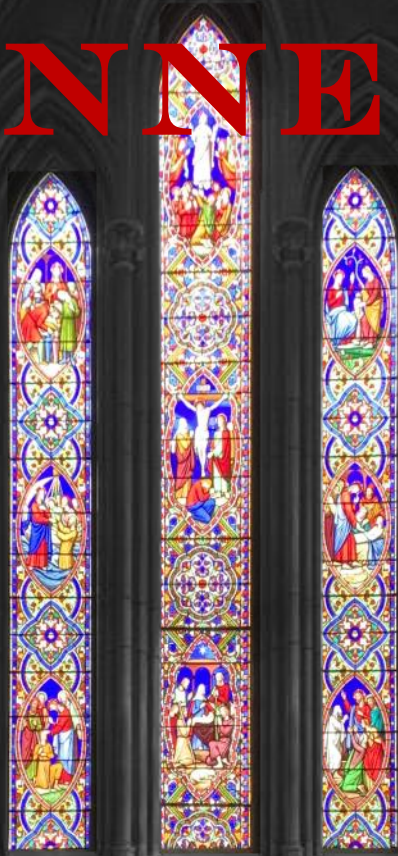


ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

CONNECT



The weekly news from your church community
Sunday 19th Second Sunday of Easter

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

Easter 2020 Week 2

For many people Easter comes and goes on one Sunday in the year. However, within the church Easter is a Season celebrated for 40+ days remembering all the different appearances of Jesus. You see Jesus just didn't appear once and say "Hi guys peace be with you!" and then disappear. There are in fact a variety of different accounts of Jesus appearing and St Paul even notes that at one time he met with 500 believers at the same time!

As well as the Season or weeks of Easter in our church calendar we are in fact encouraged to remember that every Sunday as we gather is a celebration of Easter, remembering and giving thanks for what Jesus has done for us. So let us continue to celebrate and declare that Christ is risen, that we are loved by God and that there is hope in the midst of every circumstance in life because God is for us and not against us.



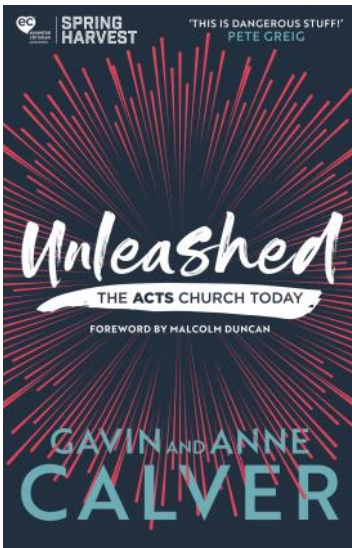
Spring Harvest

Easter Monday for Jennie, Karen, Alison, Margaret, Vicki and the Harris's would have marked the beginning of a week long stay at Butlin's Skegness for this years Spring Harvest. So with much hilarity on the Spring Harvest WhatsApp Group we metaphorically set off on our Journey. Vicki had to turn back as she forgot to pick up Alison and Margaret had to cross her legs waiting for the next loo stop. Betty would have loved to have been with us as we sang our praise songs and looked forward to the worship, teaching and fellowship to come.

But wait a minute! We are not going to Spring Harvest but in fact Spring Harvest was coming to our homes. So not only are we at Home but Betty is joining in with us! You too can catch up with this year if you would like too!

ec essential christian worship
SPRING HARVEST
Home
Free - Online - Open to everyone!

go to YouTube
and search for Spring Harvest
@springharvest or **#SH2020**
to see some of this years content



Unleashed the Acts Church Today

Every year Spring Harvest has a titled focus and this year's was *Unleashed the Acts Church Today*

The Planning Team at Spring Harvest in prayer and preparation for coming years already have a rough outline of what the themes will be for the next year. So two years ago Gavin and Anne Calver felt God was calling them and the team to have a fresh look at the first century church as recorded in the Book of Acts and to ask how can we be the unleashed people of God today.

The book of Acts is a marvellous account of how the early church, under much persecution, fear and anxiousness was empowered by the Holy Spirit. Through releasing us and encouraging us the Holy Spirit today continues to be with us in our fears and anxious times and calls us to be the church for today, the good news for today, the hope of today. The Book of Acts may end at chapter 28 but we are the ongoing chapters of the Acts of the Church Today.

I feel that the churches are being challenged at this time to reimagine church? What type of church are we looking for? What type of Church does our community need and more importantly what is God longing for the church to be? The Acts Church of the first century was a church under pressure yet the people continued to share God's word, to preach and make known the Good News of Jesus, our risen Lord, to do works of kindness, looking out for each other and those in need and through being faithful in prayer, the Lord performed wonders in their midst and many came to faith.

Let us be refreshed in our love of what God has done for us, and let us by the power of the Spirit be unleashed. Unleashed to proclaim the Good News to this generation and the next. To be empowered by God to share with your family, your friends and your neighbours that your hope is in God and that you are trusting God even in the midst of this anxious time. May we also be unleashed to do good works, keeping in touch and supporting one another where and how we can. May we also be people, a church of prayer, praying for God's kingdom to be alive and active in our community .

with love and prayers from Peter and the family

WORSHIP

Who would have imagined a year ago that this Easter's Worship would not take place in our familiar buildings but on a wonderful mix of Laptops, PC's, Ipad's, Iphone's, Smartphones, Tablets, Macbooks, in Living rooms, Kitchen's, Conservatories, bedrooms and who knows where else!!! Our Easter Sunday celebration looking at the statistics of who viewed them shows that we reached over 100 people. I think on Easter Morning itself we had about 30 people joining us on Zoom and another 12 or so following along on Facebook. Over the course of the week others find us and watch the service and share their messages of love and support at this time.

