

Connect

Sunday 17th January 2021

The Weekly Newsletter of St Leonard's and St Mary's



Rejoice with us this
Sunday at 10am
as Bishop John joins
with us for worship and
to formally licence
Rev Jacqui du Rocher
as our new
Assistant Priest
and gives thanks
for our Clergy Team.

A Verse for this new year

1st Peter 1 verse 3

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth
into a **living hope**
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Congratulations!

Happy Birthday

to all those who celebrated a birthday at this time

Andrew Watt, Annette Keiler, Mitch Thompson & Catherine McEwan

May the Lord bless them and keep them well

Do let us know if someone you know has a special day coming up

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 8th February

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 26th January 8pm

We invite you to join in with our On-line Home Group, a chance to fellowship, discuss and learn about our faith with others from the church family. Contact Vicki Clark or Fiona Harris for joining details..

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





Rectors Muse

It has been a privilege and a challenge to have journeyed with Jacqui du Rocher over these past few years and now as she has completed her curacy it is time for her to move onward. However, we are delighted that as she moves on to this new stage in her life and ministry she joins us not as the student but as an Assistant Priest, coming to work alongside Jennie, Elizabeth, Mike and Bill and myself as your Clergy Team. No doubt the learning for her and for all of us will nevertheless continue. So please do continue to hold Jacqui and the Team in your prayers.

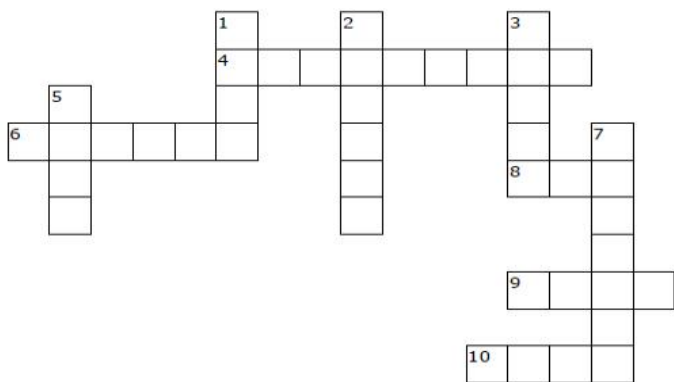
All of us however are called to love and serve the Lord. Our church should never be a one man or woman show but be a living body, a living hope encouraging and helping each other to grow in faith and in our discipleship as students, followers of Jesus. Even before joining us at St Leonard's & St Mary's Jacqui had a desire to serve her Lord. For a time she worked as Nurse in Roslin and later became a Hospital Chaplin working for the local Catholic Diocese. Her journey at times has not always been an easy one but with faith and perseverance she has continued to trust her Lord on the journey.

So how about you? In our reading for this Sunday we hear of Jesus calling his first disciples to come and follow. Nathaniel was sitting under a tree, and although he didn't seem to have a good word to say about Nazareth he soon realised that Jesus was calling him to follow this Carpenter of Nazareth.

Jesus said that even before they met he had seen Nathaniel under the tree. Jesus sees us where we are, and if we are willing to listen, he calls to us also to come and follow. To come and be a disciple, to come and learn from him and put what we have learned into action. Who knows where this next step will lead you but if you trust in God and step out in faith like Jacqui, God promises to be with you. All of us are on the journey of faith. Ask the question are you growing as a disciple, learning more about Jesus and putting your faith into action. The call to follow, to be a student of Jesus is not just Nathaniel's, or Jacqui's but is for all of us wherever we are from.

With love from Peter & Fiona

Bible Puzzle Time



ACROSS

- A friend of Philip
- To come after
- To observe something with your eyes
- A large woody plant with a trunk, limbs, and leaves
- To move toward something

DOWN

- To recognize someone; to be familiar with someone
- A man that Jesus called to be a disciple
- The Son of God
- The opposite of bad
- To accept something as true

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TREE	PETER	COME	CALLED	NATHANAEL
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PHILIP	RABBI	FOLLOW	JESUS	ISRAEL



Izzy's News

LET ME IN! - Its Snowing again!!!

It has been snowing again, and some one says I need to look out for some beast from the East. But this snow keeps coming and going. That's no good for me or you for it then melts into puddles and freezes over creating an ice rink covered again in fresh snow especially right at our front driveway.

Have you ever seen a dog trying to run over an ice rink! Its not nice and my sympathy goes out to all those who have skidded and fallen over in the last week or so. I pray your bumps and bruises heal soon.

