



The Connect



Sunday 24th Jan 2021
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

The Weekly Newsletter
for the congregation and friends of
St Leonard's Lasswade
& St Mary's Dalkeith

Congratulations!

Happy Birthday

to all those who celebrated a birthday at this time

Sandiann Devaney and to Beena Poulose

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



Link, Like, Subscribe, Follow, Join or send a Friend request? These are all some of the online ways to sign up to join a group or follow a specific person on Social Media. You can follow the Queen, or Queen and countless others. By tapping one of these signs on Facebook Twitter or whatever you can keep an eye on news from

government officials or follow what the Pope or the Archbishop of Canterbury is up to or even our own Primus Mark if you wish. I do hope that if you are online you have already "followed" us on Facebook at @StLandM or have "subscribed" and "liked" our Churches Youtube Channel. They do have their uses and can be used for good to help us keep in touch and show care. For those not online we hope you will still be receiving and enjoying our Pastoral Telephone calls. Do let us know if there is a need.

As followers of Jesus, however, we are not just called to Like or Subscribe to a page that we can so easily unsubscribe from, we are called into a relationship of challenge and change. This Sunday's Gospel reading takes us back to the early days of Jesus ministry as he walks along the shore of lake Galilee he calls out to the Fishermen, Peter, John, James and Andrew to come and follow him. He says to them that he will make them Fishers of Men. No longer seeking elusive fish but actively seeking and searching for people to call them and guide them in the ways and footsteps of Jesus.

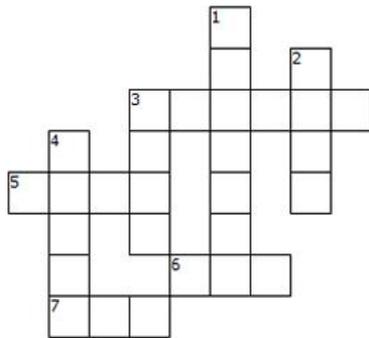
Jesus calls to them where they are. He accepts them for who they are but sees the potential within them, he knows them better than they know themselves. So too with us, Jesus calls to us to come and follow him. He knows our past, our failures, our weakness but he also knows our potential and he will make us who we can be. Make us into a new creation, the family of God, who in his name will continue to actively seek and search out others calling them to come and follow. So let us not stop fishing for people, turn afresh to Jesus follow him and share his story, that others to may hear his call to come and follow.

With love from Peter & Fiona

Bible Quiz Time

L A K E U I J A M E S Z S O C
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JOHN	NEWS	CASTING	FISHERMEN	SIMON
KINGDOM	BOAT	GALILEE	NETS	BELIEVE
ANDREW	REPENT	SEA	BROTHER	FATHER
GOOD	COME	FOLLOW	JAMES	LAKE



ACROSS

- To get behind someone and go where they go
- A report of recent occurrences
- An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
- A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean

DOWN

- An area of Israel; the place of Jesus' ministry
- A small vehicle for travelling on water
- An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
- The Son of God



Izzy's News

LET ME IN! - Its Snowing again!!!
& again, & again

Well it has been a week of change. One moment the grass is green the next its back to being white. However, when I look closely at the garden it is nice to see signs of hope and spring beginning to pop up here and there. Why not look out to see if you can see signs of spring around where you live.

Did you hear the big news that there are some new Top Dogs in America? Their names are Major and Champ and they are both German Shepherds and are looked after by Joe and Jill Biden, the new President of America and his wife. Its wonderful news as every home regardless of stature I feel needs at least one pet, if not a dog. So I hope Major and Champ enjoy their new home and help bring some new sense of love and kindness to the states.



I hear too that although Kamala Harris does not have a dog at the moment she is very fond of dogs and often welcomes them into her office. So keep a look out for some furry friends in and around the White House.

So it's a week of change in more ways than one. I am delighted to hear that some of our church family have started to receive their vaccinations. This like the new shoots appearing from the ground is a hopeful signal to all of us that a new season is coming. So hold on, its been a long hard winter but the sun is coming.

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**

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.*

Sunday 17th January Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome *Peter*

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 **I LIFT MY EYES UP**

to the mountains

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from You

Maker of Heaven

Creator of the earth

Oh, how I need You Lord

You are my only hope

You're my only prayer

So I will wait for You

To come and rescue me

Come and give me life

Prayer of Confession *- Peter*

As we lift up our eyes to you Lord

our maker and redeemer

Let us with penitence and faith confess our sins

**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.**

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, by grace alone you call us and accept us.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Gospel Reading Mark 1.14-20 - read by Sandiann Devaney

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

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

Sermon - Jacqui

Hymn LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE SEASHORE
Neither searching for the rich nor the wise
desiring only that I should follow.

*Oh Lord, with your eyes set upon me
gently smiling, you have spoken my name,
All I longed for I have found by the water
at your side, I will seek other shores*

Lord, see my goods, my possessions
in my boat you find no power, no wealth
Will you accept then my nets and labour

Lord, take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost
Returning love for the love you gave me

Lord as I drift on the waters
Be the resting place of my restless heart
My life's companion my friend and refuge

Prayers for Today *Led by Vicki Clark*

The Peace - *Peter*

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

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

Your are invited to say this prayer as the Priest takes communion on your behalf

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*

Prayer after Communion

**God of glory, as we answer your call to follow you,
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 who calls us to follow.
Amen**

Blessing

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

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
Will you let My life be grown in you, and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show;
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

Dismissal *Peter*

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



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.

