

ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

CONNECT

The weekly news from your church community

Sunday 12th April 2020 - Easter Sunday

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!



"I will deliver my people from the power of the grave!

I will redeem them from death.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O grave, is your sting?

Hosea 13 v14



Easter 2020

A recurring theme throughout the Psalms is the phrase "How long O Lord!" it may even be a phrase that's entered your mind or even been uttered on your lips in this time of uncertainty and wonder about the future.

The Psalms can often reflect our thoughts as they are written from a human perspective dealing with real issues as the Psalmist walks with God throughout his days.

There is raw emotion here and the scriptures written in this way encourage you and I to have a real relationship with God. A relationship where we can be open and honest with our wrestling with life. So do share in your private prayers and walk with God how you truly feel at this time.

Psalm 13

- 1 How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
- 4 and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- 5 But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.

But also like the Psalmist place your hope and trust in God and rejoice in the salvation he has brought to us. Although we may face death, remember that death is defeated! Christ is risen! Though we may face death and die the promise of God is that we to will be raised up, just as Christ himself was raised from the dead so to we will live in the resurrection to come. Our salvation has been secured for us through the sacrifice of the Lamb upon the cross. We are forgiven and set free, free to walk with God all our days.

with love from Peter and family this Eastertide

Lockdown Activities

As we try and keep ourselves busy and active at this time of isolation it has been wonderful to see and hear what other people have been up to.

Jean Mellon has been working hard on this year Paschal Candle design. Normally we would have organised the Paschal Motif competition to run up to Palm Sunday but in all that has taken place in the last month or so we sadly forgot to let people know about it. Nevertheless Jean had begun work to patiently design and draw her entry for this year motif. You can see an image of it on the opposite page ← It is lovely but sadly the image does not show all the detail that is on the original. Well done Jean and thank you. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can see it lit in church.

Jacqui du Rocher challenged people to make a cross out of what was lying around your house and to post a photo on our facebook Group. We had book crosses, shoe crosses, woolly hat crosses and lovely arranged flower crosses posted up for all to see. Look out for next weeks challenge!



Roger Kemp

It was with much sadness that I heard that Roger Kemp had passed away on the morning of Maundy Thursday. Roger had suffered a fall and after treatment early this year was transferred to the local community Hospital just before we went into Lockdown. Sadly this meant that visiting was very restrictive and the family and I were unable to attend. There will be a small private cremation service in the coming weeks and in time we will hold a special service of Thanksgiving for Roger. Until then hold Shan, Charlotte and Charlie in your prayers giving thanks for Rogers life and faith. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP

I would like to write that we are having fun with our online worship but that would not be a real representation of this past weeks frustrations with technology. To be honest, and I put my hands up, it all began to go wrong on Sunday morning when I tried to juggle with more than one and ended up posting our "Live" worship to the wrong place. We are still very much on a steep learning curve and exploring what best to do as we strive to offer a meaningful worship experience in this unusual time of isolation.

Why don't we just pre-record stuff. Well, yes we could pre-record video messages and post them online. However, for me (and I am not the only one) there is something of value about us all committing ourselves to gather together as a community, a family, a church connected together by our worship. This I feel cannot be achieved through us as individuals watching a video whenever we choose to do so. Therefore, it is my aim at this time to endeavour to offer acts of collective worship online where we gather together to be with each other, to hear and read God's word, to pray, sing along and give thanks and even fellowship together. For those on Zoom this may mean face to face communication and those on Facebook Live writing comments and little messages of hope and encouragement to each other.

So in this past week Fiona and I have explored how we can Zoom and do Live Facebook at the same time. To help do this we have invested in the pro Version of Zoom which allows us to both record and stream live. It also gives unlimited time usage and some other useful functions that can be used for Group meetings , Training courses and other activities as we continue to explore new ways of being church at this time.



Weekly Worship

Sunday @ 10am and mid week Wednesday @ 10am

Facebook group at St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family
or on Zoom by following the link email.

due to a technical glitch the live video will be on our private **Facebook GROUP**
and not the public page @StLandM to begin with.



Izzy's News

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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.

I joined in with this weeks bark for our NHS workers and for all working on the front line at this time. I am not sure what may be happening in your street but there was indeed a racket in Peacock

Parkway with hand claps, banging pots and shouts. Dad even entertained us to a song on the guitar while in the distance the sound of a piper and others joining in.

Although the humans were keeping apart I managed to sniff out some news from my other canine friends in the street. Supposedly Crombie's owners are planning to organise a street party when this is all over. It felt very much like the street party had started as many of the neighbours stayed out and had a natter with each other while keeping the recommended distance apart. Although strange it was lovely to see the street coming together.

Talking of my friends I sadly haven't seen Mr or Mrs Hedge Hogg all week. I hope I haven't scared them off especially as we were given some special food for them by Ruth & Peter Simpson. Maybe they are curled up in the corner under all the leaves and rubbish and only come out when they know I am not around!

