



“Who do you think are my family?”

*Looking around, taking in everyone around him, Jesus said,
“Right here, right in front of you, you are my family.*

Obedience is thicker than blood.

The person who obeys God’s will is my brother and sister.”

Mark 3:33-35 (Message Version)

A Guide to worship in the Church

We are operating within Tier 2 Regulations



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.



6th May 2021

A Growing Church Family

It was wonderful to hear the news that Baby Bella
Cameron was born on the 28th May to parents Kevin

and Sarah, a wee sister for Jacob and Ruaridh. As a family they are regular Messy Church-ers with their grandparents Annette and Alan Keilier. We look forward to the Christening Party and hold them all in our prayers.



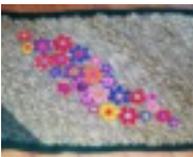
In our Gospel reading for this Sunday from Mark chapter 3, we are confronted with a challenging passage about family and whether we are part of God's family?

Jesus own family clearly care and love him and want to look out for his safety and wellbeing. So concerned are they for Jesus that they gather outside the house where he is, in an endeavour to reach out to him and offer him substance and protection. They can't get in because of the crowds filling the house, so they send word into the rabble that his Mother and brothers are outside waiting for him. It may first appear as though Jesus is dismissive of his own Mother and family but I don't think that is what is going on. What is going on I believe is that Jesus uses the arrival of his earthly family to exhort the crowd and us as well to consider what it means to be a member of God's family? Who are those that can be regarded as the brother and sisters of Jesus heavenly family.

Who are my mother and my brothers?" Jesus asked.

Then he looked at those seated around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

All of us are called into a privileged relationship with Jesus. We are called to be sisters and brothers of the Lord. As family our family DNA, the Holy Spirit should be at work within us as we seek to do God's will. If we are brothers and sisters who squabble and moan about each other then we are like a divided house that will surely fall. This is not God's will! God longs for us to be people of real love, love that forgives and seeks to rebuild, love that wants to bless brothers and sisters. We are to be a growing church, growing up, maturing in love for one another, for this is God's will for you. *With love from Peter lost in the mystery of God*



**Stitches
for
Survival**

Mass-craftivism to put the Earth centre-stage at COP26

Stitches For Survival is a group of knitters, crocheters, stitchers and crafters from across the UK and beyond with a heart-felt message to the COP26 climate talks to be held in Glasgow 1–12 November 2021. It is time to put the Earth and not money, centre stage in political decisions. This is the time to take bold and binding action to stop the devastating climate havoc and ecological breakdown that is evident across the world.

We are knitting, crocheting, stitching a 1.5 mile scarf of climate messages for the negotiators to urge them to take bold and binding action together. Why 1.5 miles of knitting? 1.5 represents the temperature rise target that was set by the Paris Climate Agreement .

After COP26 the scarf will be repurposed into blankets for refugee communities. Some of the more creative sections will be kept for an exhibition, and be used for ongoing campaigning.

Can You Help? If you can speak to Vicki Clark. Each piece of the scarf needs to measure 60cm x 100cm. This will make it much easier to assemble the full 'scarf', and also help re-purpose the pieces for blankets. The shorter edges will be the ones we join together so each piece will contribute 100cm to the length of the scarf. So if you want to do an image or writing on your piece make sure it is the right way up (60cm high and 100cm wide).

Pieces can be plain or intricate, include designs of animals or plants threatened with extinction, or include words in any language. Be creative!

Pieces have to be done for Sept 30 and passed to Vicki Clark who will forward them on to Christine Thompson, our Regional Coordinator.

[More Knitting - For the Simpsons](#)

The Baby unit has put out an appeal for knitted cardigans for their babies. They have a good stock of blankets and hats but are needing little cardigans for those in care at this time.

Do speak to Fiona if you can help

eco Congregation
Scotland



Prayer in the Park
& Litter Pick Event
Saturday 5th June
Meeting at St Mary's
2:15pm until 4pm
All welcome

Hello everyone,

The weather forecast is looking good for our Prayer and Action event this Saturday 5th June. We look forward to seeing you in the Community Garden across from St Mary's, as we gather there to begin at 2:15pm. Some may come to pray, others for action some for a mixture of both, whatever you feel most comfortable with, we hope you will join us on Saturday. In next week's Connect, we will include some photos of the sun shining and us all actively involved in our mission for the day. If you are reading this after the event then thank you for supporting this initiative.

Eco Congregation Theme for June

This month we are being encouraged to think about
Healthy Transport.

You may have noticed that you can now hire an electric bike from Jarnac Square or even from the College near the Eskbank Train station. Maybe this will become the new norm for us? Visitors arriving from train can hop on a bike and head down to visit the church at St Mary's or head up for worship at St Leonard's. Why not try one just for fun? All of us will need to look at how to make transport greener. Using public transport more or hiring a bike or car when needed may become the way forward for many rather than individual ownership of a vehicle. Maybe we should look at setting up an Electric Car & Bike Club for church members and the public?

I came across this other event that some of you may be interested in joining. It is organised by Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign.

#CleanUpScotland Between 28 May and 13 June, we're pledging to help Keep Britain Tidy for this year's #GBSpringClean. And we need your help and ask you to consider pledging to help clean up a section of cycle way.

