

## NEWSWIRE: 27th March 2026

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

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,  
are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.  
For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

*2 Corinthians 3.18*

Behold the glory of the Lord.

In the last few months in church we have been gazing upon the Lord Jesus from different perspectives: Jesus, our Saviour, our friend, our substitute, our champion to name but a few. But at no other time of year is the glory of the Lord so vividly placed before us than in Passiontide and Holy week.

But who would have imagined that the glory of God Almighty is most vividly portrayed on a cruel wooden cross, hewn by the Roman Empire, and upon which the religious elite of Israel conspired to see an end to their Messiah. But glorious it was, such that it has been contemplated, and beheld, for the last 2000 years more than any other scene in history. As Jesus looked toward the cross the night before he died he said, *“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,”* (John 17.1)

This is no god of Greek philosophy or human imagination. This is a god who defies our neat categories, presumptions and summations. This is the Living God who is who he is and before whom the only appropriate response is worship and wonder. So let us resolve to behold his glory as we approach this strangely beautiful throne of grace once again. And let us linger there:

*Here might I stay and sing—*

*no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.*

grace and peace to you all this Easter,

*Duncan*

*(listen to my setting of Samuel Crossman's amazing words [here](#))*

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### **Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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**

**10.30am - Palm Sunday Benefice Holy Communion  
at St Leonard's and live streamed on [this link](#)**

*Readings: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 52:7-10, 13-15,  
53:1-5*



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

**7pm - Revive at St Leonard's**

### **HOLY WEEK**

**Monday 30th March**

**8.30am - Morning Prayer at St Leonard's**

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

**Tuesday 31st March**

**9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Peter's**

**Wednesday 1st April**

**9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Leonard's**

**Maundy Thursday - 2nd April**

**Cassington Cafe from 10am in Cassington Village Hall**

**10am - The Easter Story Brick by Brick at St Leonard's (see below)**

**7.30pm - Tenebrae Service at St Leonard's**

**Good Friday - 3rd April**

**10am - Good Friday service in the Square (3 Eynsham Churches)**

**2pm - Hour at the Cross at both St Peter's and St Leonard's**

**EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April**

**9.30am - Easter Holy Communion at St Peter's**

**10.30am - Family Holy Communion at St Leonard's**

**Looking further ahead**

**Annual Church Meetings**

St Peter's - 26th April at 4pm followed by evening prayer

St Leonard's - 3rd May following the morning service which will be held at 10am



**Lego Easter Event for Families**

**THE EASTER STORY**  
BRICK BY BRICK

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
10am - noon  
St Leonard's Church

Join us for a fun morning exploring the Easter story through brick-building. Stay for refreshments, hot cross buns and sausage rolls.

Sign up here: 

faith4kids

## The Easter Story - Brick by Brick

We are holding a special morning to invite families from the villages to explore the Easter story. This year it will all be themed around Lego - there will be 15kg of Lego and lots of building fun for the families.

The activity will run on **Maundy Thursday (2nd April)** between **10am and noon** in St Leonard's church. Flyers to invite families are available in the churches, please take one to pass on to friends and neighbours. Contact [Rabea](#) for more information

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## Decorating the church for Easter

We would be very pleased if anyone would like to join us decorating the church for Easter at 3.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, after the Good Friday "Hour at the cross" service.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of flowers or foliage. These can be brought at 3.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, or left in the buckets that will be in the porch during the days on Thursday and Friday.

Many thanks in advance from Sherry, Margaret and Hazel

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## Notes from Session 3 and upcoming SBTWs.



We have, I think, had a valuable time exploring Genesis 1-3 together. I have certainly enjoyed leaning into these foundational chapters for the whole of the story of the bible.

Catch up with the notes here:

[Shaped by the Word 1: Genesis 1 notes](#)

[Shaped by the Word 2: Genesis 2 notes](#)

[Shaped by the Word 3: Genesis 2-3 notes](#)

We will be giving April a miss and then having some more sessions throughout the rest of the year. We will likely continue in some studies from the Pentateuch but perhaps after something a little different. **So please let me know if there is something you would like to explore in scripture together in May and June.**

*Duncan*



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# **EASTERHOPE**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

**10am: The Easter Story Brick by Brick** for children & families

**7.30pm: Tenebrae Service**

*Both at StLeonard's*

**GOOD FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

**10am: Service in Eynsham Square**

**2pm: Hour at the Cross**

*at StPeter's & StLeonard's*

**EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**9.30am: Easter Communion**

*at StPeter's*

**10.30am: Family Holy Communion**

*at StLeonard's*

If you find your chair is not quite in the correct place on Sunday Morning, it may have been a victim of **CSI: Eynsham!**

On Monday evening, our youth social was held in the church. Complete with detective notebooks, armed with a pen, and finished with an Easter Egg, our young people explored the Easter Story from a completely different perspective!

