

# The Link

St Leonard's, Lasswade & Bonnyrigg with St Mary's, Dalkeith May 2014



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## ***“What happened next?”***



It was more of a shout from 300+ children than a question. “What happened next?” had been the recurring prompted call from the children over the last three or four school assemblies at Burnbrae Primary.

I was delighted when the Principle Teacher asked me to present the story of Jesus as one complete story from life to death to ? Often assemblies are issue focussed and the children only hear a snap shots about Jesus life.

From birth we suddenly expect them a few weeks later to make that 33 year jump to his death and the mystery of Easter and chocolate eggs. So the challenge was to build up a more cohesive knowledge base for the pupils. Each assembly becoming a building block on the one that had gone before. To do this I used a recurring phrase at the close of each key point. I would say “I wonder” and the children would respond “What happened next?”

So back in January we began by looking at Jesus’ birth story. There were prophets and waiting, I wonder, “what happened next?” Then Mary, Joseph and the Angel, linked in with this the journey to Bethlehem and ...”What happened next?” The Inn, the birth, the shepherds, more angels, the Maggi and “What happened next?” The escape to Egypt, the return to Nazareth, the trip to Jerusalem and the missing boy in the temple, and “what happened next?” The Baptism, the dessert, then water into wine, the deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk, the hungry are fed and “What happened next?” The water walk, the dead were raised, and palms were waved, the people sang, the bread was broken, the wine poured out, and “What happened next?” The angry mob, the crucify call, the cross, the pain, death and tomb and “I wonder ...”

And every time we reached “I wonder...” the children’s response got louder and louder. “Then the stone was rolled in place and that was it” I said “that was the end of the story of Jesus.”

I then began to walk back to my chair with my head hung low but what happened next surprised me and blessed me. The children were not content with the story ending there but cried out “No Mr Harris!” “the story doesn’t end there!” So I asked them the question “what happened next?” A sea of hands went up, while others shouted out in excitement “Jesus is alive”, “He is risen!”

Often we hear that schools sadly no longer teach the Christian story however, it was heart-warming to hear the children’s responses that day and to hear them talking excitedly about the Easter story and that they knew it was not the end.

So as I prepare for my next assembly can you guess what question I am asking next, I wonder ?

Do you know the answer? We may be familiar with the birth, life and death story of Jesus but I wonder do you know what happened next?

Easter as many of us may already know is more than just one day. Easter is a season lasting over 40 days. Scripture tells us that from the day of resurrection Jesus began to regularly appear to people. Over the next few Sundays in church we look at those appearances, appearing to the Disciples, to those on the road to Emmaus, to Thomas calling him to touch him, then to the disciples as they fished and then shared breakfast with them. St Paul also notes that on one occasion when over 500 people gathered together Jesus appeared to them. In the time that Paul was writing this to encourage the early church many of these eye witnesses were still alive.

So what happened next? The story continues in the book known as the Acts of the Apostles. Here we read that Jesus after meeting and eating with his followers was taken up to heaven.

*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

*They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’ Acts 1*

The Ascension is not the end of the story either but the beginning of a new chapter. Intriguingly the ascensions story contains two promises. We are promised that Jesus will come again. Just as the Old Testament foretold that one day the Messiah, the Christ, would come so now the New Testament promises is that Jesus will one day return. Today we live within the time line of this promise, living waiting for Jesus to return. In fact more than that we are part of the “what happens next?” in the story. Within this time we are called not just to be waiting, looking upward for His return but to be active as His witnesses. That means that we are indeed part of His story, representatives, ambassadors of Jesus here on earth. You and I have a purpose and a calling passed down to us by the King of the Kingdom to be his people.

Yes, God not only loves you so much that he gifted us with the story of his son’s, life, death and resurrection, he wants you to be part of the story. Thankfully, however, we are not called to do this on our own. The second promise of the ascension story is that Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit.

I wonder?.....”what happened next?” How will we play our part in His-story.



