

ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

Connect



The Parable of the Sower



The weekly news from your church community Sun 12th July



REOPENING OUR BUILDINGS

As we publish this weeks Connect Newsletter we have just heard that the Scottish Government is feeling more confident about moving into Phase 3 of easing us out of our COVID19 Lockdown. This news surprisingly included permission being given for places of worship to begin reopening from Wednesday July 15th. This is good news but does not mean we will be open next Sunday as there is a process and assessment to be undertaken before we can safely open our doors and resume our services. We are now awaiting the Episcopal Churches COVID Advisory Group and the College of Bishops who in response to this new news are issuing updated guidelines regarding what will be expected of us if we do reopen in the coming weeks.

Previously it had been indicated by the Government that the churches would not be allowed to hold collective worship services until late July, although they could be open for private prayer, if this was their tradition. With this understanding we had already begun to tentatively look at how and when we could reopening the church buildings once again. It was agreed that we should look towards early August as a possibility. Again this would only be if it were assessed as being safe do so.

Representatives from both Vestries met recently via an online ZOOM meeting to discuss the way forward. From this both Vestries set up a Site Management group to carry out a Risk Assessment of each building and to think through how the then current guidelines would apply to their respective church building. After a risk assessment has taken place we need to consider our staffing of our worship services as well as our procedures for cleaning the building before we apply to the Bishop for authorisation to open again. Through this process we will gather the evidence need to show the steps we have taken to minimise the risk of spreading any infection and how we keep you and those who are involved in the church services safe.

As well as getting the buildings ready we also need to consider that many of our congregation, our volunteers and Clergy Team are in an at risk category. No one should be forced to return to church or be placed under any pressure to do so. We need to look out for and care for one another.

If and when services do return to our buildings we will of course be looking to continue with at least some form of online service for those who are vulnerable or can't join us at the church building.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON OUR RETURN

As stated earlier we are still awaiting updated guidelines about how we can prepare to open our buildings again. Nevertheless, here are a few points we will need to get used to when the time is right to return to church

Welcome, Wait, Wear, and Wash. Depending on how many people turn up at one time you may need to keep a social distance at the entrance way. Please do wear a face Mask. Welcome each other say hello but no hand shaking, hugs etc. Wash your hands on the way in and on the way out. Wait to be seated by our Sidespersons as if you were waiting at a restaurant to be guided to your seat. Currently every other pew will be vacant so please sit where you are directed too. Family groups can of course sit together but where people are from different households please leave a suitable gap depending on guidelines. To begin with we hope to accommodate around 20 individuals, although we manage more depending on the number of family groups etc sitting together.

Worship Changes. How we worship also needs to be adapted in line with the guidelines at this time. Although we may follow a familiar liturgy there will be no singing. We hope to use music as points of reflection within the service. We will also try and keep to a short reflective style of sermons and sadly for some there will be no physical sharing of the Peace. Although Communion may be permitted we expect this to only be in one kind distributed from the Sanctuary step. This means you will only receive the bread and be directed to come up one pew at a time while keeping a distance between those receiving.

May I underline again that this is all in the planning stage and no dates are fixed although our idea is to work towards August as a feasible month to resume some form of worship in our church buildings.

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 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

St Mary's Anne MacKay 0131 663 5008



Izzy's News

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the new freedoms as our lockdown eases. Dad is looking forward to going out to the beach or visiting family in the west.

I managed a visit down to St Mary's this week and joined in with the Site Management group looking at the possibility of how we could reopen the church for worship.

Although this is a good news you guys need to take care! There are still a lot of vulnerable & at risk people within our congregation. Equally Dad and the Vestry need to take care of the Clergy Team too. All of them are vulnerable in one way or another and that's just my view of the Rector. So each one of you will have to consider if you feel safe enough to return to worship within our buildings and if you are taking on a duty are you happy to do so. We will sadly never be completely risk free but I know everyone is working to do the best that they can to keep us connected as we look forward to opening up and meeting again.



