



Waiting expectantly

Holy Week: Easter Eve



Reading

Luke 23.50-56

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Reflection

‘Waiting expectantly’ – that’s all we can really do on Easter Eve, isn’t it? Wait and hope that what Jesus said might happen, would. Hope that who he said he is, he proves to be. Hope that we’ve put our faith in the right thing, trusted in the right saviour.

Holy Saturday – both literally and figuratively – is an incredibly vulnerable place to be. It’s the in-between, the middle ground, the agonising wait. A tipping point between hope and despair.

We find ourselves utterly dependent on God, helpless to bring transformation ourselves. Believing that Jesus was going to save the world when he was lying in a tomb must have seemed almost ludicrous.

But we know what comes next...

Challenge

We have the benefit of knowing what the day after that first Easter Eve held. We don’t have that luxury when it comes to our current circumstances, the places in our own lives where faith feels almost absurd. Why not talk to God about those things now?



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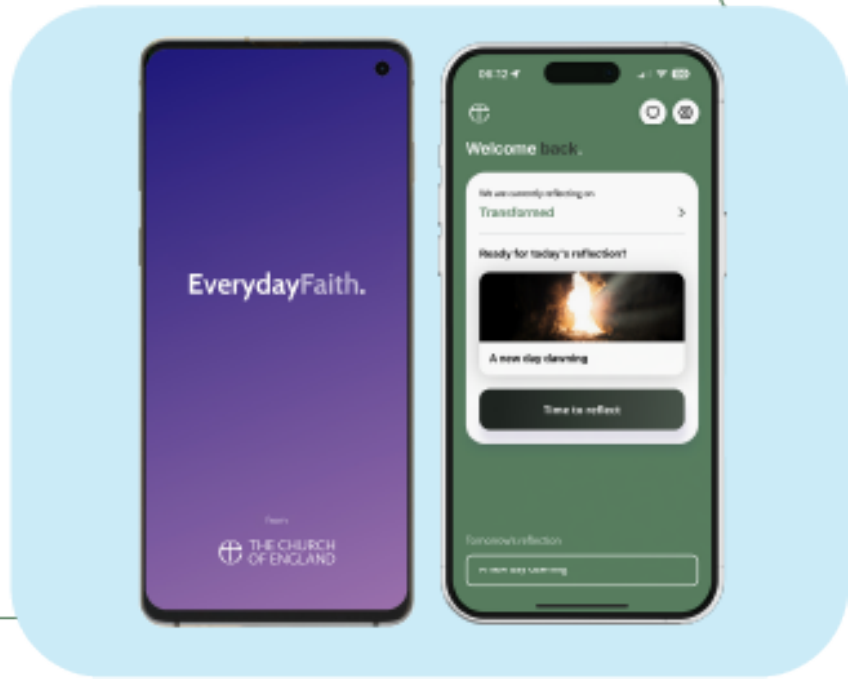
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