

St Leonard's & St Mary's
Connect

Sunday 15th November 2020

A painting of a single tree in a field under a cloudy sky. The tree is on the right side of the frame, and the field is in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

GOD
IS FAITHFUL

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ARE YOU?



A Rector's Muse

No doubt there will be some who will say that it is too early to be talking about Christmas but as Rector of the churches one of my tasks is to look ahead and to help guide and steer our church family through what lies ahead. I am ably assisted in this task by the Clergy Team of Jacqui, Elizabeth, Jennie, Bill and Mike as well as the Vestries. So this week I want to talk a little about the future which is always unknown to some degree but also to highlight the markers or waypoints we will be passing as we continue to journey onward as the people of God from St Leonard's and St Mary's.

The season of Advent and Christmas are on the horizon and we are consider how we may mark these special times in the life of the church. During Advent we would love for you to get involved in an Advent Star Activity. We invite you to place a star or stars in a prominent window of your house and each week of Advent to add additional stars. Stars are amazing as they shine out throughout the darkness and remind us to be amazing people who are called to share our light of love, joy hope and peace.

As we approach Christmas there are a number of activities being planned for all of us to enjoy. Right now the Christmas Elves or volunteers from both churches are busy planning, painting and hopefully erecting an outdoor Nativity Scene at each of our Churches. We pray that those who pass by them may stop and consider the story and message at the heart of Christmas. We are also investigating and planning to see if we can hold a couple of alternative open air Christmas Eve events around the Nativity Scenes.

On December 18th we are also planning to have a Christmas Social Evening and invite you to come and join us on Zoom (or phone in). We hope to have Christmas themed Music, Song and Verse as well as time to chat together or be challenged by the Christmas Quiz . So keep that date clear and look out for more information on these events in the coming weeks.

Various other activities of the church continue and my thanks go to all involved in offering this variety of activities. A special thanks also to our Pastoral Group for the work they do at this time. The Pastoral Phone calls have been appreciated by many people and continue to give us a key connection with many of our members throughout the month. Do remember that if you would like a chat or pastoral phone call then please do let us know. The saying "Its good to talk" has an element of truth within it so if you would like to chat with one of our Pastoral Callers please do get in touch.

As a church we also need to consider our Annual General Meetings for this year. Thankfully the Scottish Office governing Charities has given allowances in this unusual year for our AGM's to be postponed if needed and to take place on-line rather than in person. St Mary's AGM will therefore be taking place on Monday 14th December while St Leonard's are waiting until the new year to make a decision on the date . This year as well as inviting recommendations for new Vestry members at both churches we are also on the look out for key individuals to consider taking on the task of Secretary to the Vestry at St Mary's. At St Leonard's we would also like to appoint an assistant Secretary and Treasurer to work alongside John and Tom preparing the way for them to retire from these positions. It is always good to review how we are doing as a church as well as looking at where and what we should consider for the future. So I ask you to give thanks for those who serve on the Vestries and to seek God's blessing at this time of transition in the life of the church.

Looking further ahead we are also preparing to have a Celebration of Ministry on Sunday 17th January. At that service Bishop John will formally license Jacqui as our new Assistant Priest and celebrate the life of the Churches and the Ministry Team honouring the work of Elizabeth, Jennie, Mike and Bill as we pledge to work together afresh as the Priests of your church.

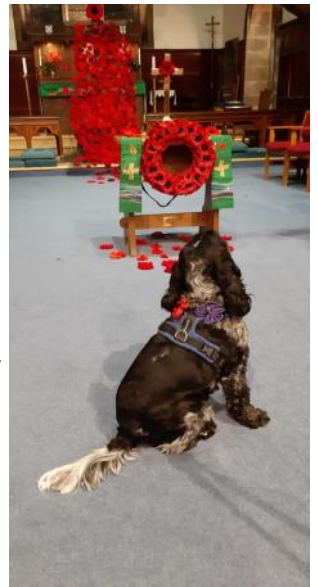
Again may I ask you to seek the Lord in prayer at this time offering up all that is planned in the coming weeks and months into his hands and ask him to renew us and refresh us a church as we journey onward together.

with love from Peter

Izzy's News

Dear Friends,

I took time this week to remember and I hope you did too. Although the annual service from the Albert Hall was wonderful and poignant it was sad that we couldn't gather at our local memorials. However, the displays of poppies at both churches was very much a talking point this past week. There is now talk about next year and thoughts about possibly having a field of poppies at St Mary's.



I want to thank everyone who appreciated the Remembrance Sunday Service. I of course personally made sure I was present and did a good job of supervising at both churches to make sure the Poppy falls were looking good.



I was also introduced to some odd looking characters and their friends! Dad says that once they are all spruced up they will become regular attenders at our churches especially on the lead up to Christmas. Kings, Shepherds and a couple who are supposedly having a baby are moving into the church for Christmas? I think my Dad is losing his marbles! What next!!!

Knowing Dad he has probably got Santa to come and do some stories for the Children on the run up to Christmas.

I am also looking forward to more supervisory duties in the coming day and I hope to see you at the Litter Pick this Saturday afternoon up at St Leonard's. I hope they have a Hi-vis vest that will fit me?

with licks and barks Izzy



Remember the buzz of attending a conference, the stalls, the crowds, the conversations, inspiring speakers, and the coffees! As mentioned last week this weekend would have been the COP26 conference in Glasgow and although postponed until 2021, the organizers have provided a free online festival:

From The Ground Up: Global Gathering for Climate Justice, held over five days, from Thursday 12th to Monday 16th November, will provide a space for climate justice movements across the world to "come together, strategise, and build power for system change". Over 4,000 people have registered, but there is still space for more to attend. You can find the full programme online with details of 53 events, including Zoom meetings links, translation, and accessibility information.

If anyone attends, please let us know and maybe report back anything that we as a church can relate to and possibly put into action?

Meanwhile, 'From the Ground Up', here in Bonnyrigg we are going to be litter picking this weekend. Just a small but appropriate action for us to be doing on the Saturday afternoon of the COP online climate festival!

Looking forward to seeing you socially distanced of course at St Leonards from 1pm until 3pm. Hope you can make it even if only for a short time.

Margaret

Congratulations!

Birthdays *Jacqui (small d) du Rocher 15th Nov*

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.



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, Pot Noodles
Breakfast Cereal — Rice Krispies, Frosties, etc

Non Food Items

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

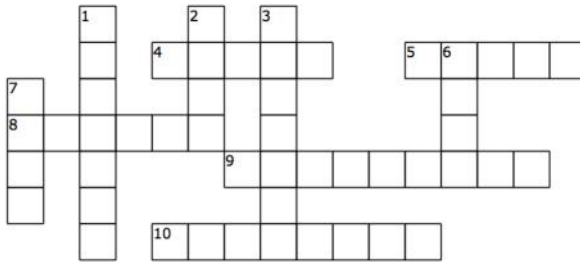
Storehouse donations can be dropped off at
the Full Gospel Church on Dalkeith High Street
on a Wednesday Morning 10 to 10.30am
or call the church office and we can arrange a pick up for you.

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



Bible Puzzle Time



ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
5. To divide or use something with others
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

W O R T H L E S S T R E S N R
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TALENT
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 ENTRUSTED



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

Step2: 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



Your 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.



Are You a good and faithful servant?

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

We lift up our eyes to the mountains
and ask where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
For he has promised to be with us
and to journey with us all the days of our lives**

Hymn **Speak, O Lord, as we come to You**
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Confession *Peter / Jennie*

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 Matthew 25:14-30 Anne MacKay

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

The Kingdom of Heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more." 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."

'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came.

"Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 'Take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Reflection *Jacqui*

Song **THERE IS A REDEEMER**, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Intercessions for Today *Val Cameron*

The Peace

May our generous God who bless us with good things
surround us with his peace and mercy.
May the peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer *Jennie*

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, and offered you thanks,
He 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

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

WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE? Who will serve the King?

Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go?
By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are Thine.

Jesus, Thou hast bought us not with gold or gem,
But with Thine own life-blood, for Thy diadem.
With Thy blessing filling each who comes to Thee
Thou hast made us willing, thou hast made us free.
By Thy grand redemption, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are Thine.

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army none can overthrow;
Round His standard ranging victory is secure;
For His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are Thine.

Chosen to be soldiers in an alien land,
Chosen, called, and faithful, for our Captain's band;
In the service royal let us not grow cold,
Let us be right loyal, Noble, true, and bold.
Master, Thou wilt keep us, by Thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side, Saviour, always Thine.

The Dismissal:

Many a blessing and many a gift we have been given
let us go in peace to be faithful servant of the kingdom
as we love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ Amen

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