

Outlook

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him."

Luke 24:31

There's a moment when Jesus was telling his disciples about parables that he said there will be people who, **"May be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding"** (Mark 4:12). And then on another occasion he said something similar, **"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."** (Matt 11:27).

It's only by his grace and through the revealing work of the Holy Spirit that we can begin to see and appreciate Jesus for who he truly is. Today we're going to read the story we call "The Road to Emmaus" in which 2 of Jesus' followers went from interested ignorance to a clear revelation of who Jesus was.

Let us all pray like Paul did for the Church when he said, **"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you"** (Eph 1:18). We all need this gift of heavenly revelation!

A Collect for this Week

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope. Strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. **14** They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; **16** but they were kept from recognising him. **17** He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. **18** One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' **19** 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. **20** The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; **21** but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. **22** In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning **23** but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. **24** Then some of our companions went to the tomb

and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' **25** He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. **28** As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. **29** But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. **32** They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' **33** They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together **34** and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' **35** Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one,
because they have a good return
for their labour:

10 if either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.

11 Also, if two lie down together, they
will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm
alone?

12 Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly
broken.

Hebrews 13:1-3

1 Keep on loving one another as
brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget
to show hospitality to strangers, for
by so doing some people have
shown hospitality to angels without

knowing it. 3 Continue to remember
those in prison as if you were
together with them in prison, and
those who are ill-treated as if you
yourselves were suffering.

Annual Church Meeting & PCC Elections

APCM

Our APCM (like an AGM) will take place at 9:30am on Saturday 2nd May. Please will you prayerfully consider serving as a member of the PCC (church council) and/or a Deanery Synod Representative? Speak to Ian F; Geoff C, or; Mike S (Vice Chair of PCC) for more information.

Being as though Ian will be away on his study leave, this year's meeting will be chaired by Mike Sarson, Vice Chair of the PCC.

Bring-and-Share Meal Sunday 3rd May



It's Bank Holiday weekend and our lunch on this occasion will be **pizza & salads!**

- ✿ **Steve & Michelle** will **provide & cook** a range of **pizzas**
- ✿ Please bring suitable accompaniments, e.g. salad leaves, coleslaw, potato / pasta salad, cheese, cold meats, crisps, dips, etc.
- ✿ The ovens will be full of pizzas - so please don't bring anything that will need to be heated
- ✿ Please do bring desserts and drinks... see you there!

Suggestions for Outlook?



If you have any **ideas** for items that might be included in Outlook, please send your suggestions to Mike Sarson via outlook@EastleighParish.com

Join Us for Morning Prayer, Every Tuesday & Thursday



Jeremy Douglas will be leading morning prayers each Tuesday & Thursday in Ian's absence. Why not come along and join with him and others? We meet:

- ✿ 8:45-9:30am each Tuesday in All Saints' (with coffee!)
- ✿ 9:00-9:30am each Thursday on ZOOM (click the link on the home page of our website: <https://www.eastleighparish.com/>)

"The fervent prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

Study Leave for Ian & Sabbatical for Sue



Today is the final Sunday before Ian & Sue will be stepping away from their parish duties until August. Each Vicar is encouraged to take a period of study leave every 7 years or so, and having been in post for almost 12 years now, it's a good time for Ian & Sue to take this break for learning and refreshment. They had hoped to visit Israel, but that trip will have to be put on ice until things settle down in the middle east. Ian's study remains unchanged however, and he plans to look at how the Apostle Paul made use of the Old Testament in the book of Romans. If you wanted to join Ian in exploring this theme, a great place to start is by:

- ✿ Reading the book of Romans and all the Old Testament, and then these 2 books:
- ✿ *"The Art of Narrative Analogy: Identifying and Interpreting Parallel Passages in the Bible"* by Dr Seth Postell, and;
- ✿ *"Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul"* by Richard Hays

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