

St Leonard's & St Mary's

Connect

Sunday 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday



A Rector's Muse



We pause and remember this week as it is right to do so as we remember the cost and horror of war. As well as giving thanks for all those who gave of their lives in the service of their country from our armed forces we also remember the many other organisations and civilians who also gave or lost their lives during these times.

I pray that this time of national remembrance would remind us all to continue to stand guard against evil in all its various disguises. That we would commit ourselves afresh to work for peace and justice. We may not fight physically but the moral, ethical and spiritual fight needs to go on to seek a fairer world for the marginalised, the poor, the forgotten and abused. Our conscious choices play our part to make a difference however small.

After the devastation of World War 1 humanity endeavoured and pledged to build a better world. The words Never Again! rang out and although sadly there have still been many conflicts around the world, that call to make life better for all humanity still needs to be heard and repeated for today's generation. We are to remember and in remembering be moved to action, and works of peace. Too often we hear of people wanting to build walls of division, a "them and us" mentality rather than seeking how we might work together for the good of all humanity. These are high ideals but why not aim high. I know it is not an easy task but I believe if we would work for unity and peace life at a local level as well as at a national and international level can be changed.

A high ideal but it starts with each one of us acknowledging that we are not perfect but being willing to change and to work together to make a better neighbourhood, community, society and world. The critics may say I am dreaming and there may be times when we feel small and powerless in this task, however, Jesus taught us that even the smallest seed sown in faith can make a difference.

I am always amazed at the power of nature. A small insignificant seed can fall upon the hardness of a concrete path and somehow finds a crack, a crevice, a place within the hardness and begin to grow.



In time that small seed can produce other seeds and slowly begin to break up the hardness of the pathway. A transformation begins and the once barren place can become a place of life breaking out of the hard past.

Yes it may take time but that one little seed begins the task or change. Nevertheless what will grow depends on what is sown. Seeds of faith, hope and love? Seeds of peace and acts of kindness or seeds of weeds and thorns of anger, hatred, greed and division? The choice is yours and mine.

After all what use is there in remembering if it does not move us to change and to action. I pray, that, that action will be to commit ourselves afresh to be people of the Spirit of God. Bearing his fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness as well as patience and perseverance. All are needed especially at this time patience and perseverance in the midst of the hardness of the concrete and set ways that exist around us. These need to be challenged and transformed with love and desire for good to be done.

So we remember that for our tomorrow many gave of their day, gave up their lives so that we could have the better life. Jesus said "I have come that they may have life and life in all its fullness." He came and gave his life that we too would have a better tomorrow.

with love from Peter



Izzy's News

Dear Friends,

I hope you like my new look as I wear these two new poppies. I have the traditional red poppy as a sign of remembrance for all the human cost of war but also wear a purple poppy to remember the animals that have served and lost their lives in that service.

The purple poppy is a symbol of remembrance adopted in the United Kingdom for animals that served during wartime. Today most animals in United Kingdom military service are military working dogs, particularly in the 1st Military Working Dog Regiment. Historically though there have been a wide range of animals used in the service of their country.



Sadly the greatest number of animal casualties in conflict have been horses and ponies. You may have read or seen War Horse and the story of one remarkable horse and his life in the battlefields of World War 1.

Most animals if treated well are faithful and loyal companions throughout their lives. We can be fun to be around, cuddle up and comfort when needed and also be on guard to help when called upon. Although I am not too sure about cats! I know us dogs will always stand by our owners in their time of need faithful and loyal. I hope you too are faithful and loyal to our Lord and master Jesus.

with licks and barks Izzy



Eco Congregational Gathering

(All socially distanced of course)

Litter picking at St Leonard's.

Saturday 14th November 1 -3pm

As I type this up, we may find ourselves unable to meet even at a distance, however in case we are still able to carry on with our planned event, here are the joining instructions as allowed in Protection Level 3

- **Meeting in the church grounds will need to be discouraged.**
- **Vicki will leave the litter pickers, vests, and bags near the church door along with the designated areas to be picked. Come into the church garden by yourself.**
- **Please pick in twos for safety but socially distanced as much as possible.**
- **Leave bags, pickers and vests near church door and Vicki will dispose.**
- **Wear a mask, bring gloves.**

Pauline and Vicki have been out this week to examine the area from St Leonard's to the High school so that we target areas needing attention. They have also been looking at the "Keep Scotland Beautiful" Survey which is analyzing exactly what the litter scene is in Scotland. Pauline and Vicki will have measured out an 100m area to do the survey in on Saturday. So, this is our congregation taking part in and supporting the National survey. We will keep you posted of the findings.

Our past two litter picking events created opportunities for us to come together outside as one church family. If you feel you can safely take part, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday 14th November at 1pm.

Hope to see you there!
Margaret

Congratulations!

Birthday's *Alan Keiller 9th Nov*
David Reid 10th Nov
John Mellon 11th Nov
Jacqui (small d) du Rocher 15th Nov

Anniversary's Barbara and Steve Somerfield celebrated their anniversary last week with fireworks

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

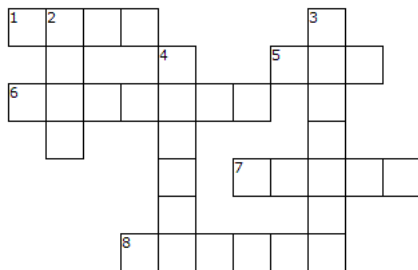
Non Food Items

- 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.

THANKYOU

Bible Puzzle Time



ACROSS

- To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
- A state of happiness or delight
- Someone that performs duties for a master
- To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
- A person that you like very much

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- To do what you are told; follow the rules
- An order which a person is expected to obey
- One who has authority over another person

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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

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

The Welcome Peter

The Lord be with you
and also with you

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
where does my help come from?
**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 121.1-2)

An act of Remembrance

We take time to remember
those who through many conflicts past and present
offered up their lives in the service of their country

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.
We will remember them.**

Silence is kept

As the names of those on our memorial boards are displayed

Prayer

Living God; we remember
those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all people
and establish peace among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn **Thy kingdom come, O God,** thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease, as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise, and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes, which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name, and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame we learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star, arise, and never set!

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.
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.*

A Reading from John 15:9-17 Alison Bruce

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to St John
Glory to Christ our Saviour

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

This is my command: Love each other.

Reflection *Bill*

Song **Peace, perfect peace,** is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know My friends.
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope ...

Joy, perfect joy ...

Intercessions for Today *Vicki Clark*

The Peace

May the Peace of the Lord
be with the nations of the world
and also with you today and in the days to come
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer *Bill*

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*

Blessing

God grant to the living grace, and to the departed rest,
to the Church, and all the nations and people of the world,
unity, peace and concord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn **LORD, FOR THE YEARS** Your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt You,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

The Dismissal:

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

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



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