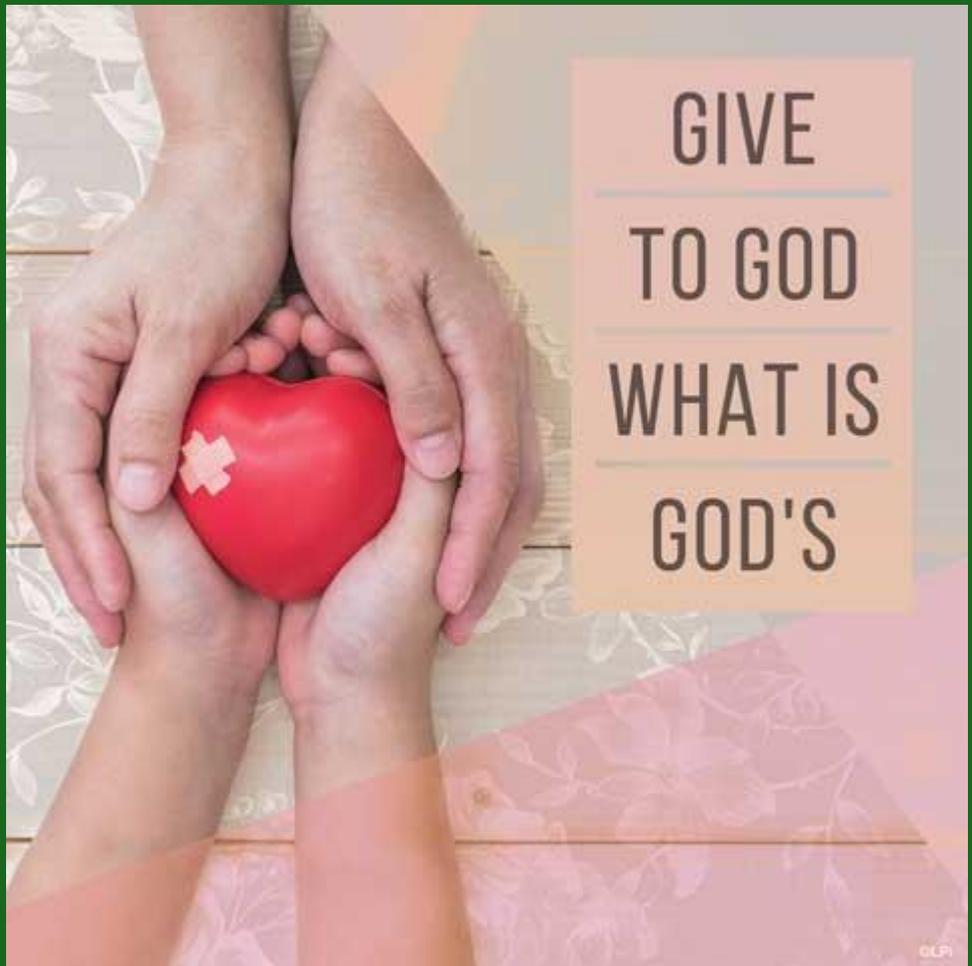


*St Leonard's & St Mary's*

# Connect

*Your weekly newsletter keeping us connected  
as a church family and community*

*Sunday October 18th*



GIVE  
TO GOD  
WHAT IS  
GOD'S

# A Rector's Muse



*It's that time of year again when I have had to fill in my annual tax return and work out whether I have paid too little or too much tax. It is also that time of year when as a church we are asked to fill in our annual returns for the Province and Diocese in which we operate. This includes our finance papers*

*for the past year that we would receive at our AGM, as well as a note on the number of members and various services we have undertaken.*

*Fittingly our Gospel reading for this week takes us to Matthew 22:15-21 and Jesus is asked about paying taxes. His reply is to pay unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to give to God what is God's. As Citizens of heaven we also need to be upstanding citizens of where we live. We are called to uphold the law and pay the taxes that are due. We should also campaign against tax dodgers and companies who seem to be able to make a fortune without giving back into the communities and countries in which they operate. This sadly is a live issue in our country but also in third world countries whose governments could do with these tax funds to help them build a better society for their people. Through supporting the work of Christian Aid or Tearfund we can join our voices together with others to call for trade justice not just fair trade.*

*Over the past few months with our online services we have not used our Offertory prayer as no collection has taken place during the service but I am reminded every time we use that prayer that all that I have comes from God.*

