

# ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

# CONNECT

The weekly news from your church community  
Sunday 29th March 2020

## Week 2 of Living apart but connected

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us to say that they really appreciate the work that the people of the church are doing to keep people connected. Our Weekly Telephone Groups are endeavouring to reach out to all our members at this time. If we have missed anyone or if you know of anyone who would appreciate a weekly call from a church member then please do let us know.



Sadly with us now being in a Lockdown situation we may not get the hardcopies of this newsletter out to everyone but will hope to do as best. Although we were hoping to keep the church buildings open for prayer we have been asked during this lockdown period to stay closed. This will hopefully be lifted again in time as the height of the crisis passes.

After some technical rehearsals with side ways broadcasting causing some hilarity we managed to Live Stream our first online service. To begin with this was only available on our Facebook Pages but since then we have opened a YouTube channel. This will hopefully make it easier for us to post the Videos to our Church Websites and to send people a link in email. Do bear with us at this time of change and experimenting.

For those of you who received an invitation to Google Groups please forgive me as it didn't seem to work and therefore we have scrapped this idea to focus on using what is already in place. If all this sounds confusing please rest assured our hope is to find simple easy ways to stay connected. The best so far is Telephoning and so we encourage you all to keep in touch and not to fear. If you need something please phone and we will try and help or if you need someone to talk too we can arrange for one of the Pastoral team or a minister to phone you for a chat.

# WORSHIP

Although times are hard and the doors to our buildings are closed I am please to report that the church is alive and active at home and in the community that we serve.

Our first online service went live last Sunday and a few members joined in but since then amazingly over 300 people have viewed this service video. So as a church we give thanks that even with a closed church we have engaged with a lot more people this week than we normally do! How we write that up in the service register I am still trying to work out. I guess our treasurers will also want to know how quickly we can set up online giving too for those who may want to continue to give to the work of the church at this time. Thank fully the Church accounts are in good health but please do remember our ministry does rely on your offering of support throughout the year.

We are planning to continue a weekly Sunday worship with communion and invite you to join with us online if you can. I will try and include a copy of Eucharistic Prayer for Lent at the end of this newsletter for those who want to follow along and join in with the responses at home. If you also desire we welcome you to set aside some bread and wine (or fruit of the vine) so that you to can take communion at home if you feel you would like to do that as we remember God's love for each of us together.



If you are not online we welcome you to set aside time on Sunday to read through the Liturgy and to remember that even though we are absent from our normal place of worship, God is with us where we are.

The Scottish Episcopal Church has also organised for a similar broadcast to be made available on its Web Site with the opportunity to down load the Liturgy for each week: This will air from 11 am.

[www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship)

If you are looking for something a bit more contemporary our friends from Felixstowe where I served my Curacy are offering their service online too [www.christchurchfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.christchurchfelixstowe.org.uk)

Not online then tune into RADIO. Many stations offer a number of different services of worship or religious programs throughout the week or on Sundays for us to listen too. The Church of England is endeavouring broadcast a weekly Sunday Worship on BBC radio stations. On TV there's always Song's of Praise on BBC Two in the afternoon.

We also encourage you to consider a daily routine of prayer and bible readings alone or with a friend over ZOOM or the telephone. Resources are available if you would like me to point you in the right direction.



**St Leonard's & St Mary's**  
**Online Services of Worship**  
**Sunday at 10 am**  
**Wednesday at 10 am**

Join us for worship



Find us on FACEBOOK at St Leonard's and St Mary's @stLandM



or on YouTube search for "St Leonard's & St Mary's Churches" we will try and post live to here if we can as well as to facebook

Hope you can join with us on-line Sunday or Wednesday



## Wednesday Zoom Worship

In this age of technology many of us can now also access video phone calls or videoing conferencing Applications (Apps). So we can not only listen to each other but also see who we are talking with. This is a great way for families or small groups to keep in touch and see how each other are getting on. You can use it for one to one calls or invite friends for a group chat

We are looking at using ZOOM which is video conferencing App that has been recommended to us . You can sign up for a free account and then access their basic package allowing individuals or a group of people to meet and discuss online for up to 40 minutes . You will need to use a good Wifi signal for your smart phone, tablet or computer to use the App successfully but most home wifi systems can cope. .

visit — [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

to sign up and download to your Computer  
or search for the App on App Store or Google shop

*As a trial session of using Zoom in worship  
we will be trying out Zoom this Wednesday*

*You can join in by using the code below*

***413 592 7610***

*or follow the link*

***<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4135927610>***

***Remember this is an experimental time so not too sure  
how it all works but lets give it a go, with prayer...***

# Izzy's News



*Thank You to everyone who has been in touch to see how me and the family are coping during this unusual time.*

*The family seem to be using their I-pads a lot to see other family members and to stay in touch with others. This is a little confusing for me as I can clearly hear that someone is in the house but I can't find them so I start barking and looking.*

