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A PASSION FOR



"I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE,
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL" (JOHN 10:10)

**'A Passion for Life' was a week of
special events in February.**

Did you come to any – the Pancake Party,
Men's Curry and Sports Quiz, the Women's
Breakfast at Notcutts, or to hear Bishop
Graham addressing the question of
suffering in the church?

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'I Don't Believe It!'

No, not the words of Victor Meldrew, but the reaction of the Apostle Thomas when he was told Jesus had risen from the dead at the first Easter.

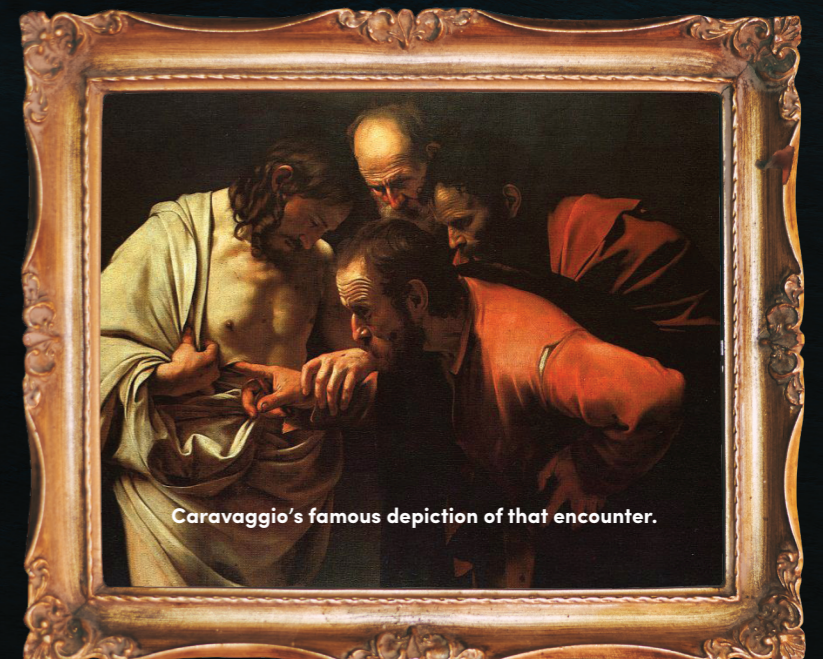
He wanted hard evidence. 'Doubting Thomas' can be viewed as the patron saint of sceptics. Here's how the Bible records his response: "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

Jesus then appeared to Thomas and gave him the evidence he wanted. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Thomas was convinced and travelled widely to tell others about Jesus – tradition telling us he founded the church in India and was martyred in Chennai, so convinced was he that Jesus had risen from the dead.

But what about us today? We can't see and touch the risen Jesus. The Bible is aware of the problem, and says that this is why it has recorded the eye-witness testimony of those like Thomas: 'these are written that you may believe

that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.'
Why not come to our Easter services to find out more? See inside for details.



Caravaggio's famous depiction of that encounter.



Do Lent Generously

The 40 Days of Lent begins on the 26th February. 40acts is an exciting generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship.

For ten years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? Whether you're intending to give up chocolate, fast food, alcohol or the internet, 40acts encourages us to do something generous during Lent, too.

You can sign up for a daily generosity challenge at www.40acts.org.uk.

Here's one for Day 11...

#hiddenheroes



Think of the sorts of people we only notice when things go wrong: the waste collectors after two weeks of rubbish piling up, the sound team when a church service goes wrong, the handyman uncle when a car disaster hits. Do we notice them at any other time? It might just take a thank you, or a gift card. This is an easy and really noticeable way to make a difference to someone.

Green: Drop a small card to a hidden hero, just to let them know they're noticed.

Amber: Show up with a cup of coffee or a fizzy drink as they work.

Red: Figure out a creative fix that would make their job easier. What small solution would help them out?

"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up." Romans 15:1-2 NIV



Welcome to our new Families Minister

Tori took up her part-time post in February and I asked her if she could tell us a little about herself and the role.

My name is Tori and I have lived in Shepperton for 9 years with my husband Joe and our 3 daughters; Talei age 13 and twins Lilibet and Litiana age 9. We started attending All Saints' Laleham 8 years ago.

Primary School Teacher

I originally trained and worked as a primary school teacher and taught in South East London. However, I felt a strong calling to work in a closer capacity with families, children and young people who had experienced difficulties and challenging life circumstances, so I left teaching to train to be a Christian Youth Worker.

