

ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

CONNECT

*Since we have been justified,
by our faith,
we have peace with God
Who blesses us with His grace,
to enjoy the hope we have
of sharing God's glory.*

Romans 5:1-2

The weekly news from your church community
Sun 14th June 2020

A Rector's Musings

I recently read a statement by Sonya Renee. Sonya is an author, poet, spoken word artist, and humanitarian and social justice activist. In her writings about our current pandemic she writes:

*"We will not go back to normal. **Normal never was!***

Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalized greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate and lack.

We should not long to return, my friends. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all humanity and nature." Sonya Renee Taylor

Her words for me echo that longing for new life and new beginnings and that starts by acknowledging our past, repenting of our wrongdoing and entering into a willingness to change and be changed. I wonder what you think of her statement?



The recent riots over the death of George Floyd and the subsequent vandalism of statues are clear indicators that we cannot continue the way we have been living. I do not condone all violence and seek to stand against all forms of racism with kindness and love.

The vast majority of these protest have been peaceful, yet sadly some have been marred with unlawful behaviour of a minority and in some cases were fuelled by police brutality.

I like many people of faith was also so disgusted when President Trump's security cleared out a peaceful protest from the front of a church so that the President of the so called free world could have a

photo opportunity. Furthermore holding up a Bible as though he were some sort of Holy Man of God was despicable.

I don't want to judge but as a Pastor of God's people I would be concerned about someone in my flock who claimed to be a follower of Christ yet did not show or bear the fruits of the Spirit within his life. God, by the presence of the Spirit working in us, is a God of change and new beginnings. We need to challenge ourselves and our society not to normalise the greed and inequality we see around us and seek to make change.

Although our main focus at this time has been on the Pandemic we still need to raise the banner for Climate Change and play our part in bring about a change in our lives and in our world. The Pandemic and living in lockdown although frustrating has shown us that we can make a difference to our environment by doing things differently. Cities around the world have reported that with less traffic flowing through them there is less air pollution and cleaner air for all to breathe. Going forward how do we therefore address our reliance on motor vehicles.

Likewise our greed and desire for more as consumers seeking the next good deal has also resulted in cheaper food and clothing for us. Nevertheless, this comes at a cost which is often hidden from us. Do we care about where our food has come from or how workers have been treated or children abused to provide us with cheaper clothes.

We can in all these situation make a difference. As Sonya Renee Taylor says "we are being given the opportunity to stich a new garment." So let us seek not to normalise our past way of life but seek to do things differently as phase by phase we enter into a new normal whatever that might be. Let us be makers and participators in the design of this new garment that is being made for all humanity and for the good of the world.

yours with my love and prayers at this difficult time
Peter



TELEPHONE WORSHIP LINE

We know that not everyone is on-line with the internet or zoom and therefore cannot join us for worship online. So the Scottish Episcopal Church has set up a Telephone Worship Service where you phone in and listen to the same service as the one being broadcast on a Sunday Morning. If your not online we welcome you to try this service. It is free to you to use. If you can get online please do use the online service as the church covers the cost of the phone service.

How to join the service over the telephone:

In order to hear our broadcast service by telephone there are a couple of things you need to do.

1. Call the free phone line 0800 260 5801 before 11am. The line will be active from 10.45am before the Sunday service
2. Once you have called the number you will be prompted to enter a "meeting ID". Type 817 1523 4515.
3. You will then be prompted to enter a participant ID. Simply ignore this request, and press the # key.
4. You should then hear music, and countdown to begin
5. The service will run according to the 1982 liturgy. While you are listening you will be joining hundreds of others in worship at exactly the same time. When participating in the worship, your voice will not be heard by the other participants in the meeting, this is to ensure that all callers can hear the service



Izzy's News

Hi Everyone,

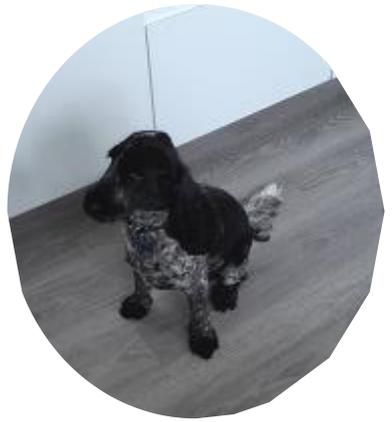
Well here I am with my new COVID19 haircut. All my curls and fluffy tuftier bits have gone and I am now silky smooth ready again for the good weather to return. If anyone would like a locket of hair do get in touch.

Mum and Grace have also managed to get on hairdressers list to have their hair cut when the next Phase of Lockdown lets the hairdressers open up. I sense many of you are getting fed up with all that's going on. Yet I know you all I hope appreciate that we need still to stay safe and not rush the next few stages and prevent a second peak. My Aunty Tina works in NHS Tayside and she says we need to let people know that normal is a long way off. Yes we may get out a little more and shops and even the churches may open but we are a long way away from the normal we once knew and may in fact never return to that way of life again.