*My walks have been a lot quieter away from people and this has been really hard as I enjoy cuddles and attention. I note that even my friend Greyfriars Bobby has had to implement precautionary measures at this time. I think he may need it more than most of my canine friends.*



*Sadly this week we had to say Goodbye to Joe, my Cocker Spaniel Uncle, who lived with Auntie Moira in Bolton. He was a lovely old chap and will be sorely missed. I look forward to giving Moira some licks and to sit on her lap to share my love when this time of quarantine is over. My heart goes out to all those who have lost loved ones at this time. It must be really difficult because Dad says even Funerals are restricted to immediate family only! Weddings too have been cancelled and so not just my trip to Moira's.*

*I was wondering if you have or had a pet that you loved and would you be happy to share their picture and tell us a little about them? If you would like to please send me a picture of your pet with a few lines if you can to my office email.*

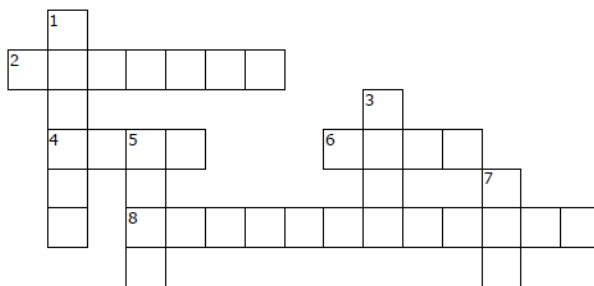
*office.stlandm@gmail.com*

*with love and licks from Izzy*

# Bible Time

L A Z A R U S E S L E E P M P  
 Q E N T R A N C E B D F L Y U  
 L J O A S O W D Y L I F E V L  
 F N I K T W E I X L G T O M B  
 X Y K S C Q E S F O E D Z N R  
 P R A Y E D P C F V R E E E D  
 B K Q W E S I I A E C A H V X  
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 L W B P O M A R Y A L S H M K  
 G C Q L W H J S M E E R A X G  
 B H A E U U Q H B J S I C K V

MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEeping	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP



## ACROSS

- A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- A place where someone is buried
- To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- Rising from the dead or returning to life

## DOWN

- One of Lazarus' two sisters
- To be alive or have life
- Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
- To stop living



# Can You Help the Storehouse?

Dear Friends

With current changes regarding staying home and staying safe, please only consider dropping off donations if you are fit and well to do so. We also note that many of our donations come from those who at this time are regarded as being vulnerable so please do not be offended if we ask those over 70 not to drop off donations. This is for your health, the health of those working in the Storehouse and those whom we deliver too.



As well as goods Phillip who runs the Storehouse on behalf of the churches said that cash transfers can be made to the Storehouse Bank Account for those who may be able to help in this way.

**Bank of Scotland, sort code 800629, account number 10171063,  
name of account Full Gospel Church - Storehouse.**

If you'd like to donate items to Storehouse this month, and can bring them along to the Full Gospel Church on Dalkeith High St please do so on one of the following days and times - you don't even need to stay and help pack just pop in and drop off and stay safe.

Sunday 29th March at 6pm.

Monday 30th March at 10am.

Tuesday 31st March at 9:30am.

Here is what they are in most need of :

tubs of Pringles, cans of macaroni cheese, tomato ketchup,  
cans of hot dogs, tins of chicken or mince and of course pot noodles.

We are aware that some of these items are not easy to buy at present.

Also, something else that would be a massive help is 50p/£1 bags from Morrison's or Tesco or Farmfoods. The parcels we deliver are heavy and therefore strong bags are needed to carry them.

Thank You



# 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](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

*Open for Prayer*

**Sunday 9.30 to 10.30am**

## St Leonard's

[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

*Open for Prayer*

**Sunday 11 to 12noon**

If visiting the church for prayer please do observe good hygiene procedures and clean your hands before taking a pew and after you leave. Please also respect each other and keep a good social distance of 2 metres apart at this time. Thank You

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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  
and we will try and help.



## Sunday Worship Liturgy

### Welcome

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

**Come Holy Spirit**

**Come wherever we are in this moment, in this place**

**Come and help us focus on you,**

**To spend time in your presence**

**and to know that you are with us in the midst of the storm. Amen**

### 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

**Merciful God, as we travel to the foot of the cross:**

**guide and protect us as we seek to be your people,**

**your church, living and loving in your name. Amen**

### The Gospel

John 11 v17-44 The raising of Lazarus

### Reflection

### Prayers for today

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be 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, maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,

brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven

and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,

sharing the joy of his obedience,

now 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 Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

**Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness**

**spanned the gulf of our sins had made.**

**Through the dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory**

**that life and light might reign.**

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,

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.**

**Lord's Prayer** As our Saviour 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.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but 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 & Blessing**

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.**

And the Blessing of God  
The Father, the Son and the Spirit  
Be with you and remain with you now and always  
**Amen.**