Can you believe it! just as more and more people are receiving their vaccination the appointment for my own injections and health check-up was cancelled. Supposedly due to the new restrictions? I wonder if the Vets have been drafted in to help out with administering the COVID vaccine. Just be careful in case any of them want to take your temperature as you will soon find out which one is a Vet and which one is a Doctor.

I do enjoy going around with Dad on his Tuesday toddle as he drops of our Connect Newsletter and keeps in touch with all those who are not able to join us for all the online stuff. Although its been hard for many people I was delighted to sniff out some good news this week. On our visit to Judy Jessiman's we found her beaming with delight and bursting to share her news. Her daughter Michelle and husband Jamie announced to her on Christmas day that Michelle is pregnant. For a good number of years Judy wondered if she would ever become a Grandmother and now she is counting the days until June with expectation. So Congratulations and let us all pray for Michelle and the child within.

with licks and barks from Izzy



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**

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

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

Sunday 17th January Second Sunday after Epiphany

A celebration of Ministry and the Licensing of Jacqui du Rocher as Assistant Priest in the charge of St Leonard's and St Mary's

Gathering *Peter calls us to worship and introduces Bishop John and outlines any notices required to guide us through the service.*

Welcome *Bishop John*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn

IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND

He is my light, my strength, my song

This Cornerstone, this solid ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All

Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh

Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness

Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Till on that cross as Jesus died

The love of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Prayer of Confession - *introduced by Elizabeth*

Declaring that God is love and we are his children
we confess our sins in penitence and faith

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love.**

**We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Absolution - *Bishop John*

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

Collect We pray together

**Almighty God,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known,
worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Gospel Reading John 1 v 43-51 - read by Jennie

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

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Come follow me.'

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip then found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote, he is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked.

'Come and see,' said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.'

Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'

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

Sermon - *Bishop John*

Prayers for Today *Led by Val Cameron*

Hymn

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Affirmation of the Rev Jacqui du Rocher as Assistant Priest

The Presentation

The Rector, and Wardens, present Jacqui to the Bishop saying:

Right Reverend Father in God,
we present to you Jacqui,
who has been called to serve as Assistant Priest in our congregations.
We believe her to be worthy to serve God
and God's people in this office.
We ask you, as Bishop of Edinburgh,
to license Jacqui as Assistant Priest
within this charge of St Leonard's and St Mary's.

Bishop:

Let us offer our prayers to God for all God's people,
for this congregation, the Clergy Team and for Jacqui
now called as Assistant Priest.

Ever living God, strengthen and sustain those whom you have chosen
that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your
people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering
to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Licensing

Bishop:

The Church is the People of God,
the Body of Christ and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit.
It is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
In baptism every disciple is called to ministry
according to the gifts of the Spirit.

Some by ordination are given particular tasks,
sharing the ministry of their Bishop.

They serve and sustain the community of the faithful through the ministry of word and sacrament and show an example of obedience to the way of Christ in works of love.

This is the work for which Jacqui has been chosen. In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I call you, Jacqui, to serve as Assistant Priest within these congregations. Do you accept this call?

Jacqui: I do.

The Bishop presents the Licence to the new Assistant Priest and says:

Jacqui, receive authority to exercise the ministry that is both mine and yours.

God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift
- a gift that none can take away.
Grant that we, your servants,
may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
Fill us with the joy of your presence.
Increase in us the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and the understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come Creator Spirit,
rekindle in Jacqui your gifts of grace,
to love and serve as a disciple of Christ.
Renew her life in Christ
and bring to completion
all that your calling has begun. Amen.

The Rector says:

Jacqui, accept with joy the service of God as Assistant Priest within the congregations of St Leonard's and St Mary's .
Preach the living word of God,
administer the Sacraments of eternal life,
guard and strengthen the flock in this charge
and may the blessing of God Almighty
be upon you and with all whom we share this ministry with.
Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Ministry Team

Bishop

From the rising of the sun and to the going down of the same
The Lord's name is to be praised.

Let us therefore give praise to God for all who minister and work within the congregations of St Leonard's and St Mary's for those who have faithfully worked as Priests within this charge. For Peter, Jennie, Elizabeth, Mike and Bill and commit ourselves to pray for them as they continue to minister and welcome Jacqui into the Team

Peter, Jennie, Elizabeth, Mike and Bill
By your words and in your life preach the gospel.
Give time for yourself, your family and friends.
Love and serve Christ's people.
Nourish them by word and sacrament
and strengthen them to glorify God
in this life and in the life to come.
Amen

The Peace - *Bishop*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer V

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 Father
in every place and at all times.

