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Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday

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



*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



"In Flanders Fields"

by Col. John McCrae,

In Flanders Fields The poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

The point of wearing a poppy

(Taken from rootsontheweb)

God, it's difficult to see the point of wearing a poppy,
or what difference two minutes' silence will make
when we could be shouting protests.
But we can recognise a broken life being valued,
a gift being given,
and taking two minutes to reflect on how much we have.
We look to the future, not to the past.
We cannot change what has been
but do not need to repeat its mistakes.
So as old and young come together before you,
take the very best of our lives;
bind us into one people of faith
and help us to share our common values,
love of Jesus and care for each other;
to build dreams,
and, with your Holy Spirit,
turn them into reality.

Amen.



Remembrance Sunday

The Gathering

The Lord be with you
and also with you

I lift up my eyes to the hills from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Hymn

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

An act of Remembrance

Names of the fallen are read and the wreath is placed

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

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Silence is kept

Prayer

**Living God;
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples
and establish peace among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen, long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious, happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us: God save the Queen.**

A prayer of confession

Remembering that God is love and calls us all to live in peace,
we confess our sins.

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we have sinned.

**We turn from the wrong that we have done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do**

**Forgive us, and help us to live each day in the light and love
of Christ our Lord. Amen**

May the Father forgive us through the sacrifice of his Son
and strengthen us to live as people of his peace
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Reading of Scripture Micah 6 v6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
and what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Hymn

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

The Gospel Reading Mark 13: 1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.'

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,

Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

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.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we present these offerings which come from the wealth of the earth and the labour of human hands.

May they be blessed for the glory of your name

Blessed be God forever

The Eucharist

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.

You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds.

Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us

so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we join with the saints and angels,
and sing their joyful song:

**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.

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor,
and cried with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

We recall that on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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, and 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.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to come forward to the table
and receive communion or a blessing at this time*

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

**When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.**

An act of recommitment

Let us commit ourselves afresh to the ways of peace,
responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all of humanity?

We will

**Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed in our hearts
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord saviour.
Amen**

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, our Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people, unity, peace and concord,

May the peace of God
which passes all understanding,
keep our 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

THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED,

The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Dismissal

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

**Birthday blessings on those who have or are
celebrating their birthdays at this time**

Alan Keiller, David Reid, John Mellon

Margaret Laidlaw, Jacqui du Rocher

Robert Brand



Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

It has been a very quiet week with Dad having been away at the Clergy Conference for most of the week. I got to stretch out on his side of the bed and me and Mum had peace without Dad's snoring. Dad had confided in me that he was not necessarily looking forward to the study session within the conference but that he often enjoyed the camaraderie, the food and the bar discussions.

However, on his return the news is that it was probably one of the best Clergy Conferences he had been on. The speaker, the Revd Richard Carter shared many stories from his encounters with God throughout his ministry in places of abundance as well as how God was at work in places of scarcity. Often people who have much do not really rely on God or sense a need for God even though they are spiritually poor. While those living with scarcity know their need and seek God and through seeking God find that God is there with them. The need may still exist but there is a sense of hope that we do not face these times alone.

Also sometimes we get so caught up within a narrative of scarcity, "we don't have this or that, or the people we need!" that we become blinded to the abundance that we do have. No doubt Dad, and Jacqui who was there too, will share more from the Clergy Conference which for them became an oasis, a place of rest, contemplation and refreshment.

Sadly for me its back to the floor with paws over my ears as Dad sleeps the night away dreaming of silent prayer and meditations. Ah well its good have him home safely and refreshed again before the business of life, work and worship take over once more.

With licks and love from Izzy





CoP26 November 2021

What will CoP 26 be known for? Time will tell; however, I am glad that we began the conversation over a year ago, and that the projections for Zero Emissions by 2030 are not new to us. The Eco Group will be meeting shortly to discuss our next steps for action, meanwhile I hope you enjoy reading about the adventure into Glasgow by Vicki, Richard, Pauline, Val, and Robyn as they join the Saturday rally at COP26. -

Margaret

We set off (me with a little apprehension as I have never been on a protest march before) on a dark Saturday morning, complete with banners, food, and excitement! Got the Borders train and saw Val waving to us. We arrived at Waverley, warmed ourselves in a Costa and found the coaches on Waterloo Place. Left at 9.30 – on time – so far, so good and thanks to Pauline for organizing this. Much chat and instruction on coach by our stewards and the warnings about being left in Glasgow that evening if we didn't return back in time for departure at 4.30pm!

Our original plan on arriving in Kelvin Park was to meet up with our Tear Fund allies in St. Silas Church. Alas, we got bum information from Google maps and found ourselves a little lost so decided to abandon Plan A and head for the meeting point in the park. There were already hundreds of people in the park despite the rain and the wind. But we had been warned and were prepared – parkas at the ready and gloves out as well as hats. Sadly, Robyn's trainers will never be the same again with all the mud!



We were delayed for more than an hour setting off as I don't think the organisers had anticipated the volume of folk, but eventually we joined the COP 26 march to Glasgow Green. It was a wonderful experience, the sheer feeling of being joined with 100,000 others and more sharing a common voice to our governments to make our planet better for all - our children, the poorest nations, our eco systems, climate justice and a cleaner greener environment was the universal goal. There was much banter and noise and so much support from the Glaswegians, many of whom had similar demands on placards in their windows, several of them with unprintable slogans! The camaraderie was amazing!

There were a few down sides – the wind made us have to fold up our banners a few times, but they were much photographed when opened. Richard and I were glad that we had chosen a robust material for the rain but not when the high winds threatened to lift them and us to the skies and I for one had rather sore arms for the next few days from carrying them.

There was a kettling incident which held up the march a bit in the middle and we later learned it was a group of activists dressed as scientists who survived the incident through the generosity of Glaswegians bringing hot drinks, biscuits, and encouragement. And of course, the lack of toilets. At one point Pauline and I just found a bush!

We arrived at Glasgow Green to find the speeches all finished and people dispersing. It was also time to find the coaches so we could not look for the Stitches for Survival display where hundreds of knitted scarves with eco messages were hung on washing lines on the Green. However, it was also dark so we would not have seen them in their glory, but Pauline decided to stay on in Glasgow to help the organisers pack up the blankets and she managed to capture some images.



You can see more on their website. www.stitchesforsurvival.earth/gallery/
Our own contributions will be hung in our churches for the Christmas Fair and the banners we carried were copies of them.)

Back on the coach, tired but exhilarated. What a day....so glad we could add our voices and feet to the many others. Unless we show those with the power and means to do something drastic about climate change, we will condemn our planet to becoming an unlivable place for many, sadly the less well-off will be the main and early sufferers.

Please continue to pray for these issues and that the COP26 agreements will be upheld if not exceed by all countries and not just those that were present.

Vicki & Pauline and the Eco Crew

Annual General Meeting

St Leonard's AGM Sunday 28th Nov

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.

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



Join in with Weekly Sunday Worship

St Mary's 9.30am

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St Mary's Church Dalkeith Country Park

Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December
10am-2pm



This event is hosted by St Mary's Dalkeith & St Leonard's Lasswade
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