



Chris the
King 

St Leonard's & St Mary's

Connect

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

Sunday 22nd November



A Rector's Muse

This Sunday is known as Christ the King Sunday which is a fitting tribute to the end of our liturgical year when we remember and celebrating that ultimately Jesus Christ is King over all people, nations and all of creation.

As I write Handel's Messiah flits through my mind as I hum "King of Kings, Forever and ever and Lord of Lords forever and ever" and so on.... It is a majestic piece of music inspiring me to hold onto the truth that sin and death have been defeated by our King and that one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.

For now we live within this waiting period of the now and not yet. Yes in the now we believe that Christ is our King and so we sing his praise as our conquering hero but at the same time Christ Jesus is not yet honoured as King in every nation or in every heart and so we wait patiently for that time to come.



If we are truthful about our own lives we will confess that although we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus in our lives there continues to be that on going struggle about who sits on the throne of our lives. Imagine if you will that within each of us there is a throne room and whoever occupies the throne then guides and influences how we live on a day to day basis. Sometimes we choose to be seated there doing as we please, being led astray by a multitude of desires and temptations or even just resisting or ignoring that Jesus Christ should be in full control.

I know that I can find it very easy some days to sing King of Kings, Majesty or any of our other hymns and songs that speak about the rule of Christ in our lives yet living this out in our everyday life can be more difficult.

As Christians, followers of Jesus, citizens of the Kingdom of God, we are called not just to be hobbyists turning to Christ when we have the spare time but to be more like a professional sportsperson daily committed to the cause.

We have to decide daily and every moment we face a choice to be willing to serve the King. Like the athlete we need to spend time in training, learning and improving our performance as we run the race set before us. It can be hard work but this discipline helps us be the disciples that Christ calls us to be.



Even though we may fail from time to time to be the disciples we long to be let us not give up persevering and being steadfast in our ambition to serve the King. Bearing in mind that we are companions of the King and loved by God so much that our king humbled himself and stepped down from the glory of heavens throne room to become one like us and to call us his friends. He then gave of his own life for the life of the citizens of the Kingdom. Not with a crown of gold was he crowned but with a crown of thorns forced upon his head. Nor did his subjects respect or honour him or bow before him. Instead they mocked him and spat upon him and raised him up on a cross and jeered him saying "hail Jesus the King". Yet even amidst all this pain and rejection he cries out for his father to have mercy on us, to forgive even though we are the guilty ones.

One day at the end of time itself we will all stand before the King who died for us. It is my prayer that we would not meet the King as strangers but commit ourselves to know Jesus in our lives today and in the days to come. Advent begins next week the beginning of a new year in the life of our church worship so lets take this opportunity to commit ourselves afresh to serving our King as we await his return and begin to celebrate his birth once again.

Yours with love Peter



Izzy's News

Dear Friends,

You may already know that us dogs pick up a lot of news about what is going on around us by smelling around lampposts and trees.

Well this weeks news that I have sniffed out is that there is a growing sense of hope that at least one vaccine if not two or three vaccines may become available to you humans in the new year. It is a great relief to think that soon some of our most vulnerable in society will be treated first and then hopefully by the end of 2021 most if not all the population will be vaccinated.

As I did my rounds this week dropping off our Connect Newsletter it was clear to see that this seed of good news and hope for the future was beginning to lift peoples spirits. All of us have begun to get very frustrated and fed up of being restricted in what we can and can't do. So keep praying that these vaccines indeed will be successful.

The other news I picked up on is that are outdoor Nativity Figures are looking fabulous. The old set have been repaired and refreshed and the new set have been cut out and painted. They will then be varnished over the next couple of weeks. After that a Stable will be erected at each church to house the Nativity Scene. Please pray that those passing by will be touched by the scene and be drawn to learn more about the gift of love that came to us in Jesus.

It was also great to come along to the Litter Pick event last Saturday and to help sniff out some rubbish for Mum and Dad and the Eco Team. My doggy friend Sashabelle was also there with her owners Ann and Sandiann. Sashabelle tells me that Ben will be leaving Alaska soon and although he will have to isolate for a week or two they are looking forward to the family being together.

Do let me know if you have any news to share?

with licks and barks Izzy



Another Successful Litter Pick



Love in action... these are the words that can be found on our new church logo and on our Hi-vis Vests that we have started to use as we go out to work in the community around the churches. I pray that we may all continue to grow in love for one another and our community, find joy in our hearts to accept one another's differences and peace to journey together, strengthened by the spirit of God as He works through us all.



We had a very successful and enjoyable Litter Pick last Saturday at Lasswade High School Centre and our thanks and appreciation go to everyone who came along and helped out. We collected over twenty black bags of rubbish, a broken traffic cone and a Purple Bricks For Sale sign. We also undertook a survey of the area on behalf of the "Keep Scotland Beautiful" Campaign. We will also be sending a letter to the School inviting them to engage with this campaign and hopefully encourage the pupils to care for their own environment and the community in which they live and study.

