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Sunday 17th October 2021

Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's

*The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom
for all*



Mark 10:45

From the Rector

Hello everybody,

It was with sadness and also a sense of relief that we heard of the passing of Norma Whannell, a long time member of St Leonard's. She was a strong willed but lovely and supportive lady who helped out with many community groups and committees like the Scouts and Cubs as well being involved in the Eastern Star and various church events. Our love and prayers go out to her family and especially her children, Fiona, John, Neil and Norma. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Her favourite Bible passage was from John 11 at Verse 25

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'

Her Funeral will take place on Wednesday 27th October at 11am in St Leonard's followed by a burial in Cockpen Cemetery at 12Noon



Annual General Meeting

Monday 1st Nov St Mary's 7pm

Sunday 28th Nov St Leonard's

At St Mary's the AGM will take place on Monday 1st November at 7pm in the church. Light refreshments will be served at the beginning before business starts for the evening.

At St Leonard's the Vestry has agreed to holding the AGM after our Sunday worship on the 28th November. The plans are to have a short service of worship leading into the AGM This will be followed by a Church Lunch. We are still on the lookout for a new Treasurer and also need additional Ordinary Members of Vestry.

Both meetings are key events in the life of the church and require your support and attendance. Our Annual Report's for both will be available soon.

Sunday Worship 17th October (Online from St Mary's 9.30am)

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify
your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS

Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.

Collect of the day

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from Hebrews 5.1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have

begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Mark 10.35-45

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And Jesus said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'

'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

But it is not so among you. Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

At end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions *Prayer is offered, for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the church and its members.*

The Peace We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

HYMN **HERE IS LOVE VAST AS THE OCEAN,**
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

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, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
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 upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and 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 of the Bread

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

*Everyone is invited to come and receive the bread
In memory of God's great love for each one.*

Song

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,

How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Thanksgiving and Sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

HYMN

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden He prayed,
'Not My will, but Thine':
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden of Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please do join with us for some light refreshments
and a time of fellowship
At the close of the service.*

Celebrations & Birthday's

Birthday blessings

Mary Mcphail, Pat Elliot

*Wedding Blessings to
Stuart Sutton and his bride Katy Thomson
on Oct 22nd*



Shoe Box Appeal 2021

Give a precious gift this Christmas

Last year even though conditions were difficult we were overwhelmed with the amazing response to our appeal. 75,218 shoeboxes and bags were donated and sent off to Eastern Europe— .Thank you so much.

Your kindness and generosity makes such a difference, receiving a shoebox brings so much joy. We are looking ahead to our Shoe Box Appeal 2021 and to helping vulnerable communities across Eastern Europe. We trust we will be able to deliver boxes and bags to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. If you are able to help we encourage you to start gathering items for your Shoebox and get ready to send them. Shoe Box Leaflets will be available in church soon.



HAITI DISASTER UPDATE

Compassion-supported churches are mobilising to care for Haitians devastated by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that tore through the regions of South, Nippes, and Grand'Anse on Saturday 14 August.

At least 2,200 people have died in the earthquake. Nearly 10,000 people have been injured. The UN estimates about 500,000 children now have limited or no access to shelter, safe water, and food.

Compassion has a long history of serving children and families in extreme poverty on the island nation and is mobilising staff and funds to support people who have been impacted by the quake. The rural location provides many different challenges, but we are committed to serving all the children and young people in the area.

We're still in the early stages of assessing the final impacts on the children we serve and their families, but early reports show 16 Compassion-sponsored children and 77 caregivers and siblings have died. We are proactively communicating with sponsors and will continue to keep them informed as we know more information.

Our hearts are broken by this very sad news. Please do continue to pray for the families of those who've lost loved ones. If you are able to make a special donation to help our Haiti Disaster Responses please visit the Compassions Website or speak to Kathleen Donald who will collate our local donations and send these onward.

THANK YOU

www.compassionuk.org



Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

Ok back to a much quieter house this week as my friends Mabel and Tilly returned home to comfort Jennie when she arrived back from her family funeral. We continue to hold her and the family in our barks and prayers.

