

Sunday 25 February 2024

2 Samuel 18:1–20:26Leading
Speaking**Jonathan
Drew****Welcome****Song:** All creatures of our God and King**Credal statement:** 2 Samuel 22:2–4**Confession****Kid's talk****Song:** *Yes! I am running***Notices:** kids leave (0–3s; crèche at the back, 3–11s; will be collected for Sunday School, 11–14s; leave together for their groups immediately after the sermon finishes)**Reading:** 2 Samuel 18:1–20:26**Sermon****Song:** At the cross of Jesus, I would take my place**Prayers****Question time:** please submit questions to: 07360 497 083**Song:** I hear the Saviour say, "Your strength indeed is small"

NOTICES**New here?** Do fill in this form so we can let you know what's going on: bit.ly/10amsignup1**1. Join us for Bible study:** this year looking at Exodus. Thursdays at St Peter's. 7.15–9.30pm.**2. Church family lunches:** today, 24 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June after the service in St Peter's, food available for £4 or bring your own.**3. Church family prayer:** Monday 26 February, 6.30pm for 6.45pm, St Helen's. Can't join in person, join on Zoom: shb.org.uk/cfp meet ID: 883 2931 4212, passcode: 818848. Food: £4.**4. WoW central meeting:** mental health and the church—led by Pella Haire, Wednesday 28 February in St Helen's, 9.45–11.15am. Crèche provided at St Helen's. Bring your own lunch to join others after the talk. Any questions, email Janet: janetmtaylor62@gmail.com**5. Thanksgiving service for Ermine Desmond** at St Helen's. Thursday 29 February, 3pm. Refreshments served after the service. To serve, email Hannah: h.tyler@st-helens.org.uk**6. Marriage Foundations:** understanding marriage is important. All welcome, regardless of marital status: Evenings, 4, 11, 18 March. To register, email: marriage@st-helens.org.uk**7. 10am long weekend away:** join us at Ashburnham, 24–27 May. Drew Balch speaking on the Holy Spirit. Sign up: shb.org.uk/10amLongWeekend Any questions, email Laura: 10am@st-helens.org.uk**8. Associate scheme:** interested in training for Bible teaching ministry? Why not apply for the associate scheme. Applications open, visit: shb.org.uk/associatescheme**9. Current vacancies:** for details: shb.org.uk/jobs**10. The Bible Matters podcast:** search *The Bible Matters Podcast* or: biblematters.podbean.com**11. We're updating our electoral roll** from 4 March–9 April, more details on 4 March.**Next Sunday:** Drew will be speaking on 2 Samuel 21:1–24:25.

God's king still rising

Deliverance and distress

2 Samuel 18:1–20:26

Introduction: How can love and justice meet?

1. Victory!... 18:1–32

2. ... Turned to mourning. 18:33–19:8

2 Samuel 8:15-18 "The high point" (slightly rearranged for this table)	2 Samuel 20:23-26 "The aftermath"
So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people.	
Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army,	Now Joab was in command of all the army of Israel;
and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cher-ethites and the Pelethites,	and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was in command of the Cherethites and the Pelthites;
	and Adoram was in charge of the forced labor;
and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder,	and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;
and Seraiah was secretary,	and Sheva was secretary;
and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and David's sons were priests.	and Ira the Jairite was also David's priest; and Ira the Jairite was also David's priest.

Conclusion: Love and justice will sit in tension for a thousand years...

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How does the ending of the David narrative leave you feeling?
- How does this help you look to Jesus (where love and justice can meet)?