Look out for news about our Next Eco Film challenging us to think about alternative power? *(more information over the page....)*

Margaret x



ECO CONGREGATION FILM NIGHT

Weds 25th November.

Catching the Sun - An unemployed American worker, a Tea Party activist, and a Chinese solar entrepreneur race to lead the clean energy future. But who wins and who loses the battle for power in the 21st century?

The Film is free to watch at:

www.documentarymania.com/player.php?title=Catching%20the%20Sun

Watch the Film in the days leading up to Wednesday 25th November then join with us on ZOOM at 7.30pm to join in with a discussion about the Film.

Contact Pauline Jones or the Church Office for more details.

Annual General Meeting of St Mary's Dalkeith Monday 14th December at 7pm

We invite all members of St Mary's to join with us for our Annual General Meeting. This meeting will take place on ZOOM both by Video call and Telephone call. Papers for the meeting will be available soon. We are in the process of looking to appoint a new Vestry Secretary and also to appoint new members to the Vestry. So please consider how you can support the work of the church at this time and please do hold this meeting in your prayers as we prepare to meet.

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





Santa Activity Pack

We have been missing Messy Church and want to invite all our Messy Families to have a special Santa Activity Pack.

You can pick up a pack from

St Mary's on Saturday 28th November from 2pm to 3pm

Or email the Church Office and we will try and deliver one to you.



Story time with Santa

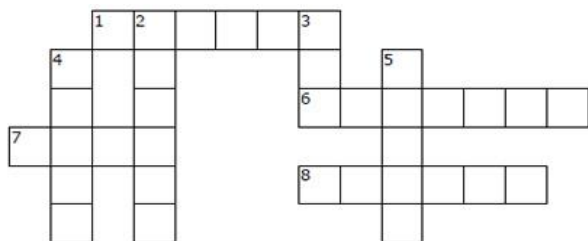
Join us on our Facebook or our Youtube Channel to hear some festive stories from Santa. Each day from the 20th to 24th December we will release a short Story for you to enjoy with your family as Santa reminds us of the greatest story on earth. A story filled with love and hope for all.

CHRISTMAS EVE at the Nativity Scene

If your passing St Leonard's and St Mary's look out for our new Nativity Scene that will be erected outside the church. Then join us for short outdoor Christmas Eve Service. St Leonard's at 4pm and St Mary's at 6pm.



Bible Puzzle Time



ACROSS

1. A special chair used by a king or queen
6. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
7. A man who rules a country
8. A place where people are kept as a punishment

DOWN

2. To feel a desire or need for food
3. To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it
4. To take in and swallow liquid through the mouth
5. To go to spend time with someone

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Weekly Worship Online

Sunday @ 10am with Eucharist Celebration

Wednesday @ 10am Informal Worship

Join us on ZOOM for Worship and Fellowship

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203 at 10am

Or watch our Facebook group at

"St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"

Or phone in



Telephone Worship Service

join in with your church family by dialling into worship

(0131) 460 1196

Aware that some people in our congregations do not have access to a smart phone or computer, or are not comfortable using Facebook or Zoom we have decided to try a Dial in Service. By dialling a **local rate number** you will be able to listen to the weekly worship services both on a Sunday and a Wednesday and be able to speak and contribute to a time of fellowship with other church members after the service. We invite you to give it a try:

Step 1: At 9.55am just before the Worship Starts dial 460 1196

Step 2: You will be asked for a Meeting ID

type in 656 157 5203

Step 3: then press the # key

Step 4: There is no additional Password

so press the # key again

you will then be connected to the Service

*Please note that depending on your Phone Contract
you may be charged for using this service at a local rate call.*

The Welcome *Mike*

Lift up your heads, you gates;
 lift them up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—
 he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24

Hymn

AT THE NAME OF JESUS every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Confession *Mike / Jacqui*

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

Eternal Father, whose son Jesus Christ ascended to his heavenly throne that he might rule over all things as King of Kings and Lord of Lords; Keep your people in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace until the whole created order worships at his feet. Amen

A Reading from Matthew 25:31-46 Sandiann Devaney

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Reflection *Val Cameron*

Song **O THE VALLEYS SHALL RING**

With the sound of praise,
And the lion shall lie with the lamb.
Of His government there shall be no end,
And His glory shall fill the earth.

May Your will be done,
May Your kingdom come,
Let it rule, let it reign in our lives.
There's a shout in the camp as we answer the call,
Hail the King, Hail the Lord of lords!

Intercessions for Today *Anne MacKay*

The Peace

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

Eucharistic Prayer *Jacqui*

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

WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL,

At whose feet the shepherds fall?

'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!

'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!

At His feet we humbly fall.

Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!

Who is He to whom they bring

All the sick and sorrowing?

Who is He on yonder tree

Dies in pain and agony?

Dismissal *Mike*

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

STOREHOUSE CHRISTMAS REQUESTS



Here are some items you may think about donating to the Storehouse Food Bank.

Thank You for your on going support

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



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