

Connect

The weekly news from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 23rd May 2021 Pentecost

The Fruit of the Spirit

LOVE

Seeks the highest good of others.

JOY

Gladness that is not based on circumstances.

PEACE

Contentment, unity between people.

PATIENCE

Slow to speak and slow to anger.

KINDNESS

Merciful, sweet, and tender.

GOODNESS

Generous and open hearted.

FAITHFULNESS

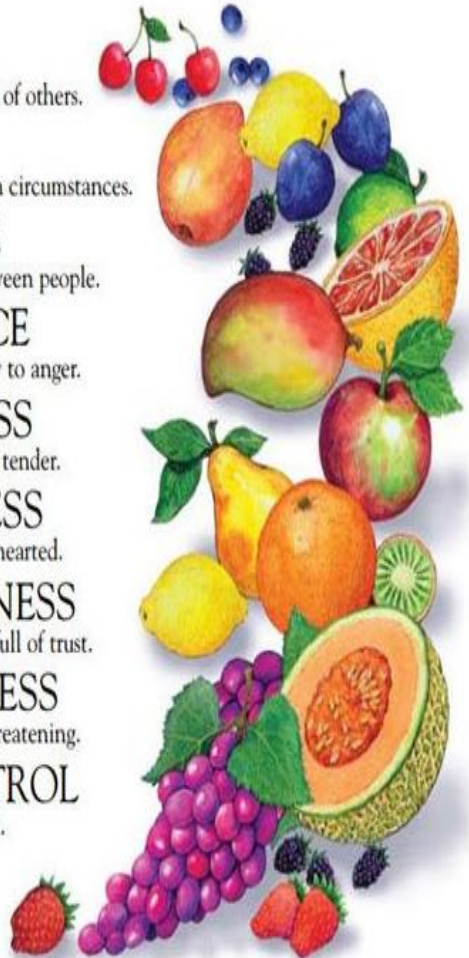
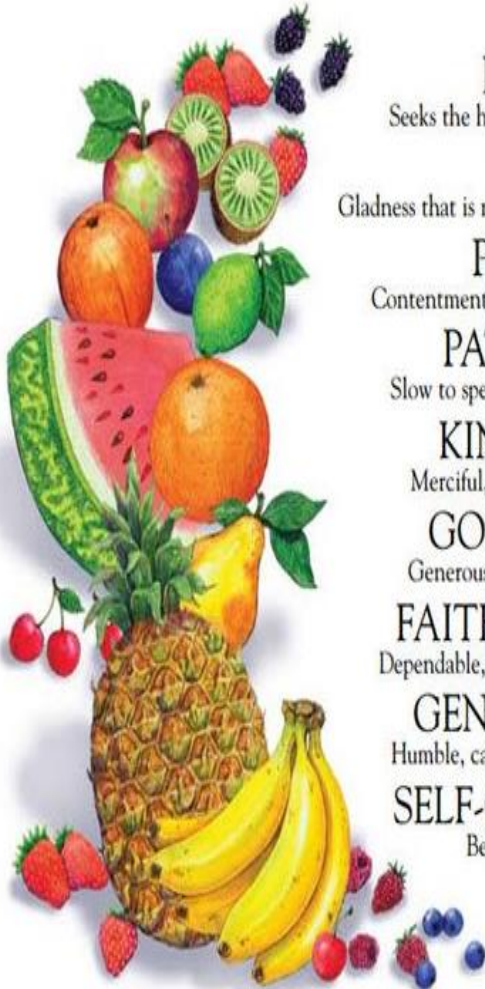
Dependable, loyal, and full of trust.

GENTLENESS

Humble, calm, non-threatening.

SELF-CONTROL

Behaving well.



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.





Happy Birthday Church

The day of Pentecost can be regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and first believers on the day of Pentecost that we read about in Acts Chapter 2 marks the beginning of a new movement, a new birth, the Birth of Christianity, the Church.

