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Sunday 31st October 2021

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

ALL SAINTS' ALL SOULS' DAY

Remembering & Giving Thanks

From the Rector

I wonder if it would be possible to start a new trend and call it All Saints day when people can dress up as their favourite Saint and go around doing good deeds for other people rather than trying to scare and trick people. Maybe I am a spoil sport but Halloween is not a victory party for evil. It is a reminder that whatever darkness our enemy can conjure up death and sin is defeated! Christ Jesus has already won the victory! We hold onto the promise that just as Christ rose from the grave so too will all Saints and all the Souls of humanity in the resurrection to come.

Traditionally All Hallows' Eve was a time of preparation for the greater celebration of All Saints day. Within the churches calendar it marks the beginning of a season of remembrance. A time when we are called to remember not only the example of the Saints but also to remember the Souls of the dearly departed, our family and friends whom we love yet see no longer.

This Sunday as we gather for worship and celebrate the great love of God for us and all the world we will take time to remember the Souls of the dearly departed. Especially today we take time to remember the members of our own church family who have passed away over the last couple of years. Sadly due to Covid19 restrictions the funeral services of many of these loved ones was curtailed and kept to limited numbers. Therefore we give space and time today as church family to pause and remember those whom we loved yet see no longer. Especially we hold in our hearts and prayers -

Marion Lawson, Renie McKean, Roger Kemp, David Hall,
Iris Toulouse, Alice Cathie, Bill Cunningham,
Jon Laidlaw, Thelma Lewis, Emma Campbell, Norma Whannell

Next Sunday afternoon we will be holding our Annual Memorial Service when we remember and give thanks for all the souls of the dearly departed but to day is about remembering and celebrating that our brothers and sisters of the faith have faced deaths dark valley and that their Good Shepherd has lead them home.

Peter

Welcome

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

By faith we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are passing away but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Today we come together to celebrate the feast days of All Saints and All Souls remembering before God with thanksgiving those whom we love, yet see no longer, and especially today to remember the members of our own church family who have journeyed onward to heavens shore.

Let us pray together

**God our refuge and strength, close at hand in our distress;
meet us in our sorrow and lift our eyes to the peace and light of
your constant care. Help us so to hear your word of grace, so that
our fear of death will be dispelled by your love, our loneliness eased
by your presence and our hope renewed by your promises, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE,

our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear, though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river, within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given, thrones vanish at his presence
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator, uplift him in the nations
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

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
Amen.

Collect of the day

**Almighty God, you have called together your people
out of every nation and tongue to be your holy people.
Grant that we sharing in the faith of all your Saints,
in heaven and on earth, may know the blessing of your love
and declare your eternal praise. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from 2nd Corinthians 4:14-18

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Luke 23:33-43
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus, along with two criminals, one on his right, the other on his left.

Jesus cried out, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots and above him there was a written notice, which read: this is the king of the Jews.

The people stood watching, and the Synagogue rulers sneered at him and said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is indeed God's Messiah, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him and offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." One of the criminals who hung there also hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

Act of Remembrance

As we remember our loved one whom we love yet see no longer we invite you to come forward and light a candle in their memory. We especially at this time remember those from the church family of St Leonard's and St Mary's whom we have entrusted into the Lord's mercy and care over the last couple of years:

*Marion Lawson, Renie McKean, Roger Kemp, David Hall,
Iris Toulouse, Alice Cathie, Bill Cunningham,
Jon Laidlaw, Thelma Lewis, Emma Campbell, Norma Whannell
and all whom we remember and give thanks for...*

Song **JESUS, REMEMBER ME**
When You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
When You come into Your kingdom.

Reflection

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 **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!** great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

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.*

Communion Song:

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.

Thanksgiving and Sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

**O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep:
make us perfect in all goodness to do your will
and to be what you would have us be;
through him to whom be glory for ever,
Jesus 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 WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY**
Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray;
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way
Days of darkness still may meet me;
Sorrow's paths I oft may tread,
But his presence still is with me,
By His guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet,
Then He'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

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

Elizabeth Jones, Vicky Scott

Wedding Anniversaries

Steve & Barbara Somerfield



Shoe Box Appeal 2021

Give a precious gift this Christmas

Thank you to everyone who managed to get a shoebox ready for up lift today (Sunday 31st Oct). If you would still like to make up a shoebox please do however, due to tighter shipping requirements the last day for local collection is this Thursday 4th November. Martin Johnson or myself is happy to come and collect from you over the next few days. Thank you all for your support and apologies for the tight time frame to work within. Peter



SECMA

Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association

The work of SECMA often happens quietly and is probably not as well known as the larger more prominent Mission Charities like the Church Mission Society, Tearfund or Christian Aid.