## **40th Anniversary Book Sale - George Street, Edinburgh**

### **Appeal for donations**

Books, paintings, printed ephemera, sheet music, antiques, records, stamps and postcards, and toys for donation may be brought to the church from Monday 28 April to Friday 2 May, 9am-9pm, Saturday 3 May 9am-5pm or Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 May, 9am-9pm.

### **The Book Sale**

**Saturday 10 May, 10am-4pm; Monday 12 -  
Wednesday 14 May, 10am-3.30pm; Thursday 15  
May, 10am-7pm; Friday 16 May, 10am-3.30pm**  
St Andrew's and St George's West Church, 13 George  
Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PA

The Sale, which has taken place on George Street every year since 1974, and which has raised over £1 million for Christian Aid in the past 10 years, returns once again with its unrivalled range of books and more. Undercroft Cafe open all day. Prayers in the Undercroft chapel at 1pm.

For more information, please contact the church office on 0131 225 3847 or sale convenor Mary Davidson on 07714 186754. If emailing the church, please also provide a telephone number so that the sale team can get in touch.

## **War tears lives apart**

### **Love can help piece them back together**

‘The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer  
... in whom I take refuge.’ 2 Samuel 22:2-3

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life. Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise. It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now.

**The good news is that your church can make a real difference.**

Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week. This Christian Aid Week (11–17 May 2014) we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved – whether by giving, acting or praying. Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace. Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear.

Demonstrate God's love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world this Christian Aid Week. Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

**Could you provide the gift of hope?**

**£15** could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.

**£40** could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.

**£150** could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they've witnessed or experienced.

**Be an instrument of God's peace.**

**Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.**

**caweek.org**

## You can help



The local Storehouse project is run by our friends in the Full Gospel Church in Dalkeith but is supported by other Churches like ourselves. One day we pray there will be no more need for the Storehouse but whilst there are people in our community with real need we are called to help our neighbours.

All those receiving supported from the Storehouse are referred by professional people such as Doctors or Social Workers who are currently working with these families. Therefore we are endeavouring to target people with real actual needs in our own community and you can help.

Currently we are short of the following items  
sadly these are especially for children

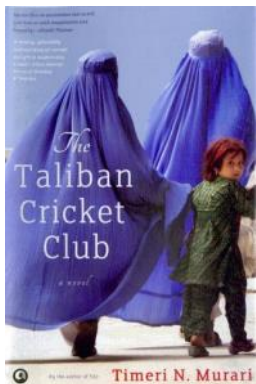
- \* new single bed fitted sheets
- \* new single bed duvets & Cover (unisex)
- \* new single mattress protectors
- \* new basic pillows & pillow cases
- \* one litre boxes of fruit juice, apple, orange
- \* tinned ravioli & tinned macaroni
- \* tinned beans & sausages
- \* jars hot chocolate (easy make variety)
- \* individual jelly pots or rice pots
- \* shampoo
- \* baby wipes

Items can be brought to Church and left in the collection box or basket at the back of church or dropped off at the Rectory.

Items of good quality furniture are also welcome although we do not have storage space so if possible we will ask you to hold the items until required.

**We also invite you to a Storehouse Information Day  
To learn more about the work of the Storehouse  
Saturday 7th June @ 10am - 11.30am  
Full Gospel Church High St Dalkeith**

## The Link book Group



Our latest venture on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> march was a novel *The Taliban Cricket Club* by Timeri N Murari set in war-torn Kabal it's a sometimes harrowing account of one women's courage and guile in the face of brutality and tyranny.

Rukhsana, the main character, is a spirited young journalist who is summoned to the infamous Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice to face it's terrifying minister, Zorak Wahidi. A cricket tournament is announced, with the winning team to travel abroad to represent Afghanistan at an international level.

The tournament offers hope - a means of escape for her brother and young cousins. And for Rukhsana, escape is essential for Wahidi wants to marry her, a frightening proposition which will enslave her in his home.

With the help of her cousin, Rukhsana devises an audacious plan that could ensure their freedom. All they have to do is learn to play cricket-and win.

The book group enjoyed this novel very much especially the sheer luck of the main character who donned male attire, assuming the name Babur, putting herself and her brother at great risk should they have been found out.

