

ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

Connect

A road back to

HOPE



The weekly news from your church community
Sunday 26th April — the Third Sunday of Easter

Easter 2020 Week 3

A road back to hope!



For me the account in Luke 24 of the two disciples journeying to Emmaus is one of my favourite Resurrection Accounts.

In fear, with despair and bewilderment, they set off, heading home, isolating themselves from the other disciples. All their hopes and dreams of a better life to come had died with Jesus upon the cross. Even though there were reports of an empty tomb from the women, as well as Peter and John, these two disciples in hopeless despair set off home.

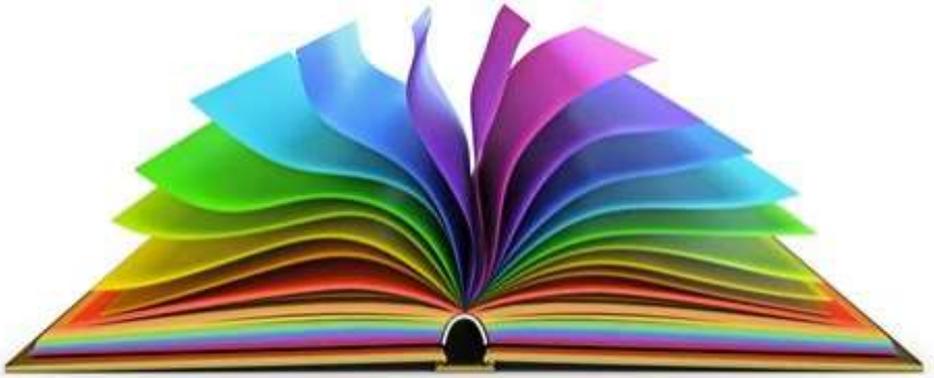
Yet as the journey away from the empty tomb they have an encounter with the risen Lord. They didn't know it at the time after all its not that common a occurrence to walk with the physically living though they were once dead.

One of the reasons I love this story is that in its imagery it reminds me that the Risen Jesus, the Lord and King of all the universe and beyond is willing to come and walk beside us on our journey. Even when we may be walking away from the cross and the empty tomb. While we are struggling to find hope, in a state of bewilderment about life and our future, God is there. It is then that we need to entrust ourselves afresh to God's word, to read and reflect upon his promises. Maybe even to share with someone what has been happening in our lives and together read the promises of God.

For these two disciples it was when Jesus lifted up the bread, blessed and broke it that their eyes were open to who he was and is. This to me speaks of our worship and act of taking bread and wine in memory of Jesus love for us. In the Eucharist we declare who Jesus is. He is our sacrifice provided for us as a gift, on our behalf he becomes our Passover Lamb, through whom we are forgiven of our sins and brought from death into new life. In sharing in God's word, in breaking bread the disciples journeyed on a road back to hope. That road is open too for us to travel, to encourage one another on the journey of faith, and when we break bread to remember Jesus and declare that he is with us on the journey.

With love from Peter and the family

St. Leonard's and St. Mary's Lockdown Project



We would like to create a book which reflects our experience of lockdown, and which will be available for us to reflect on in the future. We hope it will document how we as a church family got through this difficult time which is affecting all of us.

And so we invite you to send in any artwork, photos, pictures, pieces of writing, poems, perhaps special recipes – anything that is meaningful to you and which can be printed in a book and which reflects your experiences of being in lockdown as individuals, in your family, and as church. You can be as creative as you like, but please include an explanation of what it means to you! You can send in multiple items, but not all may be included depending on how much we receive (we would check with you as to what would be most important to you to be included if this happens).

Think about what has kept you going, what has been meaningful for you, how you have occupied yourself, and what has been challenging for you.

Please send the items you wish to be included in the book to me by email at Jacqui.durocher@gmail.com by the end of September 2020.

We hope you enjoy this project and will all join in as much as possible.

Love to you all,
Jacqui & the doodles

WORSHIP

Weekly Worship

Sunday @ 10am and mid week Wednesday @ 10am

Facebook group at St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family

or on Zoom by following the link email or using

Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

Afterwards we will upload the Video to YouTube and place a link on our @StLandM Facebook Page.

Our prayers last week were for the technology to work and for the Websites to be released to us so that we could update them. Well with Praise to God, Sunday's and Wednesday's worship flowed a lot better once we got started. Yes there were a few tense moments at the start as we began our broadcasting but overall looking at the emails received and comments made it was a meaningful service.

We note and have discovered however that sadly due to how the ZOOM App manipulates its audio feed our live music sadly comes across distorted or warped! So it wasn't just my playing, honest! We are now trying to find a work around but will go back to pre-recorded music for this week on Sunday. Elizabeth Thomson has kindly agreed to record this weeks music for us and we will endeavour to upload this to the Facebook page for you to use on Sunday. For Wednesday we will wait and see what happens.

