

ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

CONNECT

The weekly news from your church community

Sunday 5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday

Our Thursday evening applaud rang out down our streets as we continued to give thanks for all those labouring and working within the essential frontline services at this time. Many of them are tirelessly at work in the NHS or other emergency services putting their lives at risk while the majority of us stay safe.

This Sunday we remember Our Lord placing himself on the frontline for us and how the people applauded and shouted their praise of Hosanna. Yet by the end of this week we will remember that Jesus was rejected, killed and his pierced dead body laid in a tomb all because he loved and cared for us.

Caring for our congregation spiritual well being it felt surreal as Fiona and I took to the streets to deliver this years Palm Crosses to you. For some this may have been judged as an unnecessary task, however within me was this sense that it was right. Right to go to every street where we have a presence an individual or family and to present them with the simple gift of a Palm Cross. A reminder to each one that we are loved by God and cared for by his Church.

with love from Peter



Palm Sunday

WORSHIP



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

Join us for worship online if you can



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

Please note that the "Live" stream of the service takes place on our Public Facebook Page at 10am. Being Public it means it is accessible for everyone to see and access if they want to join with us.

Our other Facebook site — "St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family" is a private group for active members of the church to share and encourage one another. It is like a place of fellowship and support throughout the week.



Our YouTube channel can be found by searching on Youtube for "**St Leonard's & St Mary's Churches**"

A Link to our Youtube channel can also be found on our churches websites. On the channel you can then view the current service and look back at previous services.

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

The Scottish Episcopal Church has also organised for a weekly broadcasts of the Eucharist from around the Province to be made available on their Web Sites with the opportunity for us to download the Liturgy for each week: and join in at home. This will air from 11 am.

www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship

Praying at this time

Some people have asked me how or what should we pray for during this time of pandemic? For some of us prayer is like a conversation and I hope that all of us will come to know God as someone we can talk to honestly and openly. However, I also know that some people like to have a set prayer or to be guided in what to pray. So I offer you these prayers:

Ever-present God, be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing, be healing in our sickness,
be joy in our sadness, be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake. Amen

(A prayer by Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark)

God of our Salvation,
you have ordained that we should serve you in serving one another.
Look upon this nation, burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties,
with infection, sickness, and untimely death.
Grant us grace to work together, with honest and faithful hearts,
each caring for the good of all;
that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness,
we may have added to us all things that we need for our daily sustenance
and the common good.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

(Based on a prayer of Geoffrey Fisher)

On Sundays if you would feel it helpful light a candle as a reminder that God's is with you and have some bread and wine at your table as symbols to remind you of Jesus sacrifice and offering of himself for your forgiveness.



One day at a Time

We had our first Zoom Worship Trial on Wednesday with about 14 of us using Zoom and others following on our Live Stream. It was lovely to hear and see everyone and especially to be joined by Sue and Phil Blamire from their new home in the Lake District. They so loved being able to still feel part of all that is going on at St Mary's and St Leonard's. We also endeavoured to incorporate some worship songs provided by a guest appearance from Moira and Esther from Bolton. Moira is Fiona's sister and works along with Esther in doing youth work on behalf of the churches in Bolton.

With any new adventure there are teething problems and technical hitches and new etiquettes to be learned. Like remembering to try and speak one at a time and to mute your microphone when not speaking. Maybe we were trying to be too ambitious because at the same time we were also trying to live stream to facebook. I have since learned that you can actually record a Zoom Meeting and then post the video so we may do that in the future. It was a good start exploring how we might use this technology as we move forward together.

This Saturday Andrew Watt has also set up a trial Zoom Coffee Morning to see if we can take "Coffee at Mary's" online. Regular customers have been invited and if the trial works we look to roll it out and host a number of other Zoom Coffee Mornings and other Zoom events. We are also at the early stages of considering offering some online training or educational courses or Home Group studies using Zoom meetings.