Nevertheless SECMA although a small association is one of the ways in which the Scottish Episcopal Churches responses to poverty around the world.

Relief of poverty takes many forms. In many cases, helping children (particularly girls) to gain an education is a vital tool in preventing poverty in the future. In other situations, providing the funds to build a piggery or a poultry unit helps to provide employment and food in the short term.

We also help with several HIV prevention projects (along with help for those living and dying from HIV in countries without a health service), and we also help to keep vital resources open for the elderly. We support many projects in Africa, but also cover India, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe.

We invite you to consider contributing to our own going work by considering signing up as a supporting member or by making a donation as part of the retiral collection in church today.

www.secmissionassociation.com



Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

I hear there is some big gathering about the environment happening in Glasgow near Kilmarnock where my Gran and Papa Harris live.

I do hope it will be a successful meeting and that some meaningful changes will take place from all the various discussions taking place. It is good that Governments are stepping up to the challenge as we do need major change in policy and within the business community too.

We all need to change, we all need to consider what best to do to play our part for the future of the planet. Believe it or not that goes for us dogs and other pets too. I am trying to do my part how ever small that might be. Not to be too personal about my toileting but I use Eco-Poo bags that are compostable. It really annoys me to see some lazy dog owners taking time to collect up their dogs dirt and then throw the bags in the bushes. It is an awful sight and not very eco-friendly and gives us dogs and our owners a bad name.



You too could have some help in the toilet department to help you go more eco-friendly. Mum and Dad use Bumboo toilet paper which is made from bamboo, and they also use Splosh cleaning products to cut down on plastic waste so as to reduce, reuse and to recycle more.

Yes I agree that these might only be small things and that we need the bigger changes to happen at National and International level. However, it is our planet too and there is so much more now available to help us all go a little more eco-friendly.



With licks and love from Izzy



Eco-Congregation News and Events



FILM NIGHT

'Thank you for the Rain'

on Wednesday 3rd November
at 7.30pm at St Mary's.

Lights, camera, action as we gather to watch together our latest Eco-Film
"Thank You for the Rain"

Over five years ago Kisilu, a Kenyan farmer, started to use his camera to capture and document the life of his family, his village and the damages of climate change. When a violent storm throws him and a Norwegian filmmaker together we witness his transformation from a father, to community leader, to an activist on the global stage. With COP26 taking place we invite you to come and see how climate change is affecting our neighbours in other countries and ask the question "what can we do to help and show our love of our neighbours and our care for the world?"

God who keeps us going: we offer you our part
in this day of discussion, protest and prayer.
We give thanks for the commitment of all who have gathered
in person or in spirit with hopes, fears and plans
for this great Council of our species
in plain sight of the Living Earth;
accountable to all who have breath.

Give us gratitude
for each small step forward;
Anger to drive change with urgency
Forgiveness for those who have tried and failed
Perseverance, to look beyond these desperate days to a better life for all...
And hope on which to build a generous path to Earth's tomorrow
whatever foundation may be laid today, with you, for healing!
By grace, may it be so! AMEN

A PRAYER FOR EACH DAY OF COP

Geese fly high over the turbines at Whitelee wind farm, near Glasgow



Annual General Meeting

St Mary's AGM Monday 1st Nov at 7pm

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.

St Leonard's AGM Sunday 28th Nov

At St Leonard's the AGM will be held at the close of our Sunday worship on the 28th November. Afterwards if you are able to stay a light lunch will be provided. Please sign up so we can gauge numbers for catering.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Service Sunday, 7th November at 4pm in St Leonard's.

There is an opportunity to gather and to take a moment to reflect and to remember our departed loved ones.

The service last for about 40 minutes and includes the opportunity to hang a cross on our memorial tree and to light a candle in memory of those your remember.

Members of the Pastoral Team will be on hand at the close of the service if you would like someone to talk to, or just come and sit quietly and take time to pray.



Messy Church

Saturday 27th November 2pm



With Masks and hand sanitisers at the ready we are now getting ready to welcome you back to Messy Church on Saturday 27th November at St Mary's. As a one off for November we are having Messy Church with "Afternoon Tea" (sandwiches and cakes) from 2-4pm.

We invite you to book a place in advance for you and your family.

To book please contact the Church office

Email: office.stlandm@gmail.com Phone: 0131 663 7000

(Oh and if you forget to book—please still come — we do forgiveness too)



Join in with
Weekly Sunday Worship



St Mary's 9.30am
stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's 11.15am
stleonardslasswade.org.uk

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Wednesday Morning On-line Worship
10am on Zoom & Facebook Live

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