As always it has been our desire to create not just a pre-recorded service (that would be too easy an option) but to offer a community act of worship, with individuals from the church family willing to join together at the same time and to interact with comments or discussion, therefore creating a togetherness, a time of fellowship with each other in worship.

We do encourage you all to have individual times of prayer and worship and there are many resources on-line to facilitate this. Many have enjoyed "Lectio 365" which you can find in your Apple or Android Stores. If you can't get on line please do phone me and we can drop off a Daily Reading Booklet for you which will help guide you in prayer and study of God's word.

Izzy's News

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I still can't get the hang of all this social distancing rules and I may have gotten myself into trouble more than once this week by getting a little too close! Its hard because I love cuddles and happy to give cuddles where I can.

This week Dad took me on a Pastoral Visit to see Shan and to talk about Roger. Dad so wanted just to give her a cuddle and hold her hand while they talked but he stayed his distance. However, I was having none of that and cuddled into Shan's lap and let her know she is loved. Sadly I wont be there for Roger's funeral as I think she would love just to sit and cuddle in for a while. It is really hard for folk at the moment to sit and stay safe. I know from my training it is very hard to do what your asked to do!

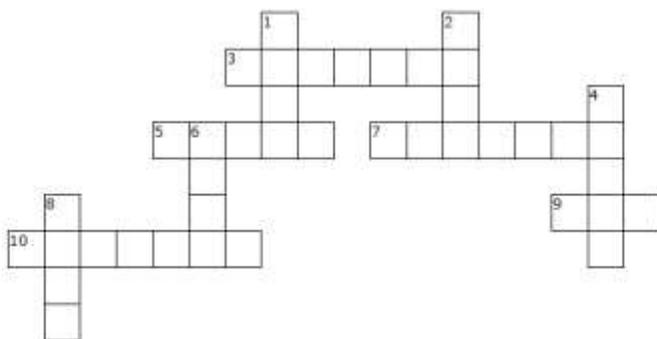
Another friend of mine had a little birthday this past week and we pass on to her our love and best wishes. She is a wonderful woman and gifted with speaking in tongues of Doric and writing pouns. Mary may you continue to be okay and I hope that Laptop of yours is behaving itself.

It would indeed be lovely to hear from all of you about the things you have been up to over the last wee while.

Let me know if you or someone you know is celebrating a birthday or other special occasion and we can give you or them a mention in our Connect Newsletter. So keep praying and keep in touch with each other and in the words of Mary remember "It's going to be okay!"



with love and licks from Izzy



ACROSS

- 3. To put to death on a cross
- 5. The Old Testament man who received the Ten Commandments from God
- 7. A person who visits
- 9. A period of twenty four hours
- 10. Carrying on a conversation with someone

DOWN

- 1. Not false
- 2. The organ which makes people able to see
- 4. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
- 6. Not closed
- 8. To travel on foot

W X Q T T I Z H E G H W Z O R
V O D H L I F G J S E C R O E
Q P E A Y N I Q I H Y Q T G U
C E P N A B J L X D E I A T X
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WALKED	JESUS	SUFFER	CRUCIFIED
MOSES	BREAD	BELIEVE	VISITOR
THANKS	FOOLISH	PROPHET	EYES
CLEOPAS	OPENED	VILLAGE	EMMAUS



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Thank You for your Help?

Last week Sam asked us to highlight the need expressed from the Khaya Centre in South Africa where he was involved in a mission project. He has been deeply touched by your generosity and willingness to support this call to action and thanks you very much for the support. The Khaya Centre exist to help people living in very poor conditions many of whom rely on day to day employment opportunities to raise enough income to feed their families. Sadly with South Africa being in lockdown like the UK these employment opportunities no longer exist at this time increasing the demand for help for food and other basic items.

Could you help?

Believe it or not £2.50 will feed a family of four for a week. Yes just £2.50. If you would like to send a donation please get in touch with Sam through the Church Office Email for details. You could make a one off donation or ask for a Standing Order form to make a regular monthly donation if your able.

Please note the Khaya Centre is part of a recognised N.G.O in South Africa run by the churches and Urban Shift is a recognised UK registered Charity.

Thank you for your help and prayers at this difficult time





St Leonard's & St Mary's

We warmly invite and welcome you to stay connected with us as we face these days of uncertainty with faith and prayer.

We may not physically be together but can keep in contact with each other through Telephone calls, writing letters, reading and contributing to our "Connect" News Letter and by signing up to our Facebook Pages. I look forward to hearing from you over this unusual time.



