

CONNECT

The weekly news from St Leonard's & St Mary's
5th Sunday of Easter 2nd May 2021



I am the Vine
You are the branches



Returning to your Church.

*"One more step along the world I go
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you."*

As we move from the old ways of doing church to the new way let us begin by giving thanks to the Site Management Teams of both churches who are doing a wonderful job of thinking through the COVID guidelines and working out how they apply to our church buildings and services of worship. Our appreciation also goes to those who are helping out with the cleaning as we prepare our church buildings for worship, in preparation for your return.

An online worship service will continue to be provided at this time. However, if you want to join with us for worship in person then please follow these

Guiding steps to familiarise yourself with the new approach at this time.



Step 1

Please book in advance

Preferably **we ask you to book by the Friday** before the Sunday Service you wish to attend.

Phone 663700 or email office.stlandm@gmail.com

We are sadly running with reduced capacity

If we are fully booked you will be given the opportunity to book in for next week's service.



Step 2

Remember to come

we long to see you so please remember to mark the date and time in your diary. If you find yourself unable to attend please do try and let us know to allow your space to be given to someone else if required.



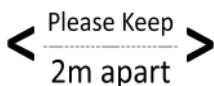
Step 3

Bring your mask - Keep your distance

Please remember to bring and wear your mask.

Spare masks are available for those who forget.

2 metre social distancing is encourage as you enter the church grounds. If there is a queue please be patient and talk to those who are also waiting but please maintain the 2m social distance





A Guide to worship in the Church

during this strange time of COVID

On arrival

As you enter the Church grounds please put on your Mask and keep a 2metre distance from other worshippers. There may be a need to wait outside but you should be greeted at the door and your attendance details checked off. You are asked to book in advance by notifying the Church Office, space may be available but this cannot be guaranteed if not booked in.



Please Keep
2m apart



Mask On - Hands Sanitised - Take a seat

When entering the church please keep your Mask on and sanitise your hands before being guided to your seat.

A collection plate will be available for your offering as no collection or processions will take place during the service.

Please sit where directed to sit. We will ask you to take a seat starting from the first pew working back towards the entrance door. Please remain seated and endeavour to keep a 2m distance between yourself and others. A copy of the Connect News will be on each designated seating area. Please use this to guide you through the service and we ask for you to take your copy home with you. Sadly, singing is not to be encouraged but music and hymns will be played.



Communion - Mask, Sanitise, Receive, Mask, Sanitise, Return

At this time only communion bread will be served. When invited to come forward to receive please do so respectfully of others. For a brief moment people can pass by each other at little risk of infection as they move to receive communion.



When you come forward remove your mask, then sanitise your hands before receiving and consuming the bread. Then replace your masks and sanitise your hands before returning to your seat. Remember M&S, Mask and Sanitise.

Leaving the Church - Sanitise and

You will be directed to leave from the seating closest to the door going out first. You should once more sanitise your hands on leaving the building. We can gather outside for only a short period but please remain socially distant at this time.





Christian Aid Week 10 - 16 May 21

Are You ready to contribute and make a change.

Florence Story



Florence is full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous, kind – a survivor. A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. She had to walk for hours on dangerous journeys to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us. But things have changed for Florence. Next to her farm, Florence is proud to show us something remarkable – a dam, full of fresh water.

It's thanks to your donations that Florence and her community have built this water dam, with the help of our partner Anglican Development Services – Eastern (ADSE), just a short walk away from her village. With this dam, Florence can grow tomatoes, onions and chillies on her farm. With this dam, her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables. It's her source of life and joy. Florence also uses the water from the dam to keep bees. She sells the rich, golden honey for cash at the market.

Now, Florence is reaping a good life for herself and her family. The dam gives Florence strength to withstand even the most unpredictable weather. It's a reliable water source, whether she faces long drought or relentless rainstorms. Millions of people in Kenya are desperately struggling to survive climate chaos. You can help another community build a dam. Many more people will have the water they need to sustain their families. By encouraging your congregation to give generously, we can help more people like Florence to thrive.