You made us, all the people of the world
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.

Your Word lights up our minds.

Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us

so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,

but already we laugh with the saints and angels and sing their song:

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.

Father you never forget us or turn away from us
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick,

cared for those who were poor

and cried with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

For on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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.'

**So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose again
to live now in us.
Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this wine;
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company
to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

The living bread is broken
for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer - The Assistant Priest Jacqui

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

As Bishop John takes communion on our behalf we pray

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

*God of mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Saviour,
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine this day,
May we know the presence of Holy Spirits kindling in us the fire of
love, the forgiveness of sins, and life eternal. Amen*

**Bishop Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.**

Prayer after Communion *Bishop*

God of glory, fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us your light may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Blessing *Bishop*

Christ the Son of God
gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Hymn **I THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY** I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them – they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them – My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Dismissal *Jacqui*

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



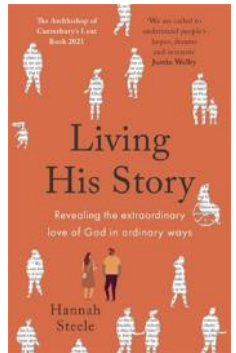
Key dates and ideas for Lent and Easter 2021

Feb 17th	Ash Wednesday - Marks the beginning of Lent 2021
Feb 21st	First Sunday of Lent
March 14th	Mothering Sunday
March 23rd	COVID Memorial Day
March 28th	Palm Sunday
Holy Week	
4th April	Easter Sunday

Lent Study - Living His Story

How can we convey the love of God to our neighbours in a post-Christian world that has largely forgotten the gospel of Jesus Christ? Living His Story, is a devotional book that explores evangelism as a way of sharing God's love with people. Set out in six sessions to take you through Lent, each chapter of the 2021 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book can be used as a single study for individuals or small groups to use as we prepare for our Easter Celebrations.

Do let us know if you would like a copy ordered for you.



Easter Garden and Stations of the Cross

We are currently looking at how we can use the grounds of the churches over Lent and Eastertide. Many people enjoyed our outdoor Nativity scenes and so in a similar way we are looking at how we might create an Easter Garden Scene, Cross, Tomb, etc.

We are also planning to set up some prayer stations in the church grounds using a simplified version of Stations of the Cross. This will be available for people to come and use and meditate on the story of Jesus love for us. Do let us know if you would like to be involved in creating these events.



Eco Group Meeting

Wednesday 20th January

7pm on Zoom

(meeting ID 886 1032 8034)

We invite you to attend our next Eco Group Meeting as we continue to look at how we as individuals and a church can encourage and equip each other to make changes that will benefit our environment locally and globally. With the 26th U.N. Climate Change Conference taking place in Glasgow this November it is a key year for Scotland's Eco Congregations to make our voices heard as governments gathering from around the world. Do join us and find out more about what part you can play.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

St Leonard's AGM

Wednesday 10th February

at 7pm on ZOOM

We initially hoped to have an in-person AGM meeting but due to restrictions decided to postpone the AGM until the

spring hoping it might be possible then but sadly we now need to hold an On-line AGM using ZOOM.

This year to comply with our constitution we need at least 20 members to attend to be quorate so we do encourage you to attend to help us make the decisions we need to make for the coming year. As well as receiving our Annual Accounts and electing our Office Bearers we need to elect 2 or 3 new Vestry Members. Vestry Members are the Trustees of our Charity and are key members in the running and upkeep of our church. If you would like to help by becoming a Vestry Member please do let us know.

Annual Reports—although it has been an unusual year can I ask all individuals and groups who make an Annual Report to the AGM to submit these to the Rector by January 31st. Thank You



A special thank you for all who contributed to our Christmas Collections for the Food bank your recent donations and gifts to the work of the Storehouse continues to help us reach out in love.

Food Donations Items to consider donating at this time:

Hot Chocolate Powder for mixing with water
Tomato Ketchup/ Brown Sauces / Mayonnaise
Tins of Macaroni Cheese, and other ready meals
Soups, Pot Noodles, Fray Bento's Pies
Breakfast Cereal — Rice Krispies, Frosties, etc

Non Food Items

Washing up Liquid, Laundry Liquid, Toilet Paper, Kitchen rolls
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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