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A message from Derek

' . . . the stone, which was very large . . . ' Mk.16:4

EASTER! The great stone is rolled away. We stand by the open grave and see He is risen – as He said he would [Matthew 28:6]. And now we wait. We wait for Him to come again, as He says He will: *"I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also"* [John 14:1-3].

Our waiting is not something inactive but a committed life of trust-empowered relationship: *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. . .* [1 Peter 1:8]

A part of our on-going relationship with our risen Jesus is our trust-empowered praying. And yet! For all of us there are situations where it seems that there is a stone that has not rolled away – a weighty barrier; a seeming block on the joy of our walk with Jesus; a shadow of circumstances and on-going problems. Yes, Jesus is risen and will come again but, for many of us, the weighty barrier makes Him seem so distant.

David prays about his 'weighty barrier' in Psalm 13:1,

*How long, LORD? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?*

He goes on to share how he continues living in faith and trust despite his 'sorrows of the heart':

*But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.*

*I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.*

David's living in faith and trust focuses on the LORD – the LORD who reveals Himself as the saving, the rescuing God; there for His people. David raises his eyes from his 'weighty barrier' to his unfailing God and rejoices. And for us? Today? Perhaps a part of the LORD's unfailing love is asking for prayer from others. Then together, instead of the stone which looks so very large, we shall see the LORD who is so very much greater.

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

9am - Holy Communion at St Leonard's

Readings: Psalm 23; John 21:1-19

9.30 - Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Readings: Psalm 23; John 21:1-14

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

Readings: Psalm 23; John 21:1-19

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

NEXT WEEK

Monday 13th April

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



Tuesday 14th April

Tinies and Toddlers meet on Tuesdays (term time) from 1.30pm - 3pm in Cassington Village Hall.

Wednesday 15th April

Warm Welcome Wednesday from 10.30am to midday in St Leonard's Church

SUNDAY - 19th April

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's

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

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



St Leonard's Environment Working Group – Get Involved

The PCC has recently approved [St Leonard's new Environment Policy](#), developed as we use the [A Rocha Eco Church](#) framework to work towards a Bronze Award.

We're now forming an Environment Working Group to help take this forward. You don't need lots of time or expertise—just a willingness to support the policy and contribute what you can.

If you'd be interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Sally Owen or Margaret Johnson or email us (just4sally@gmail.com or madevereux@hotmail.com)



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

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) Names will be added to the list by express permission, and only first names will be published.

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