Your pledge of time* can help us reach our goal to clean up 5,000 traffic-free miles of the National Cycle Network. (**The pledging ranges from 20 minutes to an hour, with an option of longer*) **Read more about the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign** to clean up 500 miles of cycle way then please visit their website. The web site provides local maps of all local and national routes allowing you to plan your litter pick/weeding on the paths that suit you best.
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

Even if we are unable to join in ourselves, I find it is so uplifting to become more aware of the amount of small local environmental projects that are taking place to improve our world. It feels good to be part of a growing movement who are caring for God's creation.



Margaret Eco-Reporter

A Prayer written by Iain McLarty- Trustee of Eco-Congregation Scotland.

Creator God,

We thank you that you for the miracle of our bodies
which let us move, walk, run, hop and jump.

We thank you for gifting us with creative minds
which let us create amazing machines to travel further: bicycles,
wheelchairs and cars to travel on the land,
boats, hovercraft and submarines to cross the sea,
planes, helicopters and rockets to fly through the air.

We thank you for the people they let us meet and places we see.

But in the midst of these wonders of human flourishing,
we acknowledge their impact on the rest of your creation. We confess
that the speed and ease of modern travel have mattered more to us
than the pollution and destruction it has caused, and we pray for
change.

We pray that you help us understand the price of travel,
not by the cost at the pump, but by the cost to the planet.

We pray for scientists and engineers,
as they work to create cleaner and more sustainable technologies.

We pray for decision makers in government and in business,
especially in the time leading up to COP26,
that they may have the wisdom and courage
to make good choices in the difficult decisions
about our transport systems.

Amen

Izzy's News

Hello everyone,

Rain, Rain go away! Well that's how I

started last weeks news. This week Wow what a difference. Dear God thank you for hearing our prayers and lifting our spirits with some lovely weather.

Due to the heat it has been a lazy dog week of chilling in the back garden. Mum even bought me a nice cool outdoor bed with a shade. However, I still like feeling the warmth and comfort of the sun on my back. It feels very therapeutic after the misery of our wet May weather.

I have been pastorally assisting Jacqui and Dad as many of the Wedding couples whose plans were delayed are now excitedly planning again for their big day. I have gone along to a few Wedding Preparation meetings and it is lovely to meet these lovely couples and hear of their stories of how they met and who proposed to who, and where. I pray the sunshine holds for David and Caroline our first couple getting married since lockdown on Saturday and also for Jordan and Martha tying the knot with Jacqui in a few weeks time.

Dad especially has been missing meeting with people and helping them plan their big day. Trouble is, he now needs some new Wedding material for his talks. Even I am fed up of hearing about the Priest who was preparing a couple for their wedding and turned to the Bride and said that marriage is a process of love and that on the day the process of change continues. So as you enter the church just remember "Aisle, Altar, Hymn!" and the rest will workout fine. Husbands have got it a little easier, all you have to do is look lovingly at your bride and say "Yes, dear"

With licks and barks from Izzy



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Sunday 6th June 2021

Pentecost 3 Trinity 2 Proper 10 or just Sunday at St Leonard's 11.15

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"

Situations Vacant - Readers, Intercessors, Worship Leaders

As we continue with our return to in-person worship we are on the lookout for volunteers to consider helping us in delivering our weekly worship

Reading the Scriptures, Leading Prayers of Intercession, Worship Leaders and also Tech People for Sound and Video. Please speak to Anne

MacKay, or Peter and Fiona

Previous participants welcome and training available for new and old alike.

Our Birthday Blessings this week go to

Ann Engh



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*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ **Amen**

Hymn FATHER GOD, I WONDER

how I managed to exist
Without the knowledge of Your parenthood
and Your loving care.
But now I am Your child,
I am adopted in Your family,
And I can never be alone,

'Cause Father God,
You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
Forever more.
I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
Forever more.

Prayer of Confession *Peter / Jacqui*

As we gather in the presence of our Holy God,
let us confess our sins with penitence and 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 raises us to new life in Christ our Lord

Amen

The Gospel *Tom*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 3 v 20-35

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus entered a house, and a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is

divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.

Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin." Jesus said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Give thanks to the Lord for His glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord

Reflection *Mike*

Prayers *Peter*

The Peace We meet as God's family, brothers and sisters of the Lord **Let us share his peace.**

Song: **WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT**, we are one in the Lord. We
are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They'll know we are Christians by our love*

We will work with each other. We will work side by side
We will work with each other. We will work side by side
And we will guard each mans dignity

And save each mans pride

Eucharistic Prayer *Jacqui*

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.**

At supper with his friends we remember that
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 voices 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 upon us and upon this bread and wine
that as we remember and celebrate your love
we commit ourselves afresh to do your will,
as sisters and brothers of the Lord.

Amen.

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

O God,

we have shared in the mysteries of Christ's communion.

Nourish us by your Spirit, that we may live the risen life
and serve you faithfully in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn BROTHER, SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU,

Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven

We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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 and remind you to keep socially distant at that time
Thank You*

Next Week St Mary's 9.30am

Please remember to book in advance if you plan to be there.

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.





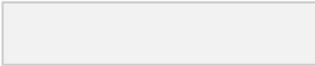
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Weekly



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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.