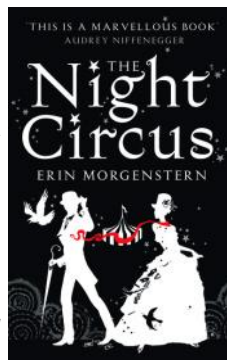
There was a nail biting finish when the cousins cricket team, although winning the tournament, were cheated out of travelling to Pakistan. But not to be outdone, they turned the tables and locked the rival team in the shower room and assumed their identities together with their passports and hijabs and dashed towards the airport-and freedom.

If you want to know about one hundred and one things to do without a burka then playing cricket is one of them.

Our next meeting is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May in the County Coffee Bar, meeting at 6.30pm for Supper when we will be deciphering *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

All are most welcome.

*John A. Fleming*



## Magazine Subscription

It's that time of year again when it's time to renew your subscription to your church magazine. The annual cost remains at £5. Please put the money in the envelope included in this magazine it would be useful to have names to ensure that those who want a magazine continue to receive one and to make sure that sufficient magazines are being printed. Either pass your envelope to the treasurer or simply put it in the offering plate. Spare envelopes can be found at the back of church.



**Anglican Church of  
Papua New Guinea  
Sewing Machine  
Appeal**



## Bishop's Lent Appeal 2014

As Lent is now over we would appreciate it if you could return your Lenten Boxes to the Offering Plate at Church or hand them to Nigel Hallworth at St Mary's or Tom Mooney at St Leonard's. If You are able to gift aid these donations please do also give your gift aid information along with your donation and help these two causes.

**Waverley Care** is Scotland's leading charity providing care and support to people living with HIV or Hepatitis C. As part of our work we also strive to raise awareness of these conditions and their prevention. To find out more visit [www.waverleycare.org](http://www.waverleycare.org)

**Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.** A simple sewing machine can make such a difference to a clergy family. Not only can they be used for making family garments they can be used to produce and repair other items to help the family income. With little income many Priest have to work as well as Pastor. Sewing machines give clergy families away to supplement their basic income.



# St Leonard's and St Mary's Prayer Diary

## MAY 2014



**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions  
with all kinds of prayers and requests.**

**With this in mind, be alert  
and always keep on praying (Ephesians 6:18)**

We hope you will find this prayer sheet a helpful addition to your own prayer life. Please let us know how you use this and if there is anything you would like us to add or change.

## **A prayer to start the day**

O Lord, you are in charge of everything that will happen to me today, the good and the bad, the happy and the sad, the positive and the negative. Please make me thankful for everything that happens in my life today. Amen.



## **Specific things to pray for this month**

Pray for the work of Christian Aid.

Pray for all who represent us in government, locally, at Westminster, Holyrood and Strasbourg, that they will exercise their duties and responsibilities with integrity, compassion and fairness. Pray also for government officials in all levels of government.

Remember all who suffer under oppressive and unjust regimes, praying that the rule of evil will be replaced by one of goodness.

## **'Standing Orders' - things to pray for all the time**

### **Church, Family and Friends**

Give thanks for your family and friends and ask God's blessing on them. Give thanks for St Leonard's and St Mary's church family. Pray that we will continue to grow in faith and the ways that we honour God in every aspect of our lives. Pray for all the groups associated with our two churches, for David and Shelley Stokes, our mission partners in Argentina and for the work of Scripture Union locally. Pray for those who are to be married or baptised at this time, for their families and for all preparing to take part in church services this week. Give thanks for our clergy teams and all that they do for us. Pray for the Vestries that they will be guided and inspired by God in all the decisions that they make.



## Our local community

The bigger picture



Pray for the folk in your neighbourhood that they may know God's love. Ask his blessing on your work colleagues and the people you come into contact with every day. Pray for the work of local churches and organisations, that God will guide them to where they are most needed as

they share his love and encouragement with the communities they serve. Ask God to show you how you can work for his kingdom.