Feltham Young Offenders Prison

I spent the next 10 years working in Feltham Young Offenders Prison, for a mentoring charity and then as a Prison Chaplain. After having the twins, I took a career break to be a stay-at-home mum, and later volunteered at my daughters' school; helping in the classroom, chairing the PTA, and at the local Children's Centre. For the past 2 years I have been working for Home-Start

Spelthorne as a Family Support Co-ordinator.

Families Minister

The 'call' to serve God and the people that he created and loves, has been on my heart since an early age, so I feel privileged and honoured to be starting at All Saints' as your Families Minister. This is a new and exciting role; so new and exciting that I do not fully know what it might entail! My vision is to connect with the community; those groups already working with families in and around Laleham and with families who attend our services, as well as those who don't.

Family life can be challenging. Parents, teenagers and children are facing pressures and demands that previous generations may not have experienced. Although with the introduction of technology, life is in many ways easier, the rise of social media, the breakdown of community and families, and the expectations of life, can lead to isolation and increased stress. I want to get to know our families and together with the church community and God's help, help to bring hope, life and joy into the families that we at All Saints' Laleham serve.

I look forward to discovering what God has in store!

Coffee, Cake, Chat... in Church

All Saints' Laleham opens its doors on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, to anyone who'd like to pop in for a free cup of freshly brewed coffee and a slice of homemade cake.

Open from 10-11.30am in the beautiful setting of our Grade 1 listed church, you'll find a warm welcome and, if you are there at 11am, a 5 minute 'Thought for the Day'.



St PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

A Call to be Changed: Florence Nightingale and the Meaning of Vocation Sarah Mullally

St Paul's Cathedral
Thursday 28 May
6.30 - 8.00pm
Admission free, all welcome

Florence Nightingale is famous for establishing the modern nursing profession, but she was also a significant Christian theologian and contemplative.

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of her birth, Bishop Sarah will explore Nightingale's sense of vocation and also reflect on how being both a nurse and priest has formed her own journey of faith. In turn she will invite us to ask ourselves: how should I discern and respond to God's calling in my own life?

Sarah Mullally is the Bishop of London, and was formerly the Chief Nursing Officer for England.

The evening will include plenty of time for questions and answers, and BSL interpretation will be available.

For more information and to book free places, go to www.stpauls.co.uk/nightingale

FAITH
LEARNING
PRAYER
LAUGHTER
MYSTERY

JOY
WISDOM
CONVERSATION
QUESTIONS
All welcome

St Paul's Cathedral runs a year-round programme of public events exploring Christian life, spirituality and ethics. For more information go to www.stpauls.co.uk/adultlearning

Photo: Max Cotton

Easter Services

Easter is the highlight of the Christian year and we have a wide variety of services.

THU 9 APRIL . 7.30PM Maundy Thursday

A traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer. The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin "mandatum", meaning a commandment. At the Last Supper Jesus said: 'And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' We remember Jesus' institution of Holy Communion. The service lasts just over an hour.

FRI 10 APRIL . 9.30AM Good Friday All Age Service

A service for all ages in Laleham School hall, with activities and songs for children, reflecting on Jesus' death for us. The service lasts just under an hour.

FRI 10 APRIL . 2PM An Hour at the Cross

A quiet service in the church with reflection, silence and hymns. The service lasts an hour.

SUN 12 APRIL . 10AM Easter morning

Come and celebrate Easter at All Saints'. There is an All Age Service with Communion in Church.

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

Mothering Sunday

We'd love to welcome you on Mothering Sunday to one of our services.

9.30am in the Church – a more traditional service

10.30am in Laleham School – our children's groups will run as normal

Mothering Sunday gives us a great opportunity to give thanks for our mothers.

We also remember that we can receive 'mothering' from people besides our biological mothers, and so we like to offer a small posy of flowers to every lady that comes.



Dates for your diary

MARCH 2020

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| SUN 1 | 09:30. Morning Service 10:30. All Age Service 18:30. Evening Service |
| SUN 8 | 09:30. Holy Communion 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service |
| SUN 15 | 09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Holy Communion 18:30. Evening Service |
| SUN 22 | 09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Holy Communion |
| SUN 29 | 09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service |

APRIL 2020

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| SUN 5 | 09:30. Morning Service 10:30. All Age Service 18:30. Evening Service |
| THU 9 | 19:30. Holy Communion (BCP) |
| FRI 10 | 09:30. All Age Service 11:00. Walk of Witness 14:00. Hour at the Cross |
| SUN 12 | 09:30. no service 10:00. All Age Service with Holy Communion 18:30. Holy Communion |
| SUN 19 | 09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service |
| SUN 26 | 09:30. no service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Evening Service |

Services at 10.30am in Laleham School Hall. Other services in All Saints' Church, unless specified.

For services in May, please check the website or contact office@allsaintslaleham.org.uk.