Some technical gremlins are still being elusive to us and so sadly we were unable to stream the Easter hymns on Zoom to sing along with at the time of broadcast. However, these were made available on Facebook. So our thanks to Elizabeth Thomson and Mitch for the audio files and to Noreen and David for their contribution. If you would like to contribute or point us towards some worship tracks do post these on our Church Family Facebook Group for us all to enjoy.

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.



Afterwards we will upload the Video to YouTube and place a link on our @StLandM Facebook Page.

Please continue to hold us in prayer as we endeavour to learn and navigate this new way of doing church together on-line. Please also pray for our Websites to become accessible again to us. For some reason one of our Websites keeps going down and as this is hosted on the Diocesan Server we are unable to gain access to get it back up and running again. Hopefully the Diocesan Webmaster will attend to this soon! So please excuse the out of date Websites. For up to date news go to Facebook. My thanks to Fiona who behind the scenes is doing a wonderful job with the tech!



Izzy's News

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What ever happened to my Easter break! I am sure I was suppose to be going south to visit my Aunty Moira. I love visiting Moira's and this year was especially important as she had to say goodbye to my friend Joe—cocker spaniel. So I can't be there to comfort her. Ohhh this social distancing stuff is starting to really annoy me! I'm not even allowed to chase the Postman down the street anymore! However, I do love their blue gloves and thank them for taking the precautions that they do. I hope you too are coping ok and looking forward with faith.

Another thing I still can't get used to is this ZOOM business! Everyone keeps going on about Zooming here and Zooming there! Sam and Grace are off on another Zoom youth group adventure and as far as I can see Mum and Dad's Zooming is just an excuse to sit down and have a blether. Not much Zooming about going on there then! It also annoys me as often I can hear friends and family and jump up thinking oh someone's coming to see me. But then Dad says be quiet Izzy, they are on the Zoom screen. Occasionally though I have even managed to say hello to Jacqui's Doodles Teddy, Rosie and Molly and have a bark at each other over Zoom. So I guess this ZOOM stuff may have some uses but I prefer sniffing out the news at a fencepost or nearby tree.

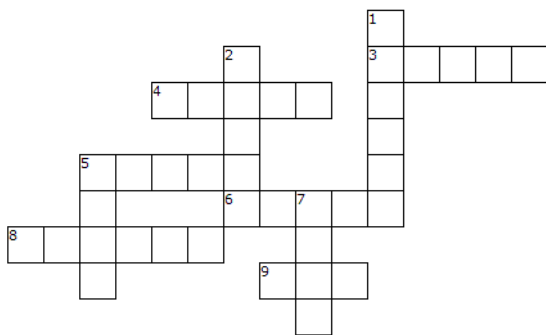
Samuel also seems to have gone "old school" as although he has enjoyed using Zoom he took to writing letters and posting them out to his friends. So if your not Zooming don't worry you can still write a letter or a postcard and let us know how you are doing and share your stories with us.

with love and licks from Izzy

B i b l e P u n z i e T i m e

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JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED



ACROSS

- To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
- Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
- To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
- The body parts at the end of the arms
- Not open
- To break God's law

DOWN

- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- To believe in something for which there is no proof
- An entrance into a building or room
- A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer



Reg. Charity No. 1161768

Can You Help?

You may remember that Sam Harris has been out a couple of times to South Africa with Urban Shift to help with the development of an Education and Feeding Centre in South Africa. The Khaya Centre exist to help people living in very poor conditions many of whom rely on day to day employment opportunities to raise enough income to feed their families. Sadly with South Africa being in lockdown by the Coronavirus like the UK there are now no opportunities for those seeking employment meaning there has been a large demand placed upon the centre. Although some help has come from the government this has only covered a third of the demand made upon the centres resources and sadly this week they had to close the gates as there was no more food to be distributed to around 200+ families. Could you help?

THEY NEED OUR HELP MORE THAN EVER.

£2.50 will feed a family of four for a week. Yes just £2.50.

If you would like to send a donation please get in touch with Sam through the Church Office Email for details. You could make a one off donation or ask for a Standing Order form to make a regular monthly donation if your able.

Please note the Khaya Centre is part of a recognised N.G.O in South Africa run by the churches and Urban Saints is a UK registered Charity.

Thank you for your help and prayers at this difficult time





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.



Second Sunday of Easter

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 join us on line we shall be Zooming Church
at 10am Sunday and Wednesday
with a Live link up to St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family Group
on Facebook and later loaded to Youtube and our Facebook Page.

Easter Acclamation

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

from Psalm 96

Hymn Majesty

MAJESTY, worship His majesty,
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne unto His own,
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

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 and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen,
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

The Gospel John 20.19-31

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

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

Reflection **Jacqui**

Intercessions

The Peace

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, strengthen our faith by the Holy Spirit,
that we may grow in love for you and in the service of your Son,
who is our Lord and God. Amen**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Hymn **Who am I**

v1) Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

v2) Free at last,
He has ransomed me
O His grace runs deep
While I was - a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God. Yes I am