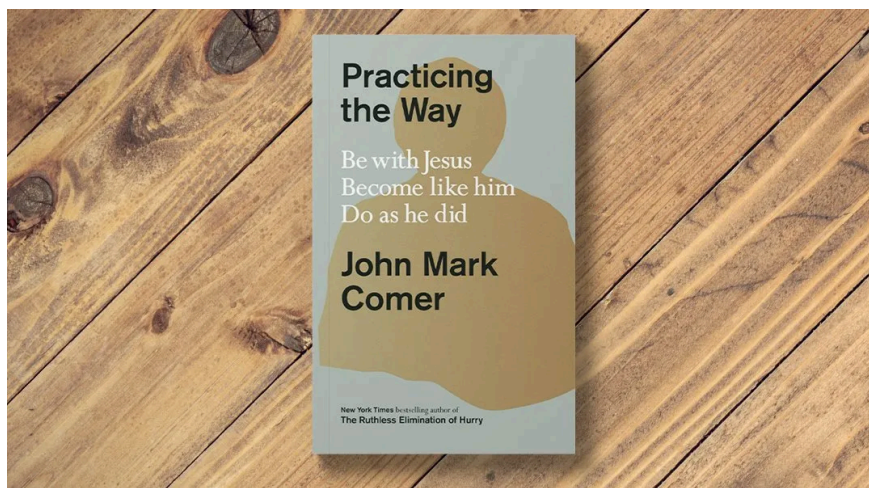
Exploring the scenes from the Easter Story - reading the witness accounts and making note of all the important facts!



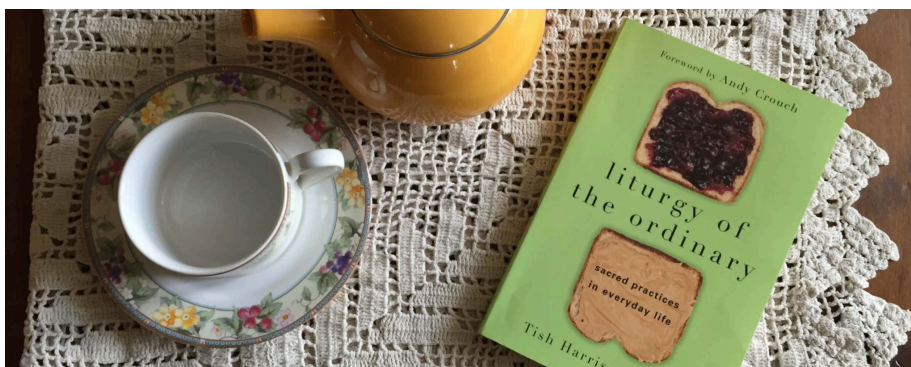
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**St Leonard's Electoral Roll** - Every parish holds an electoral roll, which is the Anglican way of recording church membership. We will soon be updating St Leonard's Electoral Roll in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 3rd May. If you wish to join the electoral roll you can do so [on this link](#) or by completing a form (available in the back of church).

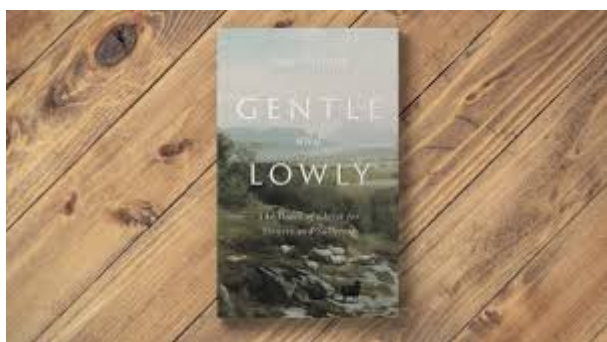
## Book Reviews for Lent



This year we will be recommending three books to help those who would like to read a book during Lent. You can see Margaret's review of "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer [here](#).



Duncan introduces 'The Liturgy of the Ordinary: sacred practices in everyday life'. [Click here to see the video.](#)



### **Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers**

This is the last [book review](#) for our Lenten recommendations. This book is good for any time of year and well worth a slow read. Our verse for the year encourages us to behold Christ and this book does just that. We may be well versed on what

Jesus has done for us, but who is he and what is he like? This book reflects on Jesus' only self-description of his character, "I am gentle and lowly in heart" and is written with a pastoral gentleness. If you need your heart warmed by a deeper understanding of Christ's heart for you - read this book.

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# 24-7 PRAYER

## A Prayer for the Global Call to Pray for Peace

*At this time of global uncertainty and instability, in which we bear witness to many wars and conflicts, including the war in Ukraine, Sudan and many other places alongside the unfolding chaos and mayhem that is rapidly spreading through the war in the Middle East - we pray:*

Lord Jesus, we dare to believe that you are still the Prince of Peace. Faced with the horror of war, we are confident that you still reign and are in control. You are the only answer to the turmoil of the nations.

Forgive those of us who have lived in comfort and not turned our ears to the cries of the suffering.

Your people are suffering globally; when one of us suffers, we all suffer, and in the midst of this suffering we cry out to you, our great Hope and great Peace. We pray, come Lord Jesus, come and reign in peace at this time.

We pray for your protection and your security to prevail and that death and destruction would end.

We pray for those who want to escalate violence, that your Holy Spirit would move them to de-escalate; for those who seek to kill, steal and destroy, that they would be inspired to seek peace and adopt a posture of love.

Lord, we pray that in nations where conflict abounds you would raise up righteous leadership; leaders who care for all the people they serve and who are willing to pursue peace over power.

Lord, we pray that you would meet with our brothers and sisters in these conflict-ridden zones; filling them with your peace, comforting them with your presence, giving them strength and compassion to be Christlike within the storms of war.

Lord, your kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven is what we yearn for; we pray that at this time, in this hour, your Kingdom would come. That guns would be laid down, that weapons would be turned away, and that your love would reign supreme in a world so quickly moving towards hatred.

Lord Jesus, we dare to believe that you are the Prince of Peace. Lord have mercy, bring peace to our world, and be glorified throughout the globe. In the name of the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, Amen.

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**Please pray for:**

- Dave following his move to a care home.
- Ben and healing for his mental health.
- 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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