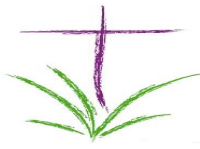
Pentecost originally had its roots in the Jewish festival marking the events when after the first Passover the people of God were led out into the wilderness. There in the Desert of Sinai Moses and the people received from God the 10 Great Commandments. This celebration of the giving of the Law takes place 50 days after Passover. Using this already established festival God by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit begins a new work, part of the new covenant agreement. Although still condemned under the law that was given, you and I are now also forgiven from our transgressions and called to live in a new way. A way that is empowered by the Holy Spirit at work in us.

God by the Spirit calls us into a transformational way of life, we are to surrender to his grace, mercy and love. We are to consider ourselves as dead to our past life and to seek the new life in Christ. Our Old life has been deemed guilty and therefore we are condemned to death, buried with Christ. However, with Christ's resurrection comes our resurrection into this new life by the Spirit. In this new life we are to be bearers of the fruit of the Spirit as outlined in Galatians chapter 5.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Therefore since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5 v 22-25

How is your fruit bearing? Where do we need to be pruned and redirected? Are you willing to surrender to God, to surrender to the call of the Spirit of God, to be transformed and renewed in our service and worship? The gift of the Spirit was not just a one off event, it is an ongoing activity of God at work in and through us. Like the fruit tree we are to be growing and to be bearing good fruit for the glory of Christ and his Kingdom.

With love and prayers, Peter



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congregation Scotland

A joint message from the Scottish Church Leaders

Church of Scotland, Roman Catholic Church,
Scottish Episcopal Church, Methodist Church in Scotland,
the United Reformed Church and the Salvation Army

Rejoicing that we live in a beautiful and awe-inspiring world; and recognising that as Christians we believe in a Creator God who entrusts humanity with the care of the planet for present and future generations and for all living creatures. And that Global warming air and water pollution, the unsustainable consumption of valuable resources, disposal of waste and many other interrelated environmental issues have an increasing and damaging impact on the Earth, its peoples and on our own Scottish environment. We call upon Churches and individual Christians in Scotland to build on their existing concerns and actions by taking further practical and spiritual steps to care for the environment, by continuing to study the issues involved and by working with others promote sustainable communities and environments in Scotland and the wider world. We commend to you the work of Eco-Congregation Scotland as a valuable resource to encourage churches and their members to play their part in caring for the Earth.

St Leonard's and St Mary's Eco Committee

As part of our response to how we as individual churches respond to this call the Vestries are looking at how best to formalise the working arrangement between the Eco Committee and the Vestry as the governing body of each Church. Within the Episcopal Church our Province is also looking at how we can transition from our current reliance on fossil fuels etc and move to being carbon neutral. The SEC acknowledges that although a move to a more carbon neutral church is a desirable aim for some this transition will not be easy and a financial commitment may be needed to implement changes. It is being discussed within the Province as to how a Transition Fund could be set up to help Charges financially to make the changes necessary. We look forward to the continuing discussions at local and national level.



**SPRING
HARVEST
2022**

Skegness 11-15 April

Minehead 18-22 April

Harrogate 9-13 April TBC*

(*Expect something new for 2022)

**BOOKING OPENS
15 JUNE**

BOOK EARLY AS CAPACITY CURRENTLY REDUCED FOR 2022



**RE
STORE
RE NEW
RE
BUILD**

Spring Harvest 2022

Many of you may be aware that there is a small number of people from both our churches who along with the Harris Family have enjoyed and been refreshed and challenged in their faith by attending Spring Harvest.

So here is your opportunity to sign up for the Spring Harvest 2022 by following the Links on the Spring Harvest website

springharvest.org

The Harris' are planning to attend Skegness 11-15 April and invite you to join with them in making a group booking if you are interested. Please do speak to Peter or Fiona about the event and what may be involved for you to attend this event and experience the joy and wonder of worship in new ways with good and practical Bible teaching and much, much more. All while enjoying the benefits of a modern day Butlins Camp. All Ages welcome.





Izzy's News

Hello everyone,

Wow what a week of love and cuddles! My Auntie Moira and her friend Esther came to stay with us. It was awesome and so exciting to have people stay over. It was also nice to cuddle up to them and comfort them as we remembered Joe their old Cocker Spaniel.

You might remember that Moira and Esther are Youth Workers and have organised various youth camps as well as taken groups of Young people out to South Africa. Samuel has been out to South Africa with them a couple of times but it sounds a little to hot for me, even with my new hair cut I think I would melt.