We all acknowledge that it has been a difficult year and with the various restrictions on meeting up we need to embrace this new way of meeting and we need your help. To comply with our Constitution and Charity Law we need at least 20 members to attend the meeting to be quorate. Without 20 people being present then although we can receive reports and reflect on the past year no decisions can be made agree upon. So on behalf of the Vestry I do encourage you to help us out and set aside time to attend the online Zoom AGM or join in by Telephone.

As well as receiving our Annual Accounts and Reports from Church Groups we will also be electing key personal to serve on your behalf as Vestry Members. Vestry Members are the Trustees of our Charity and take on the duty and care of the fabric of the church and our buildings as well as assist the Rector and Ministry Team in our ministry to the wider community.

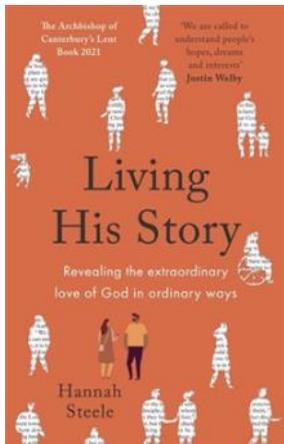
At this AGM we hope to appoint with your blessing the following individuals:

- Ruth Simpson — as an ordinary member of Vestry
- Sandiann Devany — as an ordinary member of Vestry
- Ian Nicolson — as an ordinary member of Vestry
- Alison Bruce — to be elected as the new People's Warden

We give thanks too to Ian Bolan who retires as an ordinary member and to Ian Nicolson who although stepping down as People's Warden can and has offered to serve as an ordinary member for a term. Please hold these individual and all who serve the church in your prayers.

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

Lent Study - Living His Story



Each year in lent as has been our practice for many years we encourage you to be part of our Lent Study Group.

This year we want to offer you a fresh new opportunity to explore the love of God and how we love 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 as part of a small group study course for us to use as we prepare for our Easter Celebrations. Do let us know if you would like your own copy ordered for you. Thank You

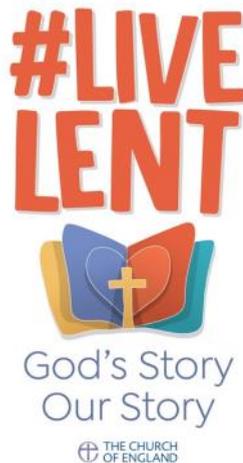
LIVE LENT

We are also planning to distribute a small booklet based on the Living His Story Book called **#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story**

This will be made available as a free resource inviting each of us to reflect on God Story and our own Story of faith and how we might share it through our everyday lives. It encourages us to explore how Jesus and his first followers communicated the good news of God's love by inviting, listening and responding creatively to others.

For each of the 40 days of Lent, this booklet includes a short Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer.

The daily reflections follows the weekly themes - each with an accompanying action - drawn from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, Living His Story: Sharing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele (SPCK).

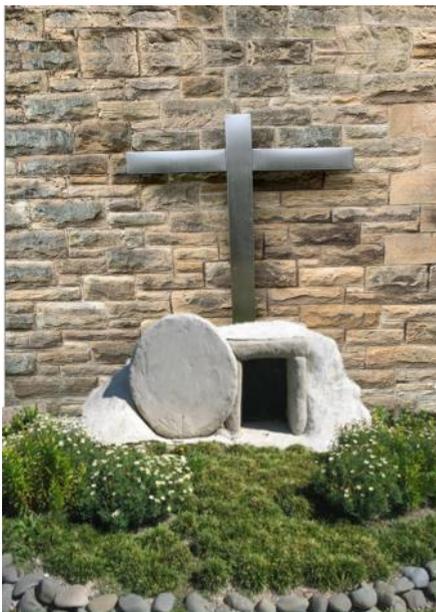


You can't come into church but you can visit the Church Garden

Easter Garden and Stations of the Cross

We are currently looking at how we can use the grounds of our 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 something for Lent and Easter.

We hope to use the grounds to set up a number of Prayer Stations marked with a Cross and a picture on a stone to think about. There will also be a leaflet to help guide you around these different prayer stations. We hope members of the wider community as well as our church will find this a useful space to help them prayerfully remember the amazing story of love, sacrifice and death that Jesus endured for us.



Additionally we would love to build some sort of Easter Garden. Although to be honest at the moment the Easter Garden is just an idea that we would love to see come to life so to speak but maybe we are being too ambitious?. So if you have a creative mind and would like share some ideas of how we could set up Prayer Stations and build an Easter Garden then please get in touch with Jacqui or the Church Office. We plan to have a creative team meeting to bring people together (on Zoom) to help think this one through. So do get in touch.

Happy Creative Thinking!



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 Bentos 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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