

# Welcome

## to St Mary's

*the church in the park - Dalkeith Country Park*

### Sunday 5th November



## We welcome you to St Mary's

We warmly welcome you to our morning worship service and pray that as we gather together we may through song, liturgy or hearing from the Bible and listening to the sermon may encounter God with us.

The phrases 'nothing ventured, nothing gained' and 'speculate to accumulate' are usually linked to financial matters, and history reveals that some of the greatest entrepreneurs were individuals whose risk-taking led to amazing rewards. Conversely, those who exercise prudence and diligence in financial matters are regarded as virtuous in an age fixated with gaining excess and ostentation.

Our Gospel reading today talks about talents being given to each Slave. A talent was about 30Kg of Gold that is around £1 Million pounds in today's money. On one level it is a simple story but like many parables on a closer inspection there is more to this story than just a wise investment. There are issues of trust, of faith, of risk taking and accountability.

What about you, me and the church? How should we act if we had been given such a large and generous investment? I wonder what might this passage be saying about our faith and trust, and the Good News we have received? We may not have received a million pounds but we have received a great gift of love, mercy and forgiveness.

Peter

## Information and Enquiries:

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St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151

St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677



Welcome

Hymn 565 Ye Servants of God

Prayer of Confession

Gloria 157 Taize Gloria

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading 1st Thessalonians 5:1-11

Hymn Light of the world

Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn The Lord's my Shepherd (I will trust)

Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, at this table we have given thanks for your love and remembered your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. May we who have been touched by his sacrifice bear witness to His glorious light. Amen

Hymn 62 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

The Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

*please do join with us for refreshments  
served at the end of the service*

**Light of the world,**  
You step down into darkness.  
Opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made  
this heart adore you  
hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say  
that you're my God,  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came  
to the earth you created.  
All for love's sake became poor.

*(bridge)*

I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
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**THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD,** I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.



Our next Messy Church is on  
Sat 25th Nov 4pm at St Mary's  
Wed 29th Nov at St Leonard's  
4pm - 6pm

Our theme for Novembers Messy Church is Advent.

Are we ready? Well preparations are underway, crafts, challenges, story, song and food are all being planned. Why not join us as a helper or come and join in the fun

**Christmas Meal**  
Wednesday  
20th December  
7pm



We warmly welcome you and your family and friends to join with us for this years Christmas Meal.

Newbattle Golf Club, Abby Rd, Dalkeith

£14 per person for a two course meal

Please sign up and pick up Menu and invite, your family and friends to join you for some festive food and fun

**St Mary's**  
Christmas Fair

Saturday December 9th

10am-2pm

*St Mary's. The church in the Park.*

Independent Craft stalls. Home Baking.

St Mary's Christmas choir.

Santa's Post box. Refreshments, Tombola

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