

St Leonard's & St Mary's
Connect

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

Sunday 1st November 2020

All Saints Day





A Rector's Muse

Its been a busy old week or two in the life of our church family. The new groups have all started well. So if you are interested in learning more about Scottish History and sharing with others then I encourage you to speak to Mitch Thomson and sign up for the next meeting.

Likewise our new LYFE GROUP offers us opportunities to get together and fellowship together while exploring and learning about our faith. Again if you are interested do speak to Vicki Clark or Fiona who will help you join in.

Normally at this time of year our Lay Reps and Clergy would have attended the Autumn Diocesan Synod however this year due to the you know what the decision was taken to meet as Area Councils and then for any feedback and votes taken to be feed back to a special Standing Committee. As the oldest (or was it oddest) serving Rector in our area I was called upon to convene this meeting and also ended up being elected to represent our Area Council on the Standing Committee. I usually try and shy away from these appointments as my main focus is to work within the charge of St Leonard's and St Mary's. However I do acknowledge that we also have a role to play in the larger work of the Diocese and the Province. The Province and Diocese are aware of the various difficulties and hardship that COVID is causing as many churches have seen a reduction in their free will offerings. Aware of this our Province has issued a 10% reduction in our Annual Quta payment which although is a positive sign of support it sadly still leaves us with a reduced income compared to previous years. Thankfully both our churches have a healthy reserve however I am aware of other churches that are struggling to make ends meet.

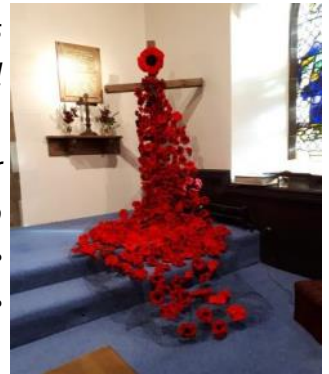
As we go to press I am in the midst of thinking through this years Memorial Service which we will stream on Facebook and Youtube from 6:15pm on Sunday 1st November. Pastorally we continue to hold in our hearts and prayers all who mourn at this time and especially those from within our own congregation. The Memorial Service will be an opportunity for all of us to take



time out and to remember our loved ones whom we love yet see no longer. So I do invite you to watch along with us and hold your loved ones close. If you would like I also invite you to light a candle in your home in their memory.

Looking further ahead I am also aware that the following Sunday , the 8th November will be Remembrance Sunday. On Remembrance Sunday I believe people are being encouraged to stand at their doors at 11am and observe the two minute silence in memory of the fallen. Maybe you could too.

In preparation for this we will bring out our Poppy Falls that were made by members of the congregation and although we will not be in church they will be there. Some people have even been busy making outdoor poppies from old juice bottles and all being well So although we can't hold an in church service do take time to visit the grounds and remember and give thanks for the peace we live in today.



Talking of outdoor displays we have begun to also think about Christmas and what we could do in these unusual times. Of course Christmas is still a few weeks off and rules and regulations will no doubt have changed again but we are hoping and planning to have some sort of outdoor service on Christmas Eve. There is also national move to have all the church bells rung at 6pm on Christmas Eve across the country so we will join in with that and hold a short service at St Mary's making use of their large outdoor space. We are planning to have an outdoor Nativity Scene constructed at both churches which will be produced and painted by members of our church family. Margaret McMeekin and Vicki Clark have offered to co-ordinate the making of the figures so why not ask if you can paint a sheep or a Shepherd or even our Lord in his manger. We are also looking at organising a Christmas Zoom Social for the church family on Friday 18th December. So look out for more details soon. It has been a busy time of meetings and ideas so do pray for the church family that we can indeed continue to be connected and loved during these colder days.

with love from Peter

Izzy's News



Dear Friends,

Do you remember last week when I was talking about Sam? Well to my surprise Mum took a trip up to Dundee with me and I got to meet some of Sam's flatmates. He then filled the car with washing just to keep my Dad happy and came home for a couple of days. Sadly this was allowed because he had a Doctors appointment and need to see the Vampire who took some bloods from him. He is ok its just precautionary as he had some tests before he went and the Doc just wanted to check him over one more time.

I did say that I could get my friend Murphy who is a black lab and ask Honey our cat also to help out and that way Sam would have had a Lab Test and a Cat Scan.

Anyway its been another week of rain, rain go away come again another day and it did sadly. It is also getting darker and colder. I thought that moving the clocks for daylight saving was supposed to give us more time in the sun? I really appreciate having my fur coat and hope that I don't need it cut as it keeps me cosy when out and about.

Talking about the cold please spare a thought for my friends Rosie, Molly and Ted and their owner Jacqui. They were promised that a central heating system would be installed and sadly and frustratingly the firm forgot to put it in their diary. So the hooligans don't yet have the heat that they were dreaming of. Lets pray that it is not too long or too cold before their new pipes are filled with hot water.

Did you hear that there have been some rumblings about Christmas. Yes this years celebrations will not look anything like the last few years but then we have been given a fresh opportunity to show that Christmas is more than just about the food or the party. I hear we might even be getting an outdoor Nativity Scene built and the bells will ring out on Christmas eve. So lots to look out for.

with licks and barks Izzy



Our Global Connections

Hi everyone,

Here we are in another new month and our new theme from Eco Congregation Scotland is to focus on 'Our Global Connections'. This would have been the month when leaders from many countries around the world would have met in Glasgow for COP26 to discuss how best to address climate change and agree a way forward, working together to ensure a fairer world for current and future generations.

As an Eco Congregation, we have begun to focus our actions on how we choose to live our lives considering alternative ways to shop, knowing that what we buy has a direct impact on the lives of other people. We have discussed the food we eat, and now this month we are progressing on to looking at the litter we pick up in our local community and how we can best tackle the problem, using resources from Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Vicki read an interesting article in the Guardian and has amended it for us. I am sure when you read it through you will be able to say, 'I do that already'.