The climate crisis is having a significant impact on communities in Kenya. The main problem is the lack of access to a reliable source of water to help them withstand the unpredictable weather made worse through the climate crisis. The weather has become more extreme. Drought has become more frequent and intense, resulting in millions of people being short of food as they are unable to grow crops. In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. With no access to reliable water sources or a way to capture rainfall, many communities are struggling to survive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent

need for families to access a reliable source of water for hand washing. In Kitui county, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on water to grow crops, for food and to earn a living. Without a reliable water source, staple crops like maize and beans are damaged and destroyed. The lack of water forces people to walk further and further to find a dependable source. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weak without access to water, and can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk. This problem is not just Kenya's other countries are facing similar threats due to changes in the climate.

So how can we respond?

Pray: Learn more about Climate Justice and Pray for the campaign. Join in with our powerful prayer movement for climate justice at caid.org.uk/prayerchain

Act: Take action for climate justice at caid.org.uk/climatejusticepetition Sign the petition but also consider ways you can make a change in your life or community

Give: Give for climate justice. Regular giving enables us to stand together with communities worldwide at any given point and make a lasting difference. A regular gift from your congregation or individuals in your church would help us be there for more people in the

Pray for India

I will say of the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'

God of power and might we lift our brothers and sisters in India to you.

We pray for your protection,

We pray for your provision,

We pray for the nations of earth to have compassion,

When people are in need, you are our refuge.

When people are scared, you are our refuge.

When people are mourning, you are our refuge.

Compassionate God, draw close to those who seek your refuge today.

Amen.



Jzzy's News

Hello everyone, what a busy week it has been but I am glad to report that all being well we are ready for all my church friends to return to worship in both Church Buildings.

I was down at St Mary's for the deep clean and clear up session that took place to prepare the church for reopening. It was lovely to meet with people and help where I could. I herded St Mary's nativity figures into the container to be stored safely until ... well you know when. The bits from the Easter Tomb and Way of the Cross are also now in storage for next year too. Then it was back into church to supervise the cleaners and hooverers. I even found Noreen kneeling in the Toilets. I think she was praying that this new sense of hope wasn't just a flush in the pan but the start of us returning back to some form of normality.

Dad too hopes that this new beginning for the churches will see us soon returning to worship each week in both churches but for now until August we will be having week about services starting at St Mary's this week then St Leonard's on the 9th. Mum also wants to remind you all that we need your help for this to work. It would really help us if you could book-in for Sunday Worship by the Friday before the Sunday that you wish to attend. We would love to fling wide the doors and welcome in everyone but we have currently been advised to stick with a 2m social distancing inside the building. This reduces or capacity to around 20+ individuals at this time. So please do book in!

Hopefully in time we will get back to socialise more together and celebrate with a garden party or bbq. As well as renewing our friendships we can then take time out to give thanks and remember those loved ones we see no longer. Until then stay safe and enjoy the new freedoms

With love, barks and licks from Izzy





The 3rd of May seems to be a very important day for Birthday's
We celebrate this week with:

Val Cameron and Norma Whannell
David Grieves - who becomes a septuagenarian
And a special mention and blessings too

Doreen Reid and Bill Elliott
on becoming an octogenarians

Wedding Anniversary Blessings go this week to Heather and Peter Buchan

Star Wars fans also Celebrate Force Day this week on May 4th

Funeral and Thanksgiving service for the life of June Luck

In celebrating the life of June Luck, Vicki Clark's mother, the family have made the Funeral Service available for anyone who would like to watch it. Vicki would like to thank everyone for their condolences and prayers.

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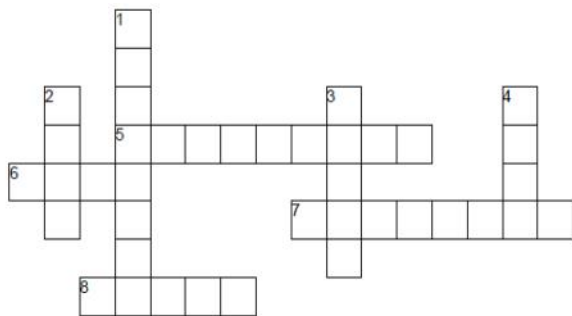


Online Coffee at Mary's
10:30 am Saturday Mornings

Our Online Coffee Mornings will continue for a few more weeks but hopefully by July we might be back to hosting Coffee at St Mary's in St Mary's and we look forward to seeing you there. However do consider joining with us online this Saturday Morning.

*This event is kindly hosted by Andrew Watt
To obtain your weekly Coffee invite please speak to Andrew
or email andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk*

Bible Puzzles



ACROSS

- Those who follow Jesus
- The opposite of false
- Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- The part of a vine or tree which is eaten

DOWN

- A person who works with plants and flowers
- Burning flame
- Praise or honor
- A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

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WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2021

Join with us online for our worship this

There are a selection of ways to join in
ZOOM using meeting ID: 656 157 5203

PHONE in dialling (0131) 460 1196

WATCH LIVE on by joining our Facebook Group
Look for "St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"

if you miss us and want to catch up again later you can do so by going to our
YouTube Channel. Search for "St Leonard's & St Mary's Churches" on
Youtube to find us and remember to hit the like button and subscribe.

I pray that you will be able to use this liturgy to guide you through the service
or use for your own meditation at another time



A Prayer to use at this time of Pandemic

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church and nation in this time of uncertainty.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others.

For those who will feel disconnected and isolated.

For Key workers continuing to give of themselves to help us.

Bring peace to those who are dying and comfort to those that grieve.

Holy God, help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

The Lord who is with us always . Amen

Welcome & Easter Acclamation

Peter

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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 fulfil 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 power 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 / Mike

Christ crucified, died for the sins of the world

Christ risen, rises with the promise of new life.

Therefore with penitence and with faith let us confess our sins;

**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.**

The Collect

**Almighty God, we declare that your Son Jesus Christ our Lord
is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another and walk in his ways,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

The Gospel John 15 verses 1 - 8 Neil

*When the Gospel is announced we say
Glory to Christ our Saviour*

Jesus said 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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

Reflection

Peter

Intercessions Jacqui

The Peace Peter

May the Peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer Mike

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, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope,

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power

to warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, 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.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,

for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,

speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
and welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence, and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
at supper with his disciples 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 bless our bread and wine, that we may 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



When directed please come forward to receive communion. Remember to remove your mask and sanitise your hands before receiving. After you have consumed the bread please replace your mask and sanitise your hands once more.

(Mask, Sanitise, Receive, Mask, Sanitise, Return)



Prayer after Communion

**God of love, we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May
we always walk in your ways as we abide in you and you in us.
Amen**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn **MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR**

Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the Word of Christ dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph,
only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in every thing,
That I may be calm to comfort,
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus,
as I onward go.

Dismissal Peter

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

***Please remember to book in for next weeks Sunday Service
Worship will be at St Leonard's 11.15 am on the 9th May***

*16th May St Mary's 9.30am
23rd May St Leonard's 11.15am
30th May St Mary's 9.30am
6th June St Leonard's 11.15am*

All being well Zoom Worship will also take place at those times.

St Leonard's & St Mary's



Next Sunday Worship at St Leonard's 11.15am

As we prepare for worship to resumes within the church buildings we encourage those wishing to attend next Sunday's Worship to advise us of their intention to do so. Please **phone / email** the Church Office preferably by Friday. This will help us prepare the church for your arrival.

Thank You.



St Mary's

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's

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Weekly Online Worship will be available on Sundays
and on a Wednesday Mornings at 10am

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Do let us know if any need arises at this time
and we will try and help.