



## NEWSWIRE: 12th April 2024

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### ***A message from Duncan***

*‘while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement,  
he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”’ Luke 24.41*

I love the season of Eastertide in which we get the opportunity to reflect on the resurrection narratives for a while. After the busyness of Holy Week and Easter weekend has subsided we get the time and space to actually enjoy and delight in the strangeness of the events that lie at the heart of our faith. In home communions this week I have been sharing the Easter evening narrative from the end of Luke's gospel. I have been struck by numerous thoughts but the verse above keeps rising to the surface of my reflections, though I still don't know how to make sense of it (I mean - did you notice it literally doesn't make sense!). I guess that reflects the feeling in that room - a chaos of confusion and emotion and unarticulated questions, hopes and doubts, along with the ensuing destruction of category distinctions in the disciple's minds, into which Jesus asserts that, after destroying death, conquering the grave and crippling evil, he is getting a little peckish! It is a beautiful conjunction of the sublime and the ordinary. It reflects the truth that Jesus is both the Risen one with the name above all names and, at the same time, terribly down to earth! It is a tension we are to leave unresolved in our own relationship with him. He is the Lord and High Priest of the cosmos without whom nothing can exist, before whom we bow, even tremble. He is also the one who promised, in the upper room before his death, that he and the eternal Father would come and make their home with the one who loved him and obeyed his teachings (John 14.23). Amazing! Like the resurrection narratives themselves, you couldn't make it up.

We are the inheritors of these glorious truths, and, in this season of Eastertide, I ask that you would join me to pray that we might see others in our lives and communities meet the Risen Lord. It is too good not to share somehow, as we, in a very real, but mysterious way, *“are witnesses of these things.”* (Lk 24.48)

Eastertide joy to you all,  
Duncan

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### Collect for the third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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### SERVICES ON SUNDAY

#### 9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

*Readings:* Proverbs 3.1-10; Matthew 6.25-34

#### 9.30am - Morning Worship at St Peter's

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

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

*Readings:* Proverbs 3.1-10; Matthew 6.25-34

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

#### 4pm - Families@4 at St Leonard's



### NEXT WEEK

#### Monday 15th April

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

#### Tuesday 16th April

**Tinies and Toddlers** meet at **Cassington Village Hall** on Tuesday (term time) from **1.30 to 3pm**

### **Wednesday 17th April**

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

### **Thursday 18th April**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY - 21st April**

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's followed by the APCM

10.30am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's and livestreamed

7pm - Revive at St Leonard's

### **Looking further ahead**

**St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** - Sunday 21st April following the 9.30am service.

**The funeral of the late Raymond Clarke** will be held at **St Leonard's** church at **2pm** on **Monday 29th April**.

**St Leonard's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** - Sunday 5th May following the morning service which will be held at 10am.

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### **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](mailto:stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com)) Names will be added to the list by express permission, and only first names will be published.

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**CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - Every year we update our church electoral roll in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). It is the closest thing the Church of England gets to membership. The revision of the St Peter's electoral roll has already been completed in advance of the APCM on 21st April. 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

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## Memorial service for the Bishop of Buckingham

The Diocese will join together to remember the Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson this Saturday, 13 April, at 11.30am.

A few spaces at All Saints Church, High Wycombe, are still available - [please book these via Eventbrite](#). The service will be livestreamed - see [oxford.anglican.org/livestream](https://oxford.anglican.org/livestream) for details on the day.

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**Mission Partners Support:** Several of us have been thinking about how we can raise the profile of this ministry in St Leonard's. The Mission Partners Support Team met for 5 years until 2020 when a combination of the pandemic and the increasing age of most of the members meant that it was disbanded. Our role included a monthly focus on one of our mission partners with up-to-date information in newswire, prayers in the 10.30 service, and sometimes a speaker or a special collection or other activity. You will find our 7 mission partners highlighted on the notice board on the north wall. With all this in mind we are having a one-off meeting on Friday 19th April at 7pm at 10 Queens Close to pray about the way forward and offer possible ideas. We would love to have a few new people joining us. So if you have a passion for the wider mission of the church in this country and overseas please come along on 19th. Or if you can't manage that date please speak to Jenny Griffiths for more information: [jennifer@grahamg77.plus.com](mailto:jennifer@grahamg77.plus.com) 01865 882623.

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





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**Tuesdays 9:30–11:30**  
**Taster session 16th**  
**April**  
**At Witney Methodist**  
**Church**  
**Free**  
**brunch/refreshments**

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