St Mary's

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

Open for Prayer

Sunday 9.30 to 10.30am

St Leonard's

stleonardslasswade.org.uk

Open for Prayer

Sunday 11 to 12noon

Weekly Online Worship

Sunday at 10am and Wednesday at 10am

Find us on  **@StLandM**

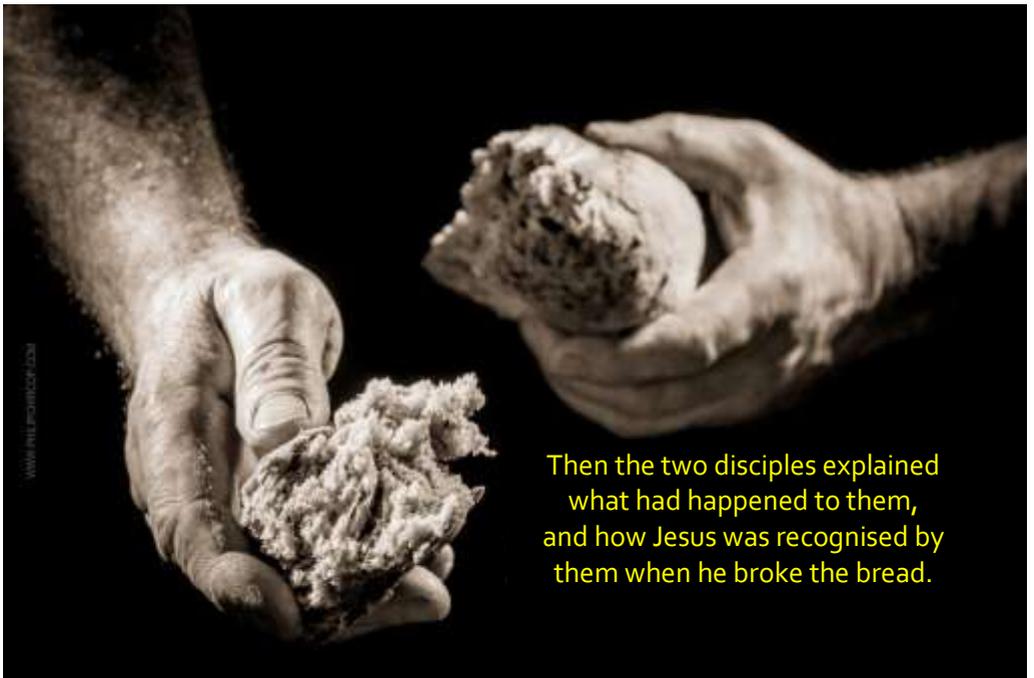
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Both Churches are registered with the Scottish Charity Register as
St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151
St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

Do let us know if any need arises at this time
and we will try and help.



Then the two disciples explained what had happened to them, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

Third Sunday of Easter

If you have been unable to join with us online for our worship I pray that you will be able to use this liturgy to guide your own worship this week.

Weekly Worship Online

Sunday @ 10am with Eucharist Celebration

Wednesday @ 10am Informal Worship

Find us at our Facebook group at St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family or Zoom in to worship by joining the meeting using

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

We will endeavour to improve the music quality during the service and post the Hymns Online for us to sing along too.

you are also invited if you wish to light a candle and to have your own bread ready to break in remembrance of Jesus love for each of us.

Easter Acclamation - *Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I love the Lord, for he heard my cry;

he heard my cry for mercy.

He turned his ear to me,

so I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me,

the anguish of the grave came over me;

I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

So I called on the name of the Lord:

Hosanna 'Lord, save me!' and he saved me

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

from Psalm 116

Song:

AS WE ARE GATHERED Jesus is here;

One with each other, Jesus is here.

Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,

Part of the body, the church of God.

As we are gathered Jesus is here,

One with each other, Jesus is here.

The Welcome

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Confession

Christ died upon the cross

that our sins could be forgiven

Let us therefore with faith confess our sins

and receive his forgiveness.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

**O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the
breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him
in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

The Gospel Luke 24: 13-25

When the Gospel is announced we say
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him.

He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. 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?'

'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. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 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. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?' They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.

There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke bread.

give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection Elizabeth

Intercessions

The Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,

Author of all being.

Your power sustains,

your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order

and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,

proclaims the dawn of hope,

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

**Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power
to warm our hearts to love.**

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb

and opened the gate of life,

we offer you our praise,

with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,

for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.



In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
at supper with his disciples
he broke the bread, and gave it to them,
saying: 'Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and bless our bread and wine,
that we may renewed
for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

The living bread is broken
for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

**Father, strengthen our faith by the Holy Spirit,
that we may grow in love for you in the service of your Son,
who is our Lord and God. Amen**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn

BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,
Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you — drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,
to respond and to remember,
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King