

St Leonard's & St Mary's

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

Sunday October 25th



The greatest commandments are these
***"Love the Lord your God,
...&...love your neighbour"***
you are called to put love in to action

A Rector's Muse

If I were to ask you what is your favourite love song I wonder what your answer or answers might be?

Maybe "When I fall in love" by Nat King Cole or "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Brothers or even "God only knows" by the Beach Boys. Or some might go for the Proclaimers "I will walk 500 miles" or "Lets get married" Madness's "It must be Love". Then there is Mark Knopfler's "Romeo and Juliet" or my own favourite is "Lady in Red" by Chris de Burgh. You don't get any points for guessing who my Lady in red is.

There are of course countless more Love songs out there and I guess there have probably been more songs written about love or inspired by love than any other subject. Love after all makes the world go round! With having modern sound systems in our churches I often allow Wedding couples the opportunity to have some of their favourite love songs played during the service. On one occasion I was even asked to play the song "Should I stay or should I go now?" just before the arrival of the Bride. Thankfully the groom decided to stay.

Likewise when we turn to our hymns and songs of praise many of them talk about love, amazing love. Hymns Like Love Divine speak deeply of God's love for us and how that transforming love can, and will, and is changing us from glory into glory. Again I wonder what your favourite hymns and songs might be? There are too many favourites for me to choose from but one simple song that I remember well from childhood is "Jesus loves me, this I know"

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

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Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

The Bible tells us so much about real true love which is amazingly generous and sacrificial. It reminds us that God is love and that God loved us first and therefore when we turn to God we need not fear him but turn and confess our sins and know that although we are weak, he indeed is strong. Strong enough to defeat sin and death, strong enough to forgive and restore us.

Our Gospel reading this week also reminds us that our first calling is to be people of love. In Matthew 22 we find Jesus being questioned and tested by the Temple officials who are trying to trick him and trap him so that they can condemn him as a false prophet. But Jesus wisely answers all their questioning and leaves them amazed at his teaching. So an expert in the law asks "Teacher which is the greatest commandment". It was not just a choice from the Ten Commandments but Israel had hundreds of rules for every occasion. So this top notch lawyer was trying to tie Jesus up in the law and trap him. Nevertheless Jesus cut through to the very heart of all these rules and declared that there were two great acts of love that all of us should hold to. He said:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

So Love indeed makes the world go round. Out of love, God creates, the wonders of universe and places you and me at the heart of his creation. Out of love, God does not reject us but in Christ shows us how much he loves us. And in return calls us to be thankful and love the Lord God and to put God as the highest priority in our lives, our mind, our souls, our hearts.

Secondly out of love, the love of being loved, we are to love one another, our neighbours as ourselves. So the call to you and to the churches of St Leonard's and St Mary's is to put love into action.



with love from Peter



Izzy's News

Dear Friends,

I hope you like the drawing I received from my friend Brooke. I had a lovely holiday staying with Brooke and her sisters Rachel and Joni when the rest of the Harris family were at the wedding on the Isle of

Arran. We had lots of cuddles and fun.

Brooke loves to draw and along with her sisters misses our Messy Church activities so I am hoping Dad and the Messy Team are working on something for Christmas? Euan Kennedy has also enquired about what will be happening with Christingle as its one of his highlights of the season.

Someone tried to tell Dad that Christmas would need to be cancelled as Santa would need to be quarantined and not travel. Thankfully we have found out that Santa is a Key Worker and therefore he and the reindeer will indeed be working this Christmas under new Elf and Safety measures. I heard too that Santa may even be making some appearances at our church. We have asked him to stop by and do some Christmas Stories which will go on Facebook.

There is even a rumour that there might even be a Church Christmas ZOOM Social being organised with a quiz, and stories and other input but sadly no shared meal this year.

But before all that we will be having a special time of Remembrance. We will have our Annual Memorial Service and then there is our National Remembrance Sunday to think about too. You could help get ready for this by placing pictures of poppies or other displays in your windows to show our support and love for those who served and gave their all for our freedom

with licks and barks Izzy

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 short service of memorial and thanksgiving.

This will be broadcast on the churches Facebook and 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



St Leonard's and St Mary's 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.

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
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Congratulations!

Birthday's *on the 24th October birthday blessings to*
Louise Cromie,
Julia Davis
Janina Short

Wedding Anniversary Ian and Mary McPhail on 29th October

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.

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



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



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

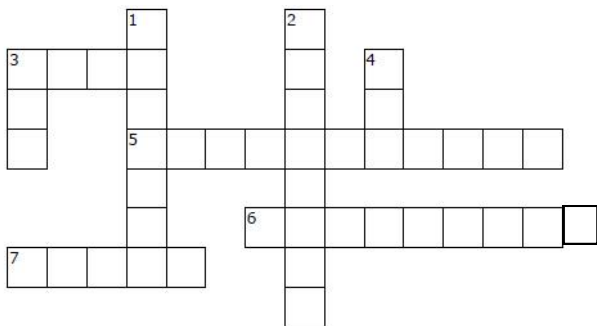
Non Food Items

- 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.

THANKYOU

Bible Puzzle Time



ACROSS

- To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
- A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
- A person who lives near or next to another
- The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings

DOWN

- Someone who educates or trains others
- The most important; better than all others of the same kind
- A system of rules or principles
- The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

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EXPERT	HEART	NEIGHBOR	LOVE
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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.



**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CLOCKS GO BACK
ONE HOUR on Saturday Night / Sunday Morning
24th — 25th October**

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

The Welcome *Elizabeth*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn **Amazing grace** how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below will be forever mine

Confession *Elizabeth / 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

O Lord, in your mercy:
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and love and serve you as we love and serve one another;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

A Reading from Matthew 22: 34-46 *Anne*

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

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied. So he said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet."

If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

Reflection *Mike*

Song

LORD, I COME TO YOU,

Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

*Hold me close, Let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day by the power of Your love.

Intercessions for Today *Vicki Clark*

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 Love, may we heed your Son's call
to love you and to love our neighbour as ourselves
as we seek to serve you and make you known. 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 **BROTHER, Sister let me serve you**

Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

Dismissal *Elizabeth*

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

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2020



This years Shoeboxes or donations need to be with Martin by this Thursday 29th October to allow for sorting and stacking into the delivery crates. Please either drop off your shoebox at the Rectory or contact Martin. Thank You

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