What is ZOOM? It is a video conferencing App that allows us to see and hear each other over the internet. 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 Wi-Fi signal for your smart phone, tablet or computer to use the App successfully but most home Wi-Fi systems can cope.

visit — www.zoom.us to sign up and download

Then look out for our future Zoom Events to join in with

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Dear All — I hope you are all staying safe and although social distancing I pray that you are still being social.

Remember there is no need to lock yourself away from others instead now is the time to pick up the "dog and bone" and give someone a phone.

My Dad says that there was even a time when people used to write letters rather than use electronic mail and social gossip apps. According to him the only letters we normally get are bills or rubbish adverts. However, just the other day we received a lovely card and letter from one of our Messy Church Children thanking us for helping her and her family. It was wonderful to feel that we had done something for someone else and wonderful to read a letter from them. Facebook and all those other things are great for a quick hello but in this time when some of us have extra time on our hands why not write a letter to encourage a friend or even to heal an old relationship.

Oh, I must introduce you to my new neighbour. I am not to sure about him, or her yet, they seem a bit prickly but they have set up home in our area and enjoying my garden.

Mum and Dad are delighted to welcome this new neighbour Mr or Mrs Hedge Hog but have told me to stay back and to watch my nose! But I just want to play!

Dad seems to think Hedge will enjoy the many slugs that seem to live in our undergrowth. That's not my cuppa tea but then each to their own.

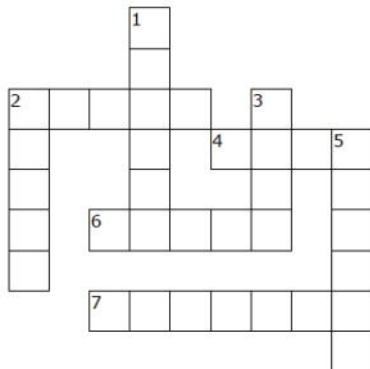


with love and licks from Izzy

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RIDING	SPOKEN	JESUS	PROPHET	MOUNT
BRANCHES	BLESSED	JERUSALEM	HOSANNA	KING
CLOAKS	LORD	FULFILL	DONKEY	FOAL
VILLAGE	DISCIPLES	OLIVES	GENTLE	COLT



ACROSS

- A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
- A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
- To speak with a very loud voice
- A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

- The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
- A large group of people who have gathered together
- A young male horse (or donkey)
- An animal like a small horse with long ears

Our Bible Puzzle is based on the reading from Matthew 21:1-11

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

FROM THE BISHOP

Many of us are aware that Charities are suffering at the moment and the two charities we are supporting this year desperately need donations to continue their work. In both cases, although in different ways, this work is vital for the post-pandemic world. So I would ask you all to do all you can to give and support this years Lent appeal as best you can please give as generously as possible.

I was asked whether we should postpone the appeal until next year but I do not believe that would be helpful for the two charities we have chosen to support this year. However, I am happy to extend the closing date to the end of August. Hopefully this will allow collections to be taken and for donations to come in. I encourage you where possible at this time to give to your church through a bank transfer and for churches then to transfer the collected amount to the Diocesan Office.



The Open Door aims to reduce isolation and loneliness by providing care, love, friendship, support, inclusion and a sense of community.

Done through social clubs and support services for older people, the community café for everyone, volunteer placements for people of varying ages and abilities, and their ever changing social groups that include; art, poetry, music and books.

Project Embabazi

Supporting Communities in Uganda

Project Embabazi is a small charity that works in SW Uganda. Funding enables development in several rural communities and makes a life-changing difference to the local people. Project Embabazi is founded on grass-roots, sustainable development for the local people and communities.



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

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.



Palm Sunday Liturgy 5th April 2020

All being well we will have an online service available for 10am this coming Sunday on Facebook and later on our Youtube channel.

We also hope to have music from some of our musicians available to listen to or sing along with before or after the service. Notice of these will be posted on the Facebook Page and Group and available on our Youtube channel.

