

# CONNECT

The weekly news from St Leonard's & St Mary's  
Sunday 16th May 2021

*Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ  
ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord.*

# A Guide to worship in the Church

*during this strange time of COVID*



## **Step 1** Please book in advance by the Friday before the Sunday

Service that you wish to attend. Phone 663 7000  
or email: office.stlandm@gmail.com to book in.

## **Step 2** Remember to come If you find yourself unable to attend please do try and let us know to allow someone else to attend if possible.

## **Step 3** On the Sunday bring your mask and keep your distance

A 2 metre social distancing is encourage inside and outside  
the building. If there is a queue please be patient and wait to  
be welcomed in.



## **Step 4** Mask On - Hands Sanitised - be shown to a seat

We will welcome you and register your attendance.

You will be asked to sanitise your hands and then be guided to a seat.  
Please do feel free to say hello to those near by but keep your distance.



## **Step 5** The Connect News should be on your seat.

The Liturgy for the service can be found at the back of the Newsletter  
Please take the Connect News home with you. Be still and pray for  
God to bless you and those who gather with us for worship.



## **Step 6** Please do join in with the worship and responses. Sadly, singing is not to be encouraged but music and hymns will be played.

## **Step 7** 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. 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.

It is ok to pass by each other briefly as you move to receive  
communion. (If you are infirm or unable to come forward the Priest  
will come to you. Please ask to sit in an accessible place.)



## **Step 8** Leaving the Church

You will be directed to leave from the seating closest to the door  
leaving first. Please sanitise your hands as you leave.

As regulations ease we hope to return to offering Tea and Coffee after  
the service but currently we ask for you to fellowship briefly outside,  
if the weather allows, while remaining socially distant.





## A Joyful Return part 2

The Disciples were looking intently up into the sky as Jesus was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky?'

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you, will come back in the same way you have seen him go.'

Acts 1:10-11

Last week I wrote about our joyful return to our church buildings as the congregation of St Leonard's and St Mary's and how it was a delight to see people again in the pews and to meet and greet real people rather than staring at a camera lens in an empty church. I was pondering about all the preparation that had taken place and again give thanks to the Site Teams for their hard work in preparing the buildings for our return and especially we give thanks to John Mellon and Val Cameron for submitting our application to open and dealing with all the queries that came from the Diocesan office.

This week as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, I want to continue that theme of returning. Not our return to church but the promised return of Jesus. The men in white declared "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you...will come back.." It is a promise. Just as God promised throughout the old Testament that the Messiah would come so now the God of faithfulness, the God who keeps his promises, makes a new promise with Jesus' followers, a promise to you and me that Jesus will return.

So the question is are we ready and waiting and how should we prepare for our Lord's return? Jesus gives us the answer by saying to his disciples to go and wait! To wait on God, asking God in our prayers to send the gift, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. And so for 10 days the disciples gathered in prayer and sought for God's kingdom to come, his will to be done.

Do we have that passion, that desire to seek God? To pray with a willingness to be changed so that God's will would be done in and through us. That God's Kingdom, God's rule would reign supreme within our hearts.

To change and be transformed for God involves the work of the Spirit. So this week please pray for God's kingdom to come, for his will to be done in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit as we seek Christ's return

*With love from Peter*



# THY KINGDOM COME

Christians around the world will be gearing up to take part in this year's Thy Kingdom Come— a global ecumenical prayer movement. Praying for revival and renewal from Ascension to Pentecost (13th – 23rd May).

From daily prayers, outdoor Pentecost celebrations to prayer walks or days of prayer online and in person in the local community or in churches prayers are taking place in innovative ways adapting to COVID-19 context.

You and other participants are encouraged to use the Lord's Prayer and to light a candle at the beginning and end of each day. Church groups and dioceses, including Edinburgh Churches Together and the Diocese of London, will host continuous prayer events online, using the Upper Room, a virtual prayer room resource created by 24-7 Prayer based on the Book Acts.

This year Thy Kingdom Come have created an interactive, fun-filled Online Escape Room, with Winchester Diocese called 'CaThedral PuRRsuits', open to all, including those on the fringes of faith. The Escape Room is suitable for all the Church family and beyond.

Exeter Diocese will host a Labyrinth on the Cathedral Green to encourage prayer during the 11 days (booking is required) and throughout the summer as part of their 'Pilgrims Path' season.

Prayer walking with social distancing measurers remains one of the most popular ways for church groups wanting to get involved this year. A number of churches are using the Oikos Prayer Walking App by Hope Together.

**So there are many different ways that we too can get involved.**

Thy Kingdom Come is also a global initiative with over 170 countries worldwide taking part both in English and translated into languages such as Finnish (Finland); Maori (New Zealand) Korean (Korea.), Tamil and Sinhala (Sri Lanka) and Cantonese (Hong Kong). Key resources continue to be translated centrally (in the UK) into French, Spanish and Portuguese. This year, Christians in countries as diverse as Sudan, Greece, Sri Lanka, Japan, Australia, Canada, Trinidad, America, South Africa, Brazil and Burundi will be involved.

The campaign continues to be supported by senior church figures including His Holiness, Pope Francis and the leaders of the main denominations in the UK, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Justin Welby, Pastor Agu Irukwu, Archbishop Angaelos and Dr Hugh Osgood Moderator of CofS.

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London said: 'Thy Kingdom Come has become a platform for Churches across the breadth of the Christian family to stand and pray together, remembering the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit entered the Upper Room, empowering and enabling those present to become the Church. In that way we pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, empower and embolden us to speak into the world with the loving, prophetic, and hopeful voice that makes manifest the presence of God in our midst.'



Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, said: 'Thy Kingdom Come unites the global church in prayer – praying for friends family and neighbours to know the love of Christ. It is a time we remember the birth of the Church and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. My hope and prayer is that during these 11 days, all who participate are

themselves refreshed and reinvigorated, as they hear afresh, God's call to be witnesses in this world. And that many more people will encounter the life-changing love of Christ and in turn, become witnesses too.'



Cardinal Vincent Nichols, a long-time supporter of the campaign said: 'The Feast of Pentecost, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the Church, is a great moment for our prayer for the spreading of the Gospel of joy in our Lord Jesus Christ. The days of prayer of "Thy Kingdom Come" are a powerful invitation to that prayer. We may also remember the power of the Holy Spirit in the work of

Creation, and so include in our prayers the responsibilities we bear for the created world at this significant time.

**Find out more and join in praying for  
God's Kingdom to come his will to be done**  
[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

# Jzzy's News



Before

Hello everyone,

Well it was time for another hair cut and here are my before and after pictures to show you the change that can happen.

I find it intriguing how some people say they don't like change. Why cant things stay the same? They do stay the same, change is all around us. Sadly the weather is forever changing and one minute I am out for a walk in the sun the next its chucking it down. Yes I don't like that kind of change either.



After

When Dad was a Curate he remembers discussing with his Training Incumbent (Rod) about changes that were being discussed for the church. One couple especially protested about the church having new seating and being redecorated. So Rod went round to see them to discuss their concerns. A few weeks later he returned to see them again to further discuss why the changes were proposed. Interestingly on arrival he noted

that they had redecorated their living room and bought a new three piece suite! What a change it was welcoming and comfortable and the couple agreed and then the penny dropped! Some changes are indeed more acceptable and easy to navigate compared to others.

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Well I don't know about that, as I am still a young thing and have much to learn. I am however looking forward to the changes that are coming our way as more and more of the COVID restrictions are lifted. I hear my Aunty Moira is coming to stay and have cuddles soon. I hope you too will have some good news to come as we embrace the changes that are coming and enjoy the freedoms given.

With love and licks from Izzy





Philip and Esther from the Storehouse write:

Thank you all once again for your on-going support, generosity and kindness that has been shown to the work of the Storehouse. It is so appreciated. We continue to distribute food parcels every week to a variety of families in their time of need and it is always lovely to let them know that these gifts come from the Churches of the local area.



With the School Summer Holidays on the horizon Storehouse will be once again delivering summer holiday food parcels to some of the neediest families in the community, beginning at the end of June, through to mid August. These parcels are a life line for these families and especially the children who at

times are often left to make their own meals. This is why we ask for easy to make tinned food rather than asking for produce

Your donations are always welcome and needed so if you would like to donate an item, here are some of the things that we are hoping to include in the summer parcels ...

Cans of macaroni cheese, chicken soup

Cans of ravioli, Multi pack crisps

Chocolate biscuits e.g club, Kitkat, twix bars etc

Pot noodles and other instant pot meals.

The Full Gospel church is open from 10am to 10:30am on a Wednesday to receive donations. Furthermore, we are grateful too for strong plastic bags.

Philip & Esther

*Please note Peter & Fiona are happy to collect donations from you or for them to be dropped off at the Rectory 11 Peacock Parkway*



## Eco-Congregation Litter pick

Saturday 5th June

meeting at St Mary's

2pm until 4pm

**All Welcome**

# Bible Puzzles

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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS

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- 7-8-10-13 \_\_\_\_\_
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# WORSHIP

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Sunday 16th May 2021**

**Join with us online for our worship this**

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

PHONE in dialling ( 0131) 460 1196

Catch up or Watch Live on by joining our Facebook Group

Look for "St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"

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



Our Birthday Blessings this week go to  
Ivan Tomas with his  
1st Birthday on the 20th of May, grandson  
of Joy and Tom Mooney

Also to Stephen Cameron and some guy called Peter Harris



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

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

## Welcome & Easter Acclamation

Jacqui

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

**Hymn      LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH;**

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life;

I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky,

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

**Confession**

Jacqui / Peter

As we remember that Jesus is our risen and ascended Lord  
we come to him with penitence and with faith to 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, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## Reading

*Martin*

### **Hear the word of the Lord according to the book of Acts** Acts Chapter 1 verses 1 to 11

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. "For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

As they were looking intently up into the sky suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Reflection

Peter

## Intercessions

Vicki

## The Peace

Jacqui

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

**Creed:**     **Our Father everlasting, the all creating One,**  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,  
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified.  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life.  
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father .....

(Bridge)    Yes I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
  
I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

## **Eucharistic Prayer**    Peter

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.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from  
the tomb and ascended to the throne of heaven,  
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, our ascended Lord,  
for by the Cross eternal life is ours  
and death is swallowed up in victory.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
at supper with his disciples we remember  
That Jesus gave thanks for the bread  
that he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples  
saying: 'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup, and offered thanks and praise,  
and gave it to his friends 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 be lifted up  
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**

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 before returning to your seat. Thank You.  
*(Mask, Sanitise, Receive, Mask, Sanitise, Return)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Father God, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the Gospel of his kingdom. Help us by the power of the Holy Spirit to live and declare His good news. Amen**

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Hymn**      **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.

**Dismissal** *Jacqui*

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 at 11.15am on the 23rd May***

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

*All being well Zoom & Facebook Live 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](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

## St Leonard's

[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

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

Find us on  @StLandM

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