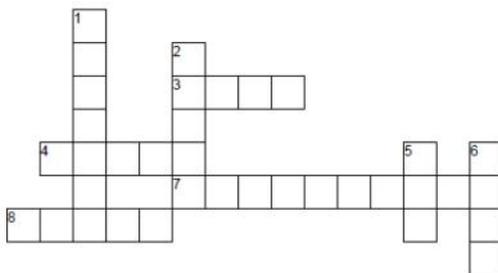
If you have a keen eye I am also occasionally making a star appearance on some of Dad's worship videos that he is encouraging you all to watch. Maybe I need to have my own video show and introduce you to Cocker Spaniel Street otherwise know as Peacock Parkway.

with love and licks from Izzy

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TOMB	ANGEL	RISEN	RISEN	STONE
SHOOK	WEEK	FIRST	DAWN	HEAVEN
EARTHQUAKE	ROLLED	JESUS	AFRAID	DAY



ACROSS

3. A place where someone is buried
4. "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said." Matthew 28:6
7. A shaking or trembling of the the earth
8. A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN

1. The first or early part of a day
2. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. A period of seven days



Our Bible Puzzle is based on the reading from Matthew 28:1-10



Signs of Hope

You may have noticed that children in support of NHS workers and frontline staff have been placing Rainbows and other items in their windows. As people go out for their exercise or to the shops children are encouraged to look out for them bringing fun to their day but also raising the symbol of hope across our communities.

Helen and Neil Stewart sent me a picture of one of their window displays. Using the Palm Cross we were able to deliver Helen created an Easter Garden themed display around a candle holder. Every night they have been lighting it and placing it in their window as a simple reminder that Christ is our light even in the darkest of times.



The Fyffe Family were also delighted to receive this year's Palm Cross. The children dutifully decorated them in rainbow colours to remind us all to be thankful and to have hope through the storm.

So do let me know what you have been up to passing the time away. Have you made anything, or placed items in your windows to bring a ray of sunshine and joy to your street and community. If you pass by the Rectory, we have a couple of rainbows and even a rainbow squid as well as teddy. I think we're supposed to add a happy smiling Sun this week?



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

Weekly Online Worship

Sunday at 10am and Wednesday at 10am

Find us on  **@StLandM**

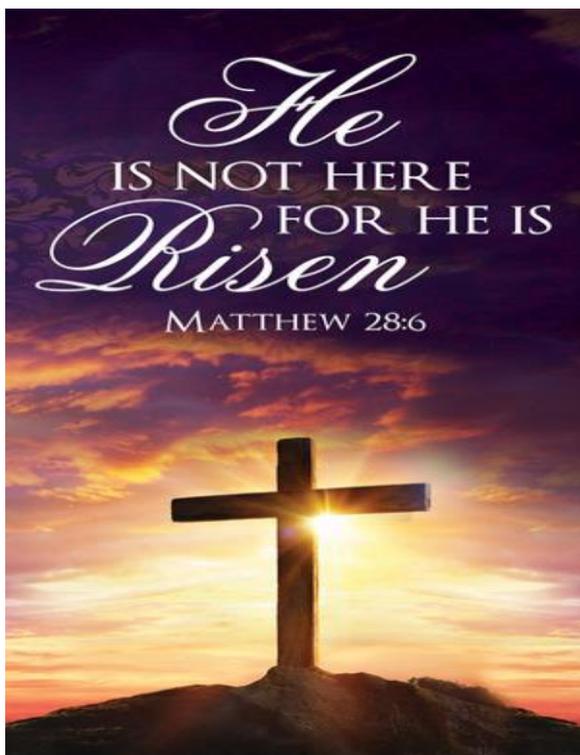
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Both Churches are registered with the Scottish Charity Register as
St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151
St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

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



Easter Sunday Liturgy

If you have been unable to join with us online for our worship I pray that you will be able to use this liturgy to guide your own worship this week.

For those who can we are endeavouring to Live video to Facebook and to Zoom Meet together so if your on Zoom join us at 10am

Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

Password: 829548

Due to an unresolved technical glitch Live video at 10am will be on our Facebook Group - St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family and not on the @StLandM Page.

Easter *Music by E Thomson Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Poem **Hallelujah**

When the Lord of life was dead and buried
Day had turned to blackest night
All of creation was drained of hope,
of joy,
of light

Yet three days later
A new song began to dawn
across the land

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
Hallelujah! Christ is Lord!

When disciples met in anxious fear
Huddled together in a locked up room
Jesus came and stood amongst them
Bringing peace to disperse the gloom

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
Hallelujah! Christ is Lord!

So when the storms of life surround us
and the path ahead looks bleak
Hear the beat of a distant drum,
calling us onward into a new day,
New hope
New joys
New life

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
Hallelujah! Christ is Lord!

The Welcome

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Confession

Christ died upon the cross that our sins could be forgiven
Let us therefore with faith confess our sins and receive his forgiveness.

**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.**

The Collect

**Almighty God,
who, through your Son, Jesus Christ,
have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy this day resurrection,
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.**

The Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

When the Gospel is announced we say
Glory to Christ our Saviour

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

Reflection Peter

Hymn To God be the Glory

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!

Intercessions

The Peace

As the risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you.

May The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also 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,

Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,

proclaims the dawn of hope,

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power

to warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb

and opened the gate of life,

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.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,

for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
at supper with his disciples
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 bless our bread and wine,
that we may 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 the Bread

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

Lord's Prayer

As Christ 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.

**Save us from the time of trial
and 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

**Father of all, 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.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God the Father, who raised his son from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

THINE BE THE GLORY,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee:
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above.