



The Connect

Sunday 28th February 2021
The Second Sunday of Lent

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



The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You are part of the Fairtrade movement and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message.

In Fairtrade Fortnight 2021, we will highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected by it.

There is hope! More and more companies are talking to Fairtrade about how they want to reduce emissions and reach net zero. But we're not going fast enough. Change by 2050 is too late. The weather is changing now.

Doing this properly means helping farmers adapting to the current impacts as well as supporting them to switch to low carbon production and transport. That cannot happen if we're not prepared to pay for it. We cannot expect – and it is not fair to expect – producers to absorb the costs of more sustainable methods of farming when they're often not even able to earn a living income or living wage, and cannot even adapt to the challenges they are already seeing, because the price they receive for their produce is far too low. This needs to change – and it needs to change fast.



Our global trading system is balanced in favour of the powerful few. The prices that businesses pay for the crops behind some of our favourite foods need to increase significantly if farmers are to escape poverty and still have the means to adapt to economic and environmental shocks.

As global trade changes in ways we could only have imagined a year ago, poverty will also continue to be a key contributor to further environmental degradation as farmers are forced to make harder choices. We need to build back fairer. Farmers in climate vulnerable countries need empowerment, fair value, fair prices, and fairer trading practices to resource the investment needed for mitigation, adaptation, diversification and resilience in the face of the climate crisis.



Fairtrade is about social justice. A root cause of farmers' inability to adapt and mitigate to climate change is poverty. More money means more climate resilience into the future. Choosing Fairtrade means choosing improvements in producers' livelihoods with collective strength through co-ops and their bargaining power, the protection of a minimum price and Fairtrade Premiums.

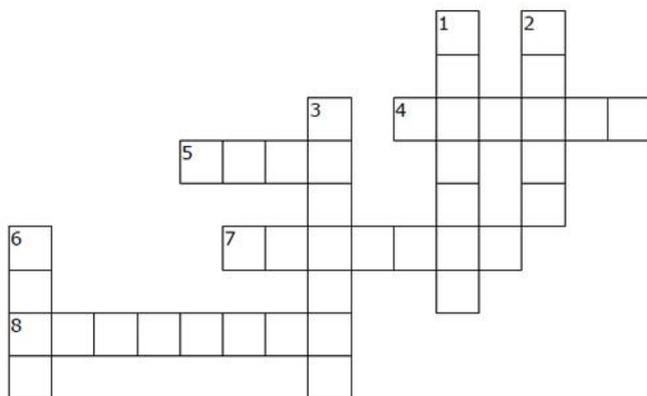
In 2019, Fairtrade launched an ambitious new living incomes campaign to lead the way to a sustainable future for cocoa farmers. A living income would provide farmers with a decent standard of living - enough to cover all their cocoa farming costs and enough to cover their basic human rights, like a nutritious diet, children's education and healthcare.

Fairtrade works on many levels to strengthen environmental and climate protection for producers and is committed to finding new ways to support producers with the challenges of climate change. Buying Fairtrade means you are making a wider impact on the planet by supporting a global fight for climate justice.



A yellow banner with the text "CHOOSE PRODUCTS THAT CHANGE LIVES" in large, bold, black letters. Below the text are images of various Fairtrade products: a jar of jam, a pineapple, a purple coffee cup, a carton of juice, a chocolate bar, and a blue teapot. The Fairtrade logo is visible on each product. At the bottom, the text "FAIRTRADE.ORG.UK | FAIRTRADE-EG.CO.UK" is displayed. On the right side of the banner, there is a large Fairtrade logo and the text "FAIRTRADE" below it. At the bottom right, there is a smaller logo for "FAIRTRADE EAST GRINSTEAD".

P U Z Z L E



ACROSS

4. To ask someone in a friendly way to do something
5. Having very little money or possessions
7. To be highly favored by God
8. To be lame or disabled in the fee or legs

DOWN

1. A dinner party for many people
2. Unable to see
3. People that you know well and like very much
6. Having a lot of money

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T i m e

DINNER	HOST	CRIPPLED	RELATIVES	REPAY
BANQUET	LAME	BLIND	BROTHERS	INVITE
NEIGHBORS	RICH	FRIENDS	BLESSED	POOR

Izzy's News



Oh there was lots of excitement in the Harris Household this week!

Firstly some blue envelopes arrived calling Mum and Dad to get their Jag. That's what I call justice as just a few weeks ago I had to go and get my six months check up and booster injections. So I know I am ok, and now Mum and Dad will have their injections soon so they too will be ok.

These new vaccines are lifting peoples spirits and giving us all hope for the future. It also looks like we might even get back to opening the church buildings again and having in-person worship. Sadly numbers may still be restricted and we might even still need to wear masks but its good news.

This week we also celebrated Grace turning 16. Dad says she got stoned! In truth she received a few packets of different types of stones and a rock tumbler. This is supposed to turn chunks of rocks like amethyst in to smooth stones for use in jewellery. It will also teach us patience as it will take at least a couple of weeks if not more to turn what looks like gravel into anything worthwhile. I will keep you up dated and who knows she may even start making and selling some jewellery.

I have visited both churches a lot in this past week and it has been lovely to see "The Way of the Cross" coming together and now being used by members of the church and passers by looking for a place of quiet and contemplation. If you haven't been I encourage you to come and see and take time to wonder again about the amazing story of love.

Spring is also springing and it is lovely to see all the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils starting to grow and bloom. It makes my walks more interesting with burst of colour. I wonder do you have a favourite spring flower?

With love and licks 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.*

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Welcome *Mike*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hymn

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.

And I will trust in You alone,

For Your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,

And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know.

Prayer of Confession - *Mike / Jacqui*

As we draw near to God and seek his mercy and grace
we confess our sins with penitence and with 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.**

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, you hate nothing that you have made,
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create in us a clean and contrite heart;
that, in lamenting our sinfulness,
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
forgiveness and perfect peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. .**

Gospel Reading Luke 14: 15-23

- read by Jennie

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

A man said to Jesus, 'Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.' Jesus replied: 'A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, "Come, for everything is now ready."

'But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me."

'Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me." 'Still another said, "I have just got married, so I can't come."

'The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame."

The servant returned and said "'Sir, what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'" 'Then the master told his servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

- Peter

Hymn **HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean**, Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Prayers for Today *Led by Sandiann*

The Peace - *Mike*

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

Eucharistic Prayer III - *Jacqui*

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, maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live as daughters and sons in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience, now 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 Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf of our sins had made.
Through the dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the Firstborn, freely offering his life.

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.

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

*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

**Faithful God, increase our faith, hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life.
We ask in his name. Amen**

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But holly trust is Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne

Dismissal *Mike*

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

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2021



Together in Unity Appeal

The appeal was set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury to support virus prevention and relief for vulnerable communities across the Anglican Communion. At a time when the UK government has, disappointingly cut international aid this appeal provides an opportunity for us to reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers, our neighbours in this small world, whom Jesus calls us to love as we love ourselves. I know there is less money around this year but I would ask you to be generous. Perhaps we might see our giving as an expression of gratitude for the blessings that we so easily take for granted."

+John

How to donate to this years Bishop's Appeal

- ◆ **Ask for a Lent Box** - Lent boxes are available from the Church Office. Please call and we will drop one off to you.
- ◆ **Envelope** - You can also place a donation in an enveloped and address it "LENT APPEAL" then hand it in to the Church Office or post it to us, or we can collect it from you
- ◆ **Bank Transfer** - If you would like to make a bank transfer please contact your Treasurer and mark the Transfer Lent Appeal.

THANK YOU



Les McEwan, Murray McKenzie,

Lesley King, Judy Strong



The Green Lie

We invite you to a special screening of this film documentary on the subject of going green.

[This Film is free for you to view, but ticketed](#)
[Sign up and book a ticket](#)

Then watch the film at your choosing between
19:30 Mon 1st March and 17:45 on Wed 3rd March.
To sign up follow the link in the Connect email.

The Green Lie Post Film Discussion

Wednesday 3rd March at 7.30pm

After watching the film join us for a lively post film discussion on Zoom bring your own refreshments and be willing to share and listen to the variety of viewpoints that the film might throw up for us.

The more of us the better the discussion.

Zoom Meeting: 849 8751 3974

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 8th March

To join in please contact MITCH THOMSON on 01875 320067 or by email on mitchonline16@gmail.com





Lent and Easter Activities

With the arrival of spring and looking forward to Easter we are inviting you to be part of our Lent and Easter Activities.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

“The Way of the Cross” is now in place at both church gardens providing all of us with the space and opportunity to take time as we journey towards Easter to remember the astonishing passion and love of Jesus facing humiliation and death for us. Do find time to come along and contemplate anew how much God loves you. Please also feel free to invite and share this activity with friends and family.

EASTER GARDEN

As we move closer to the great celebration of Easter a Tomb and Easter Garden will be erected in the church grounds and we need your help.

Although to begin with the Tomb will look stark and lifeless we hope by Easter Sunday it will be decorated with flowers of thanksgiving and celebration.

Turning the grave into signs of hope and new life!

We invite you to donate spring flowers in pots to be placed around the tomb or to come along with bunches of flowers to lay at the garden.

We also invite you to write simple words of encouragement on stones, or for the more creative to decorate stones with words or symbols of Christian faith, dove, cross etc. These will then be placed around the garden to inspire and encourage those who come and see and ponder the wonder of Easter.

Do let us know if you can help—we want to encourage everyone to be involved in making Easter 2021 a great celebration.



stones



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 5th March 2021



'Build on a strong foundation'

Written by Christian women of Vanuatu

There will be a ZOOM WORLD DAY OF PRAYER worship service hosted by the Scottish Committee of the World Day of Prayer movement

on Friday 5th March at 2pm

To Join this special meeting use the Zoom details

Meeting ID 895 9398 3883

Password: 901656

Service Booklets can be obtained from our Church Office 0131 663 7000

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