of the dawn garden, he simply called her by her name.

It was a moment of intimacy, when all the questions suddenly didn't matter - there would be time for working it all out another day. For Mary, to hear her name from the lips of the one she loved and believed in, was enough. That moment, that single word, changed everything.

And so, as the calendar rolls on, I am determined to make time for those 'quiet moments in the garden', away from my questions, my need to get my theology straight and my sense of being overwhelmed by the world around me.

I recognise that I too will find peace and hope in the stillness, and that like Mary, Jesus knows and calls me by my name.

Collect for the second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

Readings: Luke 18:9-14, Matthew 7:1-5

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's and live
streamed [on this link](#).

Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; Matthew 6:19-24

If you have difficulties accessing the service on the livestream link above, please
try accessing [our youtube channel](#) directly.



NEXT WEEK

Monday 8th April

Bump to One meet on **Mondays** from **10.30am to midday** in **St Leonard's**

The Chosen - Episodes 5 'The Wedding Gift' and 6 'Indescribable Compassion'
will be shown in the **Tolkien Room**, St Peter's Catholic Church at **7pm** on
Monday 8th April. All welcome.

Wednesday 10th April

Warm Welcome Wednesday from 10.30am to midday in **St Leonard's** church.

The funeral of the late Hilary Fewtrell will be held in **St Leonard's** church at
1pm on Wednesday **10th April**.

NEXT SUNDAY - 14th April

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Worship at St Leonard's and livestreamed

4pm - Families@4

Looking further ahead

The funeral of the late Michael Barlow will be held in **St Leonard's church** at **12.45pm** on **Thursday 18th April**

Please pray for:

- Dave recovering from a stroke.
- Ben and healing for his mental health.
- Scarlett's recovery from long Covid.
- Katie suffering with epilepsy. Please pray that the right medication be found to control her seizures.

To add names to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office (stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com) Names will be added to the list by express permission, and only first names will be published.

Hazel Perfect - It is with sadness that we let you know that Hazel died on 2nd April. Hazel was a member of St Peter's church family for many years and her funeral will be held at St Peter's. We will let you know details of the funeral as we have them.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL - Every year we update our church electoral roll - which is the closest thing the Church of England gets to membership. So if you currently feel St Leonard's is your church and you are not on the electoral roll at present, please consider joining.

It's very simple. You can complete the form online [here](#). If the internet is not your thing and you would prefer to complete a paper copy please request one from Margaret Thornton or the church office.

Please note that we are only permitted to add new members to the roll until 22 April 2024 after which you will have to wait until 2025! Any Queries - please contact Margaret Thornton

Remembering Bishop Alan

The diocese will remember Bishop Alan at a memorial service at All Saints Church, High Wycombe on Saturday 13 April at 11.30am. Many of you will know he was a curate at St. Leonard's where he met Lucy, his wife.

All are welcome to attend. So arrangements can be made, please register for a seat, via the [Eventbrite webpage](#). You do not need to bring a ticket on the day. The service will also be livestreamed to a nearby venue in High Wycombe as well as via the diocesan website.

SERMON on the MOUNT *with the Bible Project*

Sign up for weekly emails from the Bible Project on the Sermon on the Mount [here](#)

Links to previous weeks below:

[A surprising Announcement](#) | [Being at home in the Kingdom](#) | [The Hard Path of Peacemaking](#) |

[salt and the land](#) | [the light and the city](#) | [Entering the torah story](#) | [The meaning of Torah](#)



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