In November 2021, when we turn our attention to the COP26 in Glasgow once again, I wonder what we will then be able to say we do as an Eco Congregation...

WAYS TO REDUCE PLASTIC FOOTPRINT from Vicki

Disappointingly only 9% of the plastic we put in recycling bins is actually recycled, so we need to think of other ways to reduce plastic waste.

Carry a disposable bottle, cup and bag with you when out.

Refuse the lid on take away coffee cups.

Opt for products with less packaging e.g fruit and veg or tea in plastic packets.

Choose products in glass (milk) or cans if there is an option.

Where possible eat in rather than carryout as containers are hard to recycle.

Buy in bulk or concentrate and where possible use own containers.

Use bars of soap/shampoo/shaving wrapped om paper instead of bottles.

Use a razor that requires only replacing the individual blades.

Use a bamboo toothbrush.

Choose frozen or concentrated juice in tubes instead of plastic containers.

Don't buy bottled water.

Buy fewer clothes or shop secondhand. Hang clothes to dry and do not tumble.

When shopping on line, group as many items together as possible and choose slower shipping times to reduce air miles.

Congratulations!

Birthday's *Special birthday blessings to
Elizabeth Jones I believe she is 21 again
Sophie Tebbutt who turns 9*

Anniversary's Ian & Mary McPhail
Andrew & Judy Strong

*do let us know if you or someone you know has a special day coming up and we
can then include them in our newsletter and celebrate with them.*

Online ZOOM 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



Scottish History Group

Our new group plans to meet using ZOOM on
the
2nd Monday of the month at 2.30pm.

Our next meeting will be held on the

Monday 9th November

with a brief look at some of the history of the church in Scotland and the
Scottish Episcopal's place within that history

To join in please contact MITCH THOMSON on 01875 320067
or by email on mitchonline16@gmail.com





STOREHOUSE CHRISTMAS REQUESTS

Thank you for your recent donations and gifts to the work of the Storehouse project and helping us continue to reach out in love.

As we approach the Christmas Season we are beginning to think about our Christmas Parcels that will go out to families in our community who are in need. It is awful to think that in our own community people, sometimes due to no fault of their own have to choose between, food, toiletries or paying for electricity. So be assured your donations do make a difference.

Here are some items you may think about donating to us over the next few months to help families throughout the winter and also celebrate Christmas.

Food Donations

- Selection Boxes for our Christmas Hampers
- Hot Chocolate Powder for mixing with water
- Tomato Ketchup/ Brown Sauces / Mayonnaise
- Tins of Macaroni Cheese, and other ready meals
- Pot Noodles
- Breakfast Cereal — Rice Krispies, Frosties, etc

Non Food Items

- Washing up Liquid
- Laundry Liquid
- Toilet Paper
- Soap, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

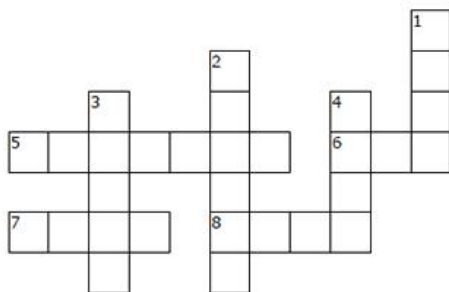
Storehouse donations can be dropped off at
the Full Gospel Church on Dalkeith High Street
on a Wednesday Morning 10 to 10.30am
or call the church office and we can arrange a pick up for you.

THANK YOU

Bible Puzzle Time

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ACROSS

- To keep from being injured or harmed
- To be a single unit, object, or living being
- A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
- To speak to God

DOWN

- To place in the hands of someone
- To receive something
- That which belongs to you
- Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship



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

This service will be on ZOOM, Facebook Live and later on Youtube.



Thanksgiving & Memorial Service

Sunday 1st November at 6.15pm

Join with us on Facebook @stlandm or on Youtube you may like to light a candle at home as we remember our loved ones whom we see no longer.

The Welcome *Jacqui*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn **Before the throne of God above**

I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on His hands,
My name is hidden on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No power can force me to depart.
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect sinless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Lord I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is safe with Christ on high,
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

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.
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 God, you have called us together to be your church,
a communion of saints, sanctified by your love:
grant us grace therefore to live by faith
and to know the inexpressible joy you have prepared for those who
love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

A Reading from Revelation 7.9-17 Martin Johnson

I looked, and there before me was a great multitude of people that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice:

'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'

All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!'

Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?' I answered, 'Sir, you know.'

And he said, 'They are the children of God who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

‘they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd;
he will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Reflection *Peter*

Song **ALL HAIL THE LAMB**, enthroned on high;
His praise shall be our battle cry.
He reigns victorious, forever glorious,
His name is Jesus, He is the Lord.

Intercessions for Today *Neil Stewart*

The Peace

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

Eucharistic Prayer *Peter*

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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

**Lord of the heavenly host, may we with them ever praise you
and be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord, now and for evermore. Amen**

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn **YE 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 ruleth on high, Almighty to save;
And still He is nigh, 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, and infinite love.

Dismissal *Jacqui*

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

Lyfe Group - a Small Group Study on Zoom

Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm

We enjoyed our first meeting of a new study group and invite you to join in with the next meeting. These studies are Open to ALL who want to join with us on Zoom for some Fellowship, learning and fun.

Contact the Church Office or Vicki Clark for more details
of the Zoom Meeting Number

Eco Congregation Litter Pick

**Saturday 14th November
from 1-3 pm meeting at St Leonard's**

Come along and join us as we put love in to action by helping to tidy up our environment and the streets around St Leonard's . All are welcome.



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