*Let us present our offerings to the Lord.*

*Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in  
heaven and on earth is yours.*

*All things come from you, and of your own we give you.*

*So as well as being good citizens paying our taxes that are due we are called to be citizens of heaven and consider what we should offer to God?*

*Yes there is a financial element to this and all of us should consider at least an annual review of what we give financially to the work of the church. Even*

*though the buildings have been closed there are ongoing expenses and costs and I am aware that the largest of these is my stipend. I am thankful for your giving that supports me and my family and enables and frees me to be your Rector. As we give we should all do so freely and with generous hearts being thankful for God's love and gift of his Son to us.*

*As well as our finances we should also consider the variety of other ways that we can give to the work of the church. Our time and talents are as important as our finances. It may be difficult at this time due to the pandemic, however all of us can and are called to pray. Maybe set aside some time to thank God for the gift of the new day and then ask God to bless those individuals and situations that come to mind as you pray.*

*We can all express that this time of pandemic is frustrating not knowing what may happen next or when we may return to some sort of normality. However for many of us it has also given us more time at home, time that can be used to seek the Lord and also do things that could bless others. As well as praying for people we can send emails or phone friends or church members, we can also use this time to write letters or send cards of encouragement. All of these can be done as an offering to the Lord. Choosing to set aside time for acts of kindness is a positive and encouraging thing to do and this too is a gift from God. Like our finances it is up to you how you use what God has given you.*

*So be encouraged this week there are things that you can do for God. Do pay Caesar or HMRC what is due but also consider a fresh what you can offer to God and the ongoing work of the church and put it into action. In this way we will obey Jesus' call for us to give to God what is God's.*



*with love from Peter*



## Izzy's News

*Dear Friends,*

*I was feeling a bit lonely this week as every time I went into Samuel's room he wasn't there! So I just curled upon on his bed and dreamed of the walks and cuddles we used to have.*

*Mum & Dad say he is settling in ok at Dundee and although there have been a few COVID cases in other halls his block and the other six flat mates he lives with are all ok.*

*Sam has also surprised Dad by using the washing machine and not just once but a couple of times including washing his sheets especially as he has only been in Dundee for three weeks. According to Dad students don't do washing but bag everything up and bring it home. Mum however says that she taught him well and it is good to hear that he is looking after himself. He has a few hours each week where he is in the lecture rooms and then the rest of his lectures are on line. I do nevertheless miss him and look forward to the current restrictions being lifted so we can visit.*

*I hope all of you are coping ok at this difficult time. Dad says I have to remind you that although I might not be able to visit all of you we do have a Pastoral Group and its members would happily give you a call or a chat. You can even meet up for coffee at one of the Caf  s in town.*

*Now there's an idea I bet my Dad hasn't thought about that! If you all went to Dobbies as individuals or couples on the same day and sat at different tables to have a coffee we could all wave and say hi to each other? Surely that would be allowed and then I could come round all the tables and say hello and offer cuddles especially if you all brought me a little treat. Mmmmm that seems like a lovely dream....*

*with licks and barks Izzy*

# Eco News Report



Hi everyone,

If you have been out and about recently around Dalkeith, Lasswade or Newtongrange, especially at the weekends you may have noticed small groups of people tackling overgrown areas of shrubbery, weeding verges and clearing litter.

In Dalkeith, these groups of volunteers are called the Dalkeith Guerrilla Gardeners. Lasswade has its own group too called Lasswade Locals.

These groups are made up of local residents like you and me who are willing to go out in a group or on their own to try and improve their local community. Some do littler picking while others transform areas that have been left to overgrow and turn them into beautiful gardens again.

You may have noticed around Dalkeith that they are even using old bicycles as part of their flower display bringing a fresh splash of colour to our area. Have you spotted any yet. There is one at the Justinlees Roundabout and others in Dalkeith Town.



Our own Steve and Barbara Somerfield have become 'guerrillas', as they have been out together litter picking along Station Road and Main Street in Newtongrange.

On Saturday, they collected 5 bags of rubbish which included 9 disposable masks. An amazing amount for just two people!

It is so encouraging to see more and more volunteers joining in and supporting these local initiatives generating community spirit.

# KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL



Although it is encouraging to see people out and about litter picking there has sadly been a rise in the number of disposable masks being carelessly thrown away.

The dropped disposable masks are a new ecological danger to small animals and birds. As the animals scavenge around looking for food scraps they can become entangled in the mask and end up dying. Even if you do bin these masks please consider cutting them up before putting in the waste bin. Our waste bins normally end up on landfill sites where again animals and birds can reach them.

Keep Scotland Beautiful has sent us information about a survey we can all do which helps us identify what is the litter problem in our local area and suggests ways to tackle it. We will be discussing this survey at our next meeting so that we can aim to become more effective in our litter picking activities. See: <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/> and follow the link to the survey.



## St Leonard's and St Mary's Eco Group Litter Pick

It will not be long now until our next church family litter picking event! We were delighted with our last turnout and hopefully we will be able to see you all again soon, socially distanced and masked up appropriately... and wearing our new hi vis vests! Please put the date in your Diary and come along and enjoy working together.

**Saturday 13th November 1-3 pm at St Leonard's**

More news next week after our next Eco Meeting, until then be safe, reduce, reuse, recycle, and keep tidying up.

Margaret

# Congratulations!

## ***Birthdays***

Anne Millar on 13th October

Pat Elliot on the 21st

Louise Cromie and Julia Davis on the 24th

## **Online Coffee at Mary's**

10:30 am Saturday Mornings

bring your own coffee, cake and chat.

For details of how to join the Zoom

Coffee Morning please contact Andrew Watt

[andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk](mailto:andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk)



## **Scottish History Group**



We are starting a ZOOM HISTORY GROUP to explore Scottish History, comprising a short talk followed by an informal discussion.

We plan to meet monthly on the

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 2.30pm.**

Our next meeting will be held on the

**Monday 9th November**

As a trial we are limiting it to 9 people so if you are interested please contact

**MITCH THOMSON** on 01875 320067

or by email on [mitchonline16@gmail.com](mailto:mitchonline16@gmail.com)

## **STOREHOUSE - HARVEST**

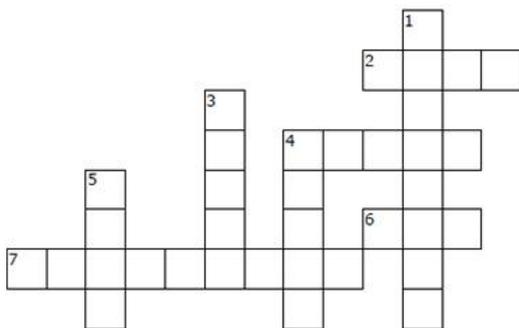
Although we have not had a harvest celebration and collection this year in the church can I ask people to consider making a donation to the ongoing work of Storehouse in appreciation of our harvest and all we have.

Dried foods and tin donations can be dropped off at the Full Gospel Church at 10.30am on a Wednesday Morning or handed in at the Rectory. Additionally we are happy to come and collect if when we are out and about dropping of Jams and Connects. Give thanks, give generously.

# Bible Puzzle Time

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CAESAR	TAXES	AMAZED	REPLIED
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PHARISEES	TEACHER	INTEGRITY	TRUTH



## ACROSS

- A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
- A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
- To give someone money in return for something.
- A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

## DOWN

- A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
- The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
- Money paid to the government.
- A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.



# *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 Following pages include the liturgy for Sunday 11th October  
This service will be on ZOOM, Facebook Live and later on Youtube.



The Provincial Website also offers a weekly service that goes live from 11am each Sunday. You can download the weekly Liturgy :

**[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 Christ be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

## Confession Peter

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love. We love because he loved us first.  
*So 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 and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith,  
that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 22: 15-22 Jennie**

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

The Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied.

Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

When they heard this, they were amazed.

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

## Reflection Jacqui

### Song

**ALL HEAVEN DECLARES** the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,  
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.  
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

### Intercessions for Today *Mike*

#### The Peace

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

### 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 peace,  
you have nourished us with your grace, mercy and love.  
May we who have received these gifts be faithful  
in our hearts and lives, 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

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

# Annual Memorial & Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 1st November at 6pm

Although we cannot gather as we once did to remember those whose lives were part of our lives and continue to be so even though they have died we are still planning to hold a service of memorial and thanksgiving.

This will be broadcast on the churches Facebook and later be available to be viewed on our Youtube channel. If you would like a candle lit in memory of someone then please contact the Church Office to let us know before the end of October. Thank You



## Lyfe Group - a Small Group Study on Zoom

Tuesday 20th October at 8pm

If you would like to take part in this study group please contact the Church Office for the Zoom details of how to join. Although it is a study group it is not academic just friends chatting and exploring a theme. Open to ALL



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