## Children and young People

Pray for children and young people in nursery, primary and secondary school and in higher education especially those who because of personal difficulties struggle with the school environment. Pray that they will be nourished and inspired by their environment and that they will be safe from abuse, bullying and exploitation. Pray for all who work in educational establishments. Pray for those taking important exams this month and for those who will mark them. Pray for the Sunday Club and YF.



## The Environment

Give thanks for the world and all its riches and ask God to teach us to be good stewards of all he has blessed us with.

## The vulnerable, those who suffer and those in need, those who are lonely or sick, the bereaved and anxious

Pray for those you know who have short or long term illness or disability, for older people discouraged by their increasing frailty, for the anxious, the lonely and the bereaved, that they will know God's strength and comfort. Pray for those struggling with mental illness, those battling addictions or incurable illnesses, those in great pain and those coming to the end of their earthly lives. Pray for those suffering persecution, exploitation and abuse. Especially remember all who are finding life tough just now.

## Families

Pray for healing in families where relationships are damaged or broken, and for families who are feeling under a lot of pressure financially.



ANSWERED  
PRAYERS

## Prayers Answered

Give thanks for prayers answered and for all the good things that have happened for you, your family, friends and neighbours.

### **This space is for you to write your own prayers and concerns**

Please remember that you can add your prayer requests to the Prayer Diary at St Mary's or add them to the Prayer Tree at St Leonard's. Please also update us on answered prayer as we believe God is at work through us.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. **Amen**

## Lectionary Readings April

*The lectionary list is provided for those who are preparing to read and lead in church for the main Sunday Service. However, this list is also for all of us to be prepared for worship each Sunday and to consider what the passages means to us as we come to seek God and open ourselves to hear from him before we hear the sermon and what the preacher thinks.*

### **4th May Third Sunday of Easter**

1st Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24:13-35

### **11th May Fourth Sunday of Easter**

1st Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

### **18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1st Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

### **25th May Sixth Sunday of Easter**

1st Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

### **Sunday 1st June Ascension (Thu 29th Ascension day)**

Luke 24:44-53

Acts 1:6-11

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost**

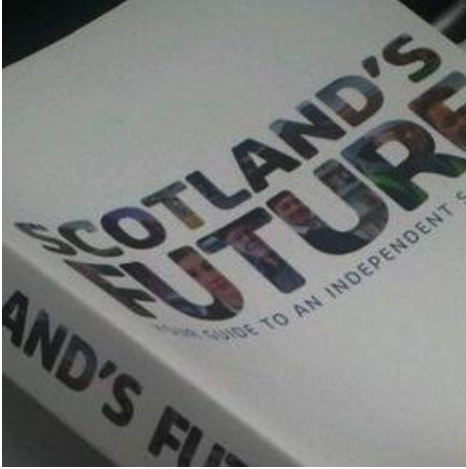
Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

### **Pentecost - if you can**

Please wear Red, yellows or orange as part of our celebration of the gift of the Spirit to us.





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## **Referendum Debate Jim Eadie MSP & Alistair Darling MP**

This is an excellent opportunity to hear both sides of the argument in the referendum debate. Chaired by Craiglockhart Parish Church Minister - Rev Gordon Kennedy

On the YES side we have Jim Eadie MSP, Member of the Scottish Parliament for Edinburgh Southern,

On the NO side we have Alistair Darling MP for Edinburgh South West and Chairman of Better Together