I feel especially for all those who are shielding and have been told to continue to remain indoors. Even though lockdown may be easing for some those in the shielding category still need to be very careful. So we need to look out for those especially in this category. Therefore please do be patient and please do buy yourself a good muzzle for when you are on public transport or visiting shops.

Wearing a mask or a muzzle might even be one of the provisions for coming to church in the future so be prepared. Although Dad already has one or two masks I think I might buy him a new muzzle as I am sure those on Zoom Worship would appreciate it especially when he forgets to mute himself.

with love and wiggles from Izzy



Bible Puzzle Time

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

Find the underlined **bold** print words in the puzzle.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still **powerless**, **Christ died** for the **ungodly**.

Very **rarely** will **anyone** die for a **righteous man**, though for a **good** man someone might **possibly dare** to die.

But **God demonstrates** his own **love** for us in this: While we were **still sinners**, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

St. Leonard's and St. Mary's Lockdown Project



Do remember to pass to Jacqui any articles of how you are coping at this time, or poems, songs or other bits that have touched you and kept you going. What has been meaningful for you, how you have occupied yourself, and what has been challenging for you.

Please send the items you wish to be included in the book to me by email at Jacqui.durocher@gmail.com by the end of September 2020.

We hope you enjoy this project and will all join in as much as possible.

Love to you all, *Jacqui & the doodles*



We may not be meeting
in the church building
but you are welcome to brew a cuppa
and join us on Zoom for

Online Coffee at Mary's
10:30 am Saturday Mornings

If you would like to be part of this Online Coffee Morning please email andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk for details of how to join the Zoom Meeting. *Andrew hosts this event on behalf of the churches.*

Marmalade, Jams and Chutney



We may be missing our monthly Bake Stall but we do have a stock of Marmalades, Jams and Chutney on sale and a new stock arriving soon courtesy of Jannia.

As well as Orange Marmalade there are some Lime or Lime and Lemon Marmalade. The Lime one received the Betty Tinley Seal of approval. So if you would like to place an order by phoning Fiona we can organise to drop some at your door when we are out and about dropping off the Newsletters.



Our Birthday wishes this week go to

Ann Engh, Tom Mooney & Judy Jessiman



and an extra special mention for

Jacqui Shannon

celebrating 80 years

she doesn't look a day over 40



and for **Lily aged 7** giving thanks that she is now in remission and recovering well after all her treatments and operations.

Do let us know if someone you know is having a birthday or other celebration so we can share the news

Prayer Requests — Pastoral Calls

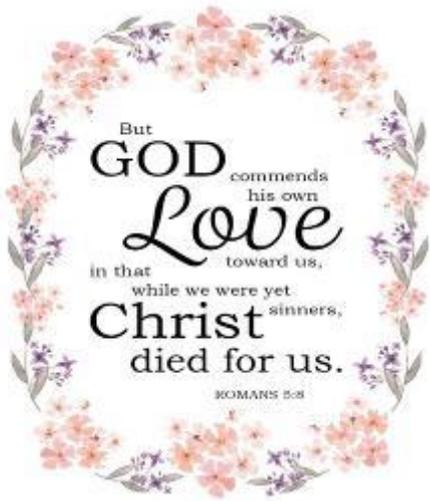
A number of our Church members are linked together by prayer in a "WhatsApp" group, committing themselves to pray for a wide variety of prayer requests. If you have a smartphone and are willing to pray and to be part of this prayer network then please get in touch with Fiona.

Likewise if you have any request please do get in touch and we can add these to the list and please do keep us updated.

Pastoral Calls

There are many different times when it may be good to have a chat with someone especially at this time when you may not be meeting up with friends or church members. Please do remember that we have a Pastoral Group whose members are happy to give you a call and have a chat.

Please do call and we can pass your name and number onto them.



Weekly Worship Online

*Sunday @ 10am
with Eucharist Celebration
Wednesday @ 10am
Informal Worship*

*Find our Facebook group at
"St Mary's and St Leonard's
Church Family"*

or Zoom into worship by joining the meeting using

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203 at 10am

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.

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In Commemoration

Alice Cathie: As a church family we remember and give thanks for the life of Alice Cathie. Alice passed away peacefully on Friday 12th June. She was a faithful and active member of St Mary's and will be remembered for her joy, encouragement and stoicism over many years. She loved to knit and I am sure if the Angels in heaven need new garments Alice will gladly lend a helping hand. Along with Alice we continue to hold in our prayers the family and friends of those who have passed away in recent days.

Roger Kemp, David Hall, Iris Toulouse and Alice Cathie

The Welcome Peter

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn

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!

Confession

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.**

The Collect

**Almighty God,
without you we are not able to please you.
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

A Reading from Romans 5 v1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also embrace our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us

Reflection Peter

Intercessions for Today Vicki

The Peace

May the Peace of the Lord
be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer Mike

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.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
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 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

You may say this prayer as the Priest takes bread and wine on our behalf:

*God of mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Saviour,
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine this day,
we thank you that we do receive your Holy Spirits presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and life eternal. Amen*

Prayer after Communion

**Holy and blessed God,
guide us with your Holy Spirit,
that we may honour you not only with our lips
but also in our daily lives.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your 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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Song

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand