

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

*The weekly news from your church community Sun 16th August 2020*

*By Faith alone ...*



*no matter who we are, no matter what we have done,  
by our faith in our master Jesus Christ we receive  
**Grace, Mercy & Forgiveness**  
at the table of our Lord!*

# A Rector's Muse



*Hello everyone and thank you for all your love and support over these last few months as we have journeyed through this lockdown together.*

*We managed to have a wee break, over the last two weeks. Most of it was spent at home doing a little decorating of Grace's bedroom and re-grouting the shower and even attempting to do some gardening which is not in my skill set. We also managed to catch up with family over in Kilmarnock. My Mum and Dad are both doing well and although they have been shielding (most of the time!) they are glad that lockdown has eased a little so they can have visits from the family especially the grand-kids. They send their love and well wishes to all of you. As a family we are now looking forward to my Nephew Neil's wedding on the Isle of Arran later in September all being well.*

*We also managed a couple of visits up to Dundee. The city holds many memories for us. Dundee is where I studied my first degree in Community Education and more importantly where I met Fiona who had lived their most of her life and it is also where we got married. Now a new connection with Dundee begins as Samuel prepares to begin his Studies at Dundee University and looking forward to being an active community worker in the years to come. Believe it or not we still haven't visited the new V&A but will do one day.*



*While in Dundee we took a little journey up the coast to Broughty Ferry for some delightful Ice Cream and a paddle in the sea. Grace and I with Izzy especially enjoyed a seaside paddle running in and out chasing the waves.*

*Now we are back home and my thoughts begin to turn to the Autumn - Winter Term and wonder what that will look like as we continue to follow the guidelines and adapt to living with COVID19 and our new norm.*

*The Schools have reopened and according to Grace "its ok!" There is a one way system in operation, you have to clean your hands on the way in and on the way out. When you enter your class you are to wipe down your table and chair and when you leave you wipe it down again. There are lines for where the Teachers can stand so they can speak to the class but still be 2 metres away from the front desk. Social distancing for a school built for 1200 pupils now housing 1600 is impossible but they are doing the best they can.*

*So what about the churches. Some churches have managed to begin to reopen for private prayer and others are also now beginning to offer some sort of adapted Sunday service. Like the schools special measures have been put in place for regular handwashing, control of movement, social distancing and the wearing of masks. So we know it is possible in some form to look at reopening the buildings. We also need to assess what staffing levels we have moving forward and how this might impact weekly worship. To limit risk it may be wise to limit the number of services we offer but we will endeavour to continue with an online presence.*

*So as I return to work I will be discussing the current situation with the Clergy Team and Vestry of the churches. I am thankful that the site management groups for each church have already looked at what needs to be done to minimise our risk and John Mellon and Val Cameron have begun to produce the risks assessments that will be needed.*

*I pray you are well and ask you to hold the Vestry and Clergy Team in your prayers as we seek wisdom and direction for the forth coming months.*

*yours with love and prayer Peter*



## NEWS FROM YOUR CONGREGATION

Hi everyone, On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, we as an Eco congregation were all geared up to spend some time in the Community garden across from St Mary's. Some of us were coming along to weed whilst others were looking forward to some church fellowship. Unfortunately on that day the rain poured down from the heavens so the sitting for fellowship was cancelled.

However with Kathleen Donald wearing the proper clothing for our Scottish dreich weather, we managed to do some weeding along the path. We were also encouraged by Noreen and David popping by who gave us an encouraging round of applause.



John Fleming was brilliant at sourcing buckets for the weeds and then taking them over to the composting heaps at the other end of the garden. We lasted an hour but we had made a start. Thankfully the weather changed and we managed to get further along the path.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, I met with Carey, who runs the Community Garden Project. We had a good chat about our next steps on journeying together as an Eco Congregation working within the Community garden.

Covid rules and risk assessments will naturally have to be put in place but as we are volunteers, Carey and Midlothian Council will oversee this process.

It is hoped to nurture an intergenerational group on a **Thursday morning** in the Community Garden. For this volunteers can be kept on gardening or simply have an interest in listening and sharing experiences with quiet, young adults at High school.



These pupils may be in need of a little tender loving care and so our help will be greatly appreciated. Again this will not take place until all checks and legislation are in place however if this is something that you might be interested in and are free on a **Thursday morning** please contact me for further details.



**Don't forget our next litter pick  
on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
2pm until 5pm.**

**Meet at St Mary's,**

Bags and Litter pickers provided but please bring gloves and an old cereal box they are useful for any glass needing uplifted.

Margaret McMeekin



THE CLOUD  
FOREST  
A FILM BY MÓNICA ÁLVAREZ FRANCO

## Eco Congregation Film Club

Watch the film & join the Zoom discussion

**watch now for free at [www.vimeo.com/183843222](http://www.vimeo.com/183843222)**

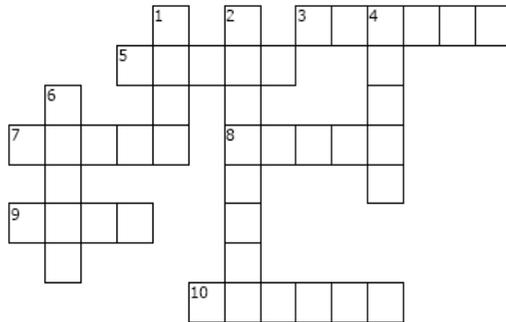
before the discussion on August Tuesday 25th 8.45pm

details of the Zoom meeting will be released next week

# Bible Puzzles Time

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GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT



## ACROSS

- To experience physical or mental pain
- An adult female human being
- The Son of God
- An very large amount of something
- Unable to be found
- Small pieces of bread or cake

## DOWN

- Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
- A female child in relation to her parents
- To have trust or confidence in something or someone
- An evil spirit



**Online Coffee at Mary's**  
10:30 am Saturday Mornings  
bring your own coffee, cake and chat

So If you would like to be part of this Online Zoom Coffee Morning  
and our fun social activities please email Andrew Watt

**andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk**

for details of how to join the Zoom Meeting.

*Andrew hosts this event on behalf of our churches*

## DO REMEMBER TO HELP US



### 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. Love to you all, *Jacqui & the doodles*

## STOREHOUSE NEWS

Collections Resume on Wed 26th at 10.30am  
at the Full Gospel Church

If you have any donations of food please contact the church office and we can pick these up for you if you

# Izzy's News

Hi Everyone,

*I noticed that in the Bible reading for this week we dogs get a mention. You can find the reference in Matthew 15:26-27. Now you will have to tune into the online service to hear what Bill says about this passage but I thought I would give you a little insight from my perspective.*

*Like humans dogs come in all shapes and sizes and with all different types of characteristics. Our behaviour however is generally learned as a result of how we are treated by our master or those around us. We are often loyal and faithful when we are loved and cared for but sometimes we do, do the wrong thing and can get in trouble. However, a loving owner will hopefully forgive us and continue to care for us and occasionally offer us treats. Sadly there are some dogs who don't have good masters and don't know love and feel rejected or scared and end up stealing scraps to survive.*

*Now the story we read in Matthew 15 seems to speak of a faithful loyal dog, knowing that he is loved is waiting patiently, watching the master serve his children. Faithfully, patiently we wait and enjoy the blessings of the crumbs that fall until we too are feed and cared for.*

*In life all of us are called to be faithful and loyal to our master, to keep an eye on him, to be close by and spend time with him for we will never know when an extra blessing may fall upon us because of our faithfulness.*

*Of course you need to know one thing more. I am jealous of you! You are a child of God and not a dog, so you get to sit at the table, you get to be blessed not with crumbs but the enjoyment of being called to take part in the full meal at the masters table. Your master loves you that much he prepares a table before you. So please remember to pass the blessings on.*

*with love and wiggles from Izzy*

*Sunday 16th August 2020*



## *Your Local 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.*



The Scottish  
Episcopal Church

The Provincial Website also offers a weekly service that goes live from 11am each Sunday. You can download the weekly Liturgy to help you follow the service and join in with the responses.

**[www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship)**

## The Welcome Peter

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

### Hymn

AND CAN IT BE that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## 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 broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 15:21-28

Anne McKay

In the region of Tyre and Sidon a Canaanite woman came to Jesus, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.' Jesus did not initially answer her. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' He answered them, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

The woman came and knelt before him saying. 'Lord, help me!' and Jesus replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

**Reflection      Bill**

**Song**      SUCH LOVE, pure as the whitest snow;  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know;  
Such love, paying the debt I owe;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;  
Such love, filling my emptiness;  
Such love, showing me holiness;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;  
Such love, streaming through history;  
Such love, fountain of life to me;  
O Jesus, such love.

**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

**Eternal God,  
may we who have been nourished by your grace and mercy  
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## 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

**THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

**Dismissal Peter**

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



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