They brought their portable fire pit with them and for a few nights we all gathered round the fire and enjoyed its glow and flicker as smoke engulfed us and made us all Smokey. The family had "Smoeres", melted marshmallow and digestive biscuit but no sausages for me! What's a good camp fire without a sausage? Thankfully it was a dry evening and the fire helped take the chill off the night. Dad said something about the whisky helped too but I didn't understand what he meant by that!

I have been around both churches checking out the COVID Signs and dispensers with Mum and Dad. Sadly I know some of you are still finding it difficult to adjust to the new COVID routine and having to wear a mask for the whole service can be quite annoying. I know I wouldn't like to wear a muzzle for that long! So lets be thankful for the freedom we have and continue to pray for those in need and that the current or new out breaks are only in one or two places and that we don't have to return to a complete lockdown again. If you are coming to church do let us know in advance. If you can't make it or would prefer to be at home that is ok. Mum says we will try our best to make sure we stay online for you too.

With licks and barks 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

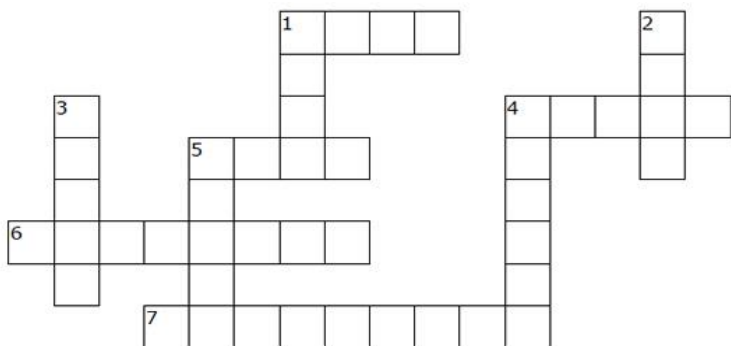
Saturday 5th June

meeting at St Mary's

2pm until 4pm

All Welcome

Bible Puzzles



ACROSS

1. A destructive burning
4. Something that can be heard
5. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
7. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles

DOWN

1. Make something to be full
2. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
3. To say words, to use the voice
4. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
5. A building which people live in

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PENTECOST	FILLED	HEAR	HOUSE	WIND
HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK

WORSHIP

Pentecost

Sunday 23rd 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

Julie Venters, Stephen Cameron,
Peter Harris, Ruth Smith, Margaret Hall,
Barbara Hallworth, Mike Jones,



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*

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 **BE STILL**, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;

Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayer of Confession *Peter*

As we gather in the presence of God, who is with us,

let us confess our sins with penitence and faith

in the power of the Spirit to renew and transform us;

**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 Amen

Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Renew and refresh us with the Good News of Jesus Christ,

that we are forgiven and freed from our sins,

to live by the power of the Holy Spirit

and to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. **Amen**

A Reading of God's Word *Anne*

Hear the word of the Lord according to Acts 2 v1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, the disciples were all together in one place. When suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection *Jacqui*

Song: **SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayers *Val*

The Peace

The Spirit of the Lord calls us to live in peace
May the peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer *Peter*

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

On the night our Lord was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat;
this is my body which is broken for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper taking the cup of wine
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Father we do this in remembrance of him his blood is shed for all.

So by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit
we worship together as one body and offer up our sacrifice of praise
as we lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

Come Holy Spirit, come afresh upon us and upon this bread and wine
that they represent to us of our Lord's eternal love

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us to pray;

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for evermore.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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

**Almighty God, refreshed and renewed by your love
Send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory Amen.**

Hymn

HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,

Breathe new life into my willing soul.

Let the presence of the risen Lord,

Come renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;

Give me faith for what I cannot see,

Give me passion for Your purity;

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,

May Your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover every sin,

In each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least,

Gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my strivings into works of grace;

Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen

The Dismissal

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

Please remember to leave beginning with those seated nearest the main door.

You are welcome to gather outside for a short time of fellowship

Next Weeks Worship will be at

St Mary's 9.30am Sunday 30th May

Please book in by phoning the church office 0131 663 7000

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 Mary's 9.30am

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

stleonardslasswade.org.uk

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.