



**ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S**

# **CONNECT**

*The weekly news from your church community Sun 5th July*

# A Rector's Musings

Sometimes as a Minister I struggle to find the right words or way to communicate some of the great wonders and mysteries of God after all no one can fathom the wisdom of God. Isaiah the prophet writes:

Why do you moan and worry O people! Why do you say,  
"My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded!"  
Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

*Isaiah 40:27-29*

Do you know God? Have you heard the Good News?

Jesus himself often used stories, parables to give us a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God is like and for many of us learning about God comes from reading the stories in the Bible. But there are also some modern day stories that help illustrate and teach us about the love and grace of God. Julie one of the Mum's who comes to Messy Church shared this story on Facebook .

While shopping I Was at Costco I heard a loud crash and something shattering. Being nosy, I walked towards the sound and saw some people whispering and looking back to the end of the next aisle. When I walked down that aisle, I saw an older lady had hit a shelf and many things had fallen to the ground and broke. She was kneeling on the floor embarrassed, frantically trying to clean up.

I felt so bad for her, and everyone was just standing there staring at her. So I went and knelt beside her and told her not to worry and started helping her pick up the broken pieces. After about a minute, the store manager came and knelt beside us and said, "Leave it, we will clean this up."

The lady, totally embarrassed said, "I need to pay for all this." The manager smiled, helped her to her feet and said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything!"



If you have read this far, give me another minute.

Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you! Imagine the broken pieces of your mistakes or the pieces of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you all over the floor and you're there trying to collect all of the pieces and fix them yourself.

Now imagine God comes and kneels right down beside you, smiles and says to you, "Leave it all there, We will clean this up for you!"

God loves you that much and wants to clean up the mess and put your broken heart back together if you will let Him!

With Him we have this insurance and it's called GRACE!

It's free! All you have to do is step aside from the mess of life and ask God to forgive you for the mess in your life, ask God to help you, and to renew you. He's faithful, I promise!

What a wonderful and amazing message communicated to us in a simple story about the love of God. A GRACE filled love that is beyond our understanding however it is not beyond our grasp for God does indeed reach out to us in the aisle of our lives and calls us to stand up and walk away from the mess and to trust him to sort it out.

Do you know God? Have you heard the Good News?

Take time to reread the story and ponder upon its message and ask yourself do I know this God who come alongside me and forgives me. The God who doesn't force us to clean up the mess or pay the cost but on our behalf does this for us. Being forgiven God allows us to walk away from the mess with the assurance that we are loved and cared for by the everlasting God who does not grow tired or weary of us and promises to renew and strengthen us.

*with love from Peter*



## 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](mailto:andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk) for details of how to join the Zoom Coffee 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 663 7000 we can organise to drop some at your door when we are out and about dropping off the Newsletters.



## Donations and Offerings to the work of the Church

Where possible and for ease we would ask those who are able to give regularly to do so through setting up a Monthly Standing Order with your bank and the church. For help to do this please

Speak to your church Treasurer.

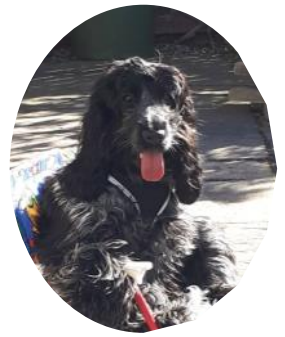
Please also consider gift aiding your offering if you can.

Our offerings go to cover the cost and upkeep of the buildings along with the ministry and activities of the church. On behalf of the churches we thank you for all your support past and present as we continue in the task of loving God and loving our neighbours in Christ name.

St Leonard's Tom Mooney 0131 663 0889

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# Izzy's News



*Hi Everyone,*

*Summer Holidays??? We had better weather back in March, April and May but I guess I shouldn't complain too much as it is cooler for me to enjoy my time out and about.*

*I'm not sure what Summer Holidays will look like this year. There is news of holiday lets and cottages opening again and in the past we have managed away for a week here or there usually around this time of year. However, I haven't heard of any plans for this year apart from a possible trip to a place called Arran? Dad says anytime he has been to Arran it rained. On one occasion he even lost a tent during a storm and ended up spending the night living in a barn. I always knew he was a bit of an animal!*

*Summer time also means that some young people go off to Holiday Clubs and Camps or the SEC's Glen Almond Youth retreat most of these sadly are not happening this year.*

*However I have heard from my friends at Tyne Valley Parish Churches up around Pathhead that they are putting on an Online Holiday Club for any families that are interested. So check out their Holiday Club Website at:*

*<https://tynevalleyparish.co.uk/holiday-club-1>*

*If you have been to any of our Messy Church activities you may like to check out the Holiday club for a list of fun activities stories and other whacky activities.*