We, dogs you know can be very pastoral and often know when best to come and cuddle up with you and let you feel loved. We are also great listeners happy to listen to all your news or whatever you want to share. We also know that we can't solve every problem but sometimes a good walk can blow away the cobwebs and hopefully help bring a fresh perspective to the day.

I know when Dad gets those moments of feeling low or frustrated that if I take him out for a walk and talk it helps him. The problem or concern may still be there but as we walk and talk, we also pray trusting that God is listening to every word said or thought and that in time the Lord's will, will be done.

Sometimes I think you humans are so caught up in worrying and planning for tomorrow that you forget to live in the gift of today. Today is a gift that is why it is called the present and we are called to live in the present of today and although there are times we might not feel God's presence we are to trust his promises that he is there. Dad says that it is a little bit like trusting in the pilot of a plane. Now personally I've never been on a plane so I am just trusting that what Dad is saying here is correct. He says that sometimes you never get to see the Pilot but that occasionally you might hear a message from them to reassure you that they are there. However during the flight you may never hear from them and need to trust that they like God will get us safely from one destination to the next. So trust in God afresh and thank him for today and the journey we are on.

With licks and love from Izzy





Eco-Congregation News and Events

Film night: Thank You For the Rain. Wednesday November 3rd 7.30pm



A Kenyan farmer captures the impact of climate change on his family and his village, and takes his story to the global stage. Wednesday November 3rd at St. Mary's 7.30pm. Come along and watch the film together and then discuss. All Welcome

COP 26 MARCH NOVEMBER 6TH 2021

Get involved and raise your voice with us.

On Saturday 6 November, people across the UK and the world will join marches and events to speak out against the injustice of the climate crisis. Will you and your church join us?

We are raising our voices as world leaders gather for the UN climate talks, COP26, to urge them to take transformative action to end the climate crisis.

People living in poverty are already suffering due to increasingly frequent extreme weather events which are devastating their communities. We are now on course for catastrophic global temperature rises which will put millions more lives at risk. But it's not too late to change this.

Wouldn't it be amazing to see Christians and churches lead the way in standing up for justice for our global neighbours? We've seen time and time again that when we raise our voices together, decision-makers take action and situations can change for people in poverty. Why not gather some of your friends and join the march together?. We are going by dedicated coaches (you need to buy tickets) which will take us (9.30am) and bring us back (about 6pm) from the COP sites. It will be a long day but if you are interested, please contact Pauline Jones or Vicki Clark for details.



St Mary's

Spring Cleaning in the Autumn
on **Tuesday 26th October at 10am.**

Everyone welcome
to join in with the Big Clean of the Church

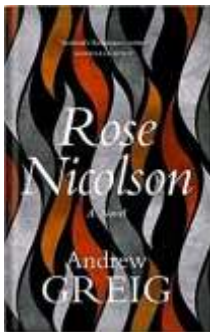


The Link Book Group

Last month we were finally able to meet in person where we discussed **"This Lovely City" by Louise Hare** over a very enjoyable meal at the Cavalier.

This was her debut novel which was set during the Windrush Era of the early 1950's. It covered the very poignant story of the two main characters — Lawrie Matthews, a Jazz musician and Evie Coleridge, the girl next door. They met and fell in love but each has a dark secret which will lead to a terrible discovery which causes them to endure many trials and tribulations.

The author highlights the deep entrenched racial prejudice of those times which unfortunately have in some ways resurfaced in more recent days. Altogether it is a well written first novel well worth five stars.



Our next read is **"Rose Nicolson" by Andrew Greig.**

It is a vivid, passionate and unforgettable novel of this most dramatic period of Scotland's history, told by a character whose rise mirrors the conflicts he narrates, the battles between faith and reason, love and friendship, self-interest and loyalty. It confirms Andrew Greig as one of the great contemporary writers of fiction today.

We invite you to read the book and then come along and with us as we share our thoughts and enjoy a sociable evening together on Friday 3rd December at Betty Tinley's 7.30pm

For more information please speak to John Fleming



Join in with
Weekly Sunday Worship



St Mary's 9.30am
stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's 11.15am
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Do let us know if any need arises at this time
and we will try and help.