Some good news! You may remember my encounter with a hedgehog in our garden. Well the other night I was out doing my business as you do, and to my surprise Mrs Hedgehog appeared with a little Hoglet. I think I will call the Hoglet "Igl" which I believe is German for Hedgehog. So welcome to the world Igl enjoy the garden.

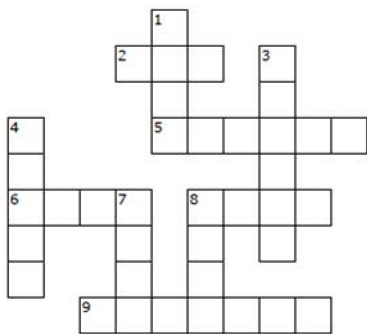
If you have pictures of wildlife that has visited your garden please share these on our Facebook pages or send a copy to me for the Connect Newsletter.

with love and wiggles from Izzy

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PLANTS	SCORCH	FARMER	THORNS	CROP
WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKE	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH



ACROSS

- To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
- Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
- Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
- A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
- Not deep

DOWN

- The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
- A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- Covered with stones
- A way made by or for people walking on the ground
- The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow



Eco Congregation News

Hi everyone,

Just a quick catchup of events.

Thank you to everyone who watched 'True Cost' Film and joined in with the discussion on Facebook or Zoom. You can still find the film online for free to watch and we encourage you to do so. It was a real eye opener for us

about the human and environmental cost of the clothes we wear.

During the Zoom meeting we shared our thoughts and tried to make suggestions as to what we could do to help. We all agreed the film would be ideal for young adults about to begin to make their personal purchase choices as they begin to earn money or receive pocket money. Grace has offered to suggest delivering the film to the Girls Brigade group.

We discussed the High Street stores and brands and were introduced to Rapanui by Pauline's friend Christine from Eco Congregation, Scotland.

Rapanui is an award winning eco-fashion company from the Isle of Wight, that makes organic, ethical clothing using renewable energy with award winning traceability. Rapanui is about making eco-fashion cool. This exciting new brand has already made a substantial contribution to sustainable fashion for both men and women. Definitely worth looking at! Of course once you begin searching for Ethical or Fairtrade Clothing you will find others that might suit you better but go on and consider what you buy. We also agreed campaigning was high in the list of priorities. Although just as another small step to take, we could also try to check labels for the use of **organic cotton** in any future purchases.

The film for me was quite depressing and we all wondered how we could make a difference however, encouraging one another and to keep going is something we have proven we can do. One day, results will be shown.

Looking forward: Don't forget to let Vicki know if you can make the gardening and Litter tidying event at St Leonard's on Saturday 18th July.

(more details on bottom of next page) Hope to see you there.

Margaret McMeekin



Our Birthday wishes this week go to

Fiona Harris on 13th July
Nigel Fyffe on 13th July
Ali Wilson on 19th July
Jean Mellon on 20th July

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Elizabeth Thomson

*Celebrating her 80th year on the 17th July
but looking not a day over 25*

Jerin Mathew

celebrates his 21st on the 19th July

& Congratulations to:

Pat and Bill Elliot

on their Wedding Anniversary (55th) on 17th 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*

May God bless them on their special days and in the days to come

HELP US

litter pick up around St. Leonard's & Dobbies Rd
on Saturday July 18th. 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 by the 15th July if you
would be able to help with this clean up event.



Sunday 12th 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.

We also pray for the family and friends of Maia Wong who tragically passed away recently. She and her family are long term friends of Mitch and Elizabeth. We pray too for the family and friends of Joyce Porteous whose funeral takes place this week.

The Welcome Peter

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of life, words of hope
They give us strength help us cope
In this world where're we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this day
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Confession Peter & Bill

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, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are
restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your
service, and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

A Reading from Matthew 13 v1-9 & v 18-23 Jennie

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds
gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the
people stood on the shore.

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out
to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the
path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places,
where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil
was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and
they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns,
which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil,
where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was
sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone
hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the
evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart.

This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

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

Reflection Mike

Intercessions for Today Val Cameron

The Peace

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

Eucharistic Prayer Bill

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

Living God, May we who worship you in this world and the next,
forever serve you in faith, hope and love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Dismissal Peter

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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