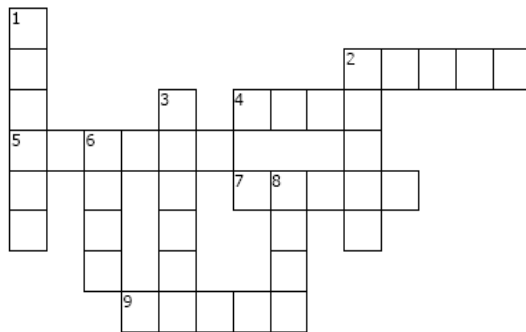
*I do hope that as we are allowed out more and more that some of you might have a little holiday or at least a day trip here or there. Do let me know what you get up to I love to see the photo's and hear your news on our Facebook Group or drop me an email or letter.*

*with love and wiggles from Izzy*

# Biblicianism

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## ACROSS

- Not heavy
- The opposite of go
- A heavy load that you carry
- The place within a person where their feelings or emotions are
- Very tired, especially after working hard for a long time

## DOWN

- Not proud or not believing that you are important
- To get knowledge or skill about a subject
- Calm, kind or soft; not violent
- Stop and relax to regain your strength
- Not difficult

# Film Night

## “the true cost?”

Watch a film with us this Tuesday evening 7th July then join in with a Zoom conversation afterwards. The Film is 'True Cost' about sweatshops in the Third World.

To take part, you will need view the film by 7pm on 07/07/20. or watch the film free on line at any time before visit <https://thoughtmaybe.com/the-true-cost/> Then join in the Zoom Discussion meeting at 8.30pm meeting up with others who have watched the film.

Kathleen Donald says, 'I think this is such a topical subject and so relevant with the antislavery mood of the moment and the reopening of shops'.

Watch out for more information on our Facebook Group or contact the Church Office or Pauline Jones e-mail [pjthomson24@googlemail.com](mailto:pjthomson24@googlemail.com)



## Church Buildings???

All being well we hope to return to using our church buildings again for worship sometime in the coming months and hopefully this will be well before the Christmas rush.

We are currently awaiting the new Provincial Guidelines for opening Churches for worship and have already begun to discuss and plan for how we can safely return to meeting in person again.

Our Birthday wishes this week go to



Vicki Clark on 8th July  
Alison Bruce 9th July  
Fiona Harris 13th July  
Nigel Fyffe 13th July

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

## 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.

## HELP US



litter pick up around St. Leonard's & Dobbies Rd on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>. Meet 10 am at St Leonard's . High vis vests, grabbers and bags will be provided. Please bring your own gloves if you can. We also ask you to sign up for this event to conform with Health and Safety guidelines. So Please let Vicki Clark know on 660 9315 email [vickiaclark@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vickiaclark@yahoo.co.uk) by the 15th July if you would be able to help with this clean up event.



Sunday 5th July

## 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 during this week.*

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### In Commemoration

We continue to hold in our prayers the families of those who grieve and give thanks for the life of Roger Kemp, Iris Toulouse, David Hall, Alice Cathie and Bill Cunningham.

**Bill Cunningham** A service and thanksgiving for the life Bill Cunningham took place on Thursday 2nd July beginning with an act of respect and support to Anne at St Leonard's before leaving to Seafeld Crematorium. Anne and the family were deeply touched by the number of friends and neighbours that came to pay their respects and once more thanks everyone for their support, words of comfort and love at this time.

## The Welcome Jacqui

The Lord be with you  
And also with you

## Hymn

**O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder**

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## Confession Jacqui & Peter

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, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **A Reading from Matthew 11 : 25-30** Anne Mckay

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Matthew 10 beginning at verse 40

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son reveals him too.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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

**Reflection**      **Peter**

**Intercessions for Today**      **Neil Stewart**

## The Peace

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

Hymn

**IT IS A THING MOST WONDERFUL,**  
Almost too wonderful to be,  
That God's own Son should come from heaven  
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true;  
He came to this poor world below,  
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,  
Only because He loved us so.

I cannot tell how He could love  
A child so weak and full of sin;  
His love must be most wonderful,  
If He could die my love to win.

It is most wonderful to know  
His love for me so free and sure;  
But 'tis more wonderful to see  
My love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
And I will love Thee more and more,  
Until I see Thee as Thou art.

Eucharistic Prayer

Peter

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, 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**

**God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace.  
Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ  
and fit us for his eternal kingdom,  
that all the world may call him 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**

## Hymn

### **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

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

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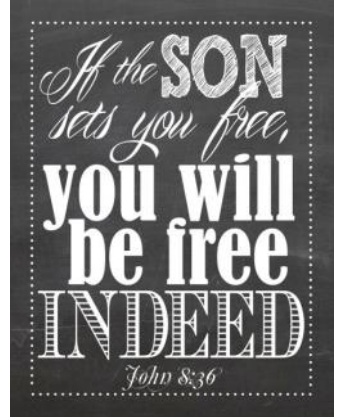
Yes I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God

Yes I am



## Dismissal Jacqui

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**