### **WHEN**

May 08, 2014 at 7:30pm - 9:30pm

### **WHERE**

Craiglockhart Parish Church,  
Craiglockhart Drive North, Edinburgh EH14 1HS



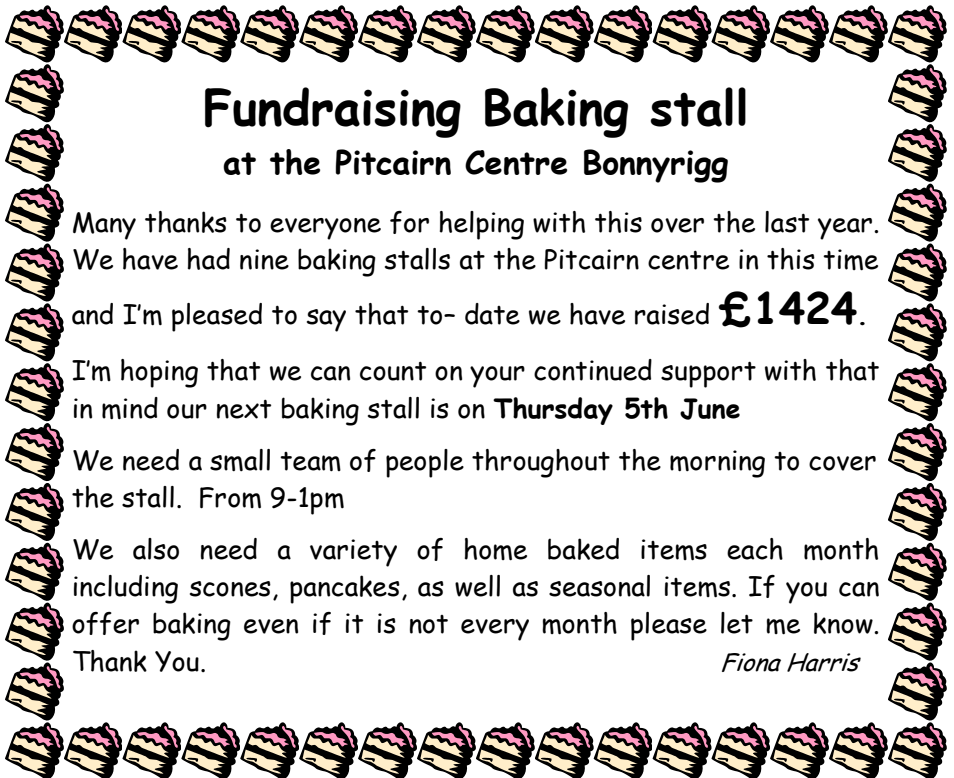
**St Columba's  
Hospice**  
MAKING EVERY MINUTE COUNT

## Old Stamps and Postcards

We recently received a letter of thanks from Sylvia Morrison for all the cards and stamps we have collected over the years which have gone to aid the work of St Columba's hospice.

Used Postcards and Old Stamps may sound like rubbish to us but collect them together and they have worth. At St Leonard's there are collection boxes near the door for all your stamps and postcards. We also collect old spectacles and coins too for other charities.

Thank You



## Fundraising Baking stall at the Pitcairn Centre Bonnyrigg

Many thanks to everyone for helping with this over the last year. We have had nine baking stalls at the Pitcairn centre in this time and I'm pleased to say that to- date we have raised **£1424**.

I'm hoping that we can count on your continued support with that in mind our next baking stall is on **Thursday 5th June**

We need a small team of people throughout the morning to cover the stall. From 9-1pm

We also need a variety of home baked items each month including scones, pancakes, as well as seasonal items. If you can offer baking even if it is not every month please let me know. Thank You.

*Fiona Harris*

## St Leonard's Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
<b>May 4th</b> O: N Stewart C: V Scott R: Mary J I: R Garrod M: E Thompson	<b>J Forsyth</b>	N Whannell A Cunningham	<b>Easter flowers</b>	<b>J &amp; J Mellon</b>
<b>May 11th</b> O: V Scott C: A Bruce R: M Johnson I: N Stewart M: E Stewart	A Cunningham N Whannell	<b>C Todd</b> A Bruce A Thomson	M Hall	<b>P &amp; M Johnson</b>
<b>May 18th</b> O: A Bruce C: T Mooney R: Louise/Fiona I: V Clark M: V Scott	<b>T &amp; J Mooney</b>	R Simpson A McKenzie B Polouse	<b>M Hall</b>	<b>J &amp; T Mooney</b>
<b>May 25th</b> O: T Mooney C: V Clark R: Sunday Club I: C Todd M:	A & I Bolan	<b>J Mellon</b> D Reid J Connor	Marion Lawson	<b>C Todd</b> A Thomson
<b>June 1st</b> O: V Clark C: N Stewart R: S Kemp I: R Garrod M:	<b>V Scott</b> R Garrod	A Bolan J Strong N Duthie	<b>Marion Lawson</b>	<b>R Simpson</b>