No promises just endeavouring to be creative and connected

**Welcome - A word of welcome from Peter
before Jacqui leads us in this weeks Sunday Worship**

let us be still

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

Palm Sunday Reading Matthew 21:1-11

As the people spread their palm branches on the ground
to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem,
so we welcome him into our homes
and into our lives this morning.

**King of Glory, King of Peace, Servant King,
reign in our hearts and our lives this day and all days,
that we might praise your Holy name.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

**Song: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.**

**1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart I pray
Give me joy in my heart keep me praising
Keep me praising till the break of day...**

**2 Give me faith in my heart, keep me trusting
Give me faith in my heart I pray
Give me faith in my heart keep me trusting
Keep me trusting till the break of day...**

Confession and Absolution

Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, to complete the task for which he had walked this world.

Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves, and where we fail to walk in love, humility, and trust.

Remind us always that you ask us to live in a spirit of humble service to you and to our neighbours, wherever and whoever they might be and in whatever circumstances.

Help us to take off our cloaks of sin and lay them down at your feet.

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

**Almighty and ever-living God, in tender love for all our human race
you sent your son our saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer
death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great
humility and share in the glory of his resurrection,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

The Passion Gospel Matthew 27:1-54

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

*The Priest on our behalf
will eat and drink the consecrated bread and wine.*

Prayer after Communion

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.**

The Blessing

Hosanna to the son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
And the Blessing of God Almighty
The Father, the Son and the Spirit
Be with you and remain with you now and always
as we journey through this Holy Week,
to the garden, to the cross, to the grave
and into the resurrection to come.
Amen.

Closing words from Peter and Jacqui to all who are watching

Bible Easter Trivia I

Put an "x" beside the answer you think is right!

1. Jesus said that before the rooster crowed twice Peter would do what?

- a. Leave the city
- b. Deny Christ three times
- c. Accept a bribe
- d. Kill a centurion

2. Where was Jesus arrested?

- a. A garden
- b. A temple
- c. His home
- d. The Upper Room

3. When Jesus was arrested, who cut off the ear of the high priest's servant?

- a. James
- b. John
- c. Peter
- d. Andrew

4. Judas betrayed Jesus for how many pieces of silver?

- a. 10
- b. 20
- c. 30
- d. 40

5. What sign did Judas use to betray Christ?

- a. A hug
- b. A kiss
- c. A handshake
- d. A salute

6. Which prisoner was released instead of Jesus?

- a. Philip
- b. Barabbas
- c. Barnabas
- d. John the Baptist

7. Where was Jesus crucified?

- a. Golgotha
- b. Dolorosa
- c. Gethsemane
- d. Domine Ivisus

8. In whose tomb was Jesus buried?

- a. Mary Magdalene's
- b. Lazarus'
- c. Joseph of Arimathea's
- d. John the disciple's

9. Who ordered Jesus to be arrested?

- a. Pilate
- b. Caiaphas
- c. Caesar
- d. Herod

10. Before His crucifixion, what was placed on Jesus' head?

- a. A golden crown
- b. Purple cloth
- c. Crown of thorns
- d. Crown of thistles

11. On what charge was Jesus sentenced to death?

- a. Blasphemy
- b. Lying
- c. Treason
- d. Tyranny

12. For what did the soldiers cast lots?

- a. The Cross
- b. Jesus' clothes
- c. Money
- d. Jesus' hair

13. Who wanted to see the nail marks in Jesus hands before they believed he was alive?

- a. Thomas
- b. Peter
- c. Nicodemus
- d. Judas

14. Three disciples were with Jesus at the time of his arrest. Who were they?

- a. Matthew, Mark, Luke
- b. Peter, James, John
- c. Thomas, James, Bartholomew
- d. Peter, Mark, John

15. What was written on the sign above Jesus' cross?

- a. Friend of Sinners
- b. Prophet of the Jews
- c. King of the Jews
- d. King of the World