O = Officiant, C = Chalice, R = Reader, I = Intercessions & M = Music



## St Mary's Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
<b>May 4th</b> O: J du Rocher C: J Stuart R: A Watt I: C McEwan M:	<b>Nigel &amp; Barbara Hallworth</b>	Noreen & David Grieve	<b>Mary McPhail</b>	<b>David &amp; Noreen Grieve</b>
<b>May 11th</b> O: R Donald C: S Blamire R: S Blamire I: J Fleming M: E Stewart	<b>Andrew Watt Cheryl Prior</b>	Barbara & Nigel Hallworth	Mary McPhail	David & Noreen Grieve
<b>May 18th</b> O: L Mc Ewan C: J Fleming R: A Mackay I: R Donald M:	<b>Mary McPhail &amp; Anne MacKay</b>	Sue & Phil Blamire	<b>Mary McPhail</b>	<b>David &amp; Noreen Grieve</b>
<b>May 25th</b> O: A Watt C: J Stuart R: D Grieve I: K Donald M:	<b>Robin &amp; Kathleen Donald</b>	<b>Betty Tinley Julia Davis</b>	Mary McPhail	David & Noreen Grieve
<b>June 1st</b> O: J du Rocher C: J Fleming R: J du Rocher I: A Mackay M:	<b>Nigel &amp; Barbara Hallworth</b>	Iris Toulouse Janette Miller	<b>Kathleen Donald</b>	<b>John Fleming + 1</b>

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# Church Directory

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<b>Assistant Priest</b>	Reverend Elizabeth Jones	440 2602
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## St Leonard's

<b>Rector's</b>	Martin Johnson	
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<b>Lay Rep</b>	Vicki Clark	660 6681
<b>Sacristan</b>	Vicki Clark	660 6681
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<b>Flowers</b>	Ruth Simpson	663 2242
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## Where to find us



### **St Leonard's Church**

Dobbies Rd Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

**Sunday at 11.15am**

with Children's Sunday Club

**[www.stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://www.stleonardslasswade.org.uk)**

### **St Mary 's Church**

The church in the park  
Dalkeith Country Park High St, Dalkeith

**Sunday 9.30am**

**[www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)**



### **More Information and Enquiries:**

For more information about each of the churches we invite you to visit the websites of each church, you can also find us on

**facebook under "St Leonard's & St Mary's"**

or to contact the Church Office on

 0131 663 7000 or email  [revpharris@googlemail.com](mailto:revpharris@googlemail.com)

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Items for inclusion in the April edition of *The Link*  
should be passed to Fiona by Sunday **18th May 2014**

### **Editor's Note**

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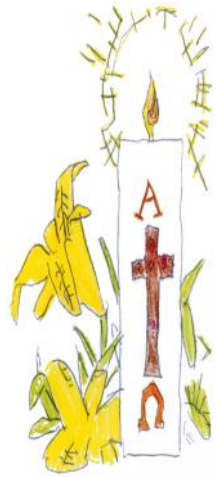


## Our Paschal Candles

Congratulations to Jean Mellon and Grace Harris for this years Paschal Candle Motif's. Jean's design here on the left is now being used at St Leonard's, while Grace's design on the right can be seen on St Mary's candle.

A new candle is lit every Easter representing the risen presence of Christ our light defeating sin and the darkness of death. The candle is lit throughout the Easter or Paschal season and also used on special occasions such as at Baptism to remind us of Christ presence.

We plan to run the design competition next year too, so get your thinking caps on and get scribbling. It could be your design next year!



## At St Leonard's Church

Dobbies Rd, Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

## Saturday 17th May

### 12 noon-4pm

Stalls will include:

Independent Craft Stalls, Model Railway,

Bric-a-brac, Tombola,

Home baking, Books,

Refreshments, Toys, Games, & BBQ

All in aid of Church Funds