

Connect

The weekly news from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 25th July 2021

And I pray that you being
rooted and established in love
may have power together with
all the saints to grasp how

WIDE AND
LONG AND
HIGH AND
DEEP is the
LOVE
of
CHRIST

Ephesians 3:17b-18

A Guide to worship in the Church

We are operating within LEVEL 0 Regulations



Basic Hygiene

Please remember to wear your mask and use the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building



Social Distance 1m

Under Level Zero regulations we are asked to keep at least a 1metre social distance. It is however ok to briefly pass someone in the aisle when moving about the church. When sitting in a Pew please endeavour to keep to the minimum 1m Social Distance guide, both to the side as well as to the front of you.

Signing in Worship



A copy of the Connect News will be on the Pew containing the Liturgy for the service. Please take your copy home with you. We are now allowed to Sing again but sadly we still need to keep our Masks on. So please do feel free to be a Masked Singers

Communion - Mask, Sanitise, Receive, Consume, Replace
When invited to receive the Communion Bread please come forward come forward remove your mask, then sanitise your hands before receiving, consuming and replacing your Mask. If you are unable to come forward the Priest will come to you. To facilitate this please ask to be seated in an accessible place.



Fellowship and Exit

We are working towards resuming our after service fellowship with refreshments but for now we ask you to continue to Exit the building at the end of the service and to have a short time of fellowship outside the building before leaving the grounds.





A Rector's Muse

Do you have a favourite Scripture Verse or book of the Bible? Many people might turn to John 3:16 which talks about God's great love for us or 1st Corinthians 13 which is St Paul's passage on love

being patient and kind, etc. You may have a favourite book like the Psalms filled with songs for everyday life from lament to songs of celebration and rejoicing. It is wonderful how Scripture can speak into our everyday lives. For some it might be an old book that is easily discarded but for many Christians it is a living and active book that we treasure and turn to regularly.

This Sunday our Scripture reading comes from one of my favourite books in the Bible, known as the Letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus was in its day a major harbour and important place of commerce up until around AD263. Being a key city on the trade routes St Paul visited here around AD 50 and helped set up the church in Ephesus and surrounding area. After being arrested and taken to Rome St Paul wrote to the Christians communities in the Ephesus area which we know today as the Letter to the Ephesians.

Even though there was much anxiety and concern about the future of the church Paul wrote to encourage them to stand firm in their faith. Many Christians were facing persecution and rejection in Ephesus and throughout the known world at that time. It was not a comfortable time for the church and now with its leader Paul under house arrest they needed something to hang on to. Paul knows this and reminds them of Gods amazing love, a love that is wider and deeper, longer and higher than we can imagine or grasp.

When we become fearful or anxious about the future we need to refocus on God and not necessarily on the problems. Yes we need to acknowledge where we are as individuals and as a church community and have open and honest discussions about what is making us anxious and how best to guide the church as we move forward into a new day. However, we also need to turn afresh to God in prayer, remind ourselves of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians and make it our prayer. Let us pray:

May we Lord, being rooted and established in love, have power and knowledge to grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

With love and prayer from Peter



Our Birthday wishes

Ruth Simpson
Helen Campbell

And special congratulations to
Doreen & David Reid on their wedding anniversary



COFFEE AT ST MARY'S

We are delighted to report that after a brief trial period of meeting outdoors that Coffee at St Mary's will be taking place at St Mary's

on Saturday 24th & 31st of July and then on Sat 14th August.

10.30am to 12 Noon

It will then be reviewed and possibly become a fortnightly event or revert back to a monthly Coffee Morning. Do let us know your preference.

Do speak to or email Andrew for more info - andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk



We continue to distribute food parcels every week to a variety of families in their time of need here are some of the things that we are hoping to include in the summer parcels going out in the coming weeks...

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 your donations.— Thank You

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



Jzzy's News

Hello everyone,

I am very thankful for a cold floor to lie on in this heat and hope you all will have your own ways of keeping cool at this time.

Although we didn't go away on holiday the family have enjoyed a few days of down time. On one occasion I was a bit confused when I jumped into the car as Dad or Mum weren't in the driving seat but Samuel. He is learning to drive and although it was a little tense at times he did very well. His left and rights are better than Dad's who often turns left when Mum says right. He says it's a dyslexic thing. Well Sam took us all the way to Gullane Beach.

At the beach I had loads of fun running in and out the sea. I did try and keep up with Grace and Dad who kept going out deeper enjoying a swim in the sea. I enjoy swimming and have a good doggie paddle but it was getting a bit too deep for me. Dad thinks I should get a surf board then I could swim for a bit and when I need to rest jump on the board. Thankfully Sam came and took me for a walks and we played running in and out of the sea.

Lots of the stories of Jesus life are set around the shore of Lake Galilee and according to Dad, there is even an account of Jesus having a BBQ with his disciples on the shore. I cant say much about that but there were a few people having BBQ's on the beach at Gullane and the smells were very tasty but sadly there were no spare sausages for me.

I wonder if you have a favourite beach to visit? Maye it's a local one or one you enjoy visiting on holiday when you can. Our other favourite beach is at Rosemarkie on the Black Isle and you can even spend time watching the dolphins at Chanonry Point. Whatever you get up to during this holiday season I hope you will get time to chill and be refreshed.

With licks and barks from Izzy





THE LABYRINTH CAFÉ`

Join us for the second of our introductory session to learn more about Labyrinths and how to use them.

You may have many questions beginning with “What is a labyrinth?” Is there a right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth? Are labyrinths only for the able-bodied? Are there different types of labyrinths? Are they always outdoors? Is there a difference between a maze and a labyrinth? Are labyrinths actually useful for prayer and meditation or perhaps you may feel they are just too woo-woo for you?

We invite you to **join us at our Labyrinth Café** where there will be a chance to discuss the answers to all these questions (and more!), and an opportunity to try out a basic labyrinth walk.

We will use an indoor, canvas labyrinth and observe the safety protocols in place on the day. Currently that means refreshments are possible but be prepared to bring your own picnic if need be. Sufficient time is planned so all who want to have a go will have an opportunity. A labyrinth walk is inherently socially distant so although there will be movement it is at a distance from others. However our table discussions and refreshment time will allow that social connection that many of us have missed over this past year. Join the fun and learn something new or share your knowledge!

Our first Labyrinth Café went well at St Leonard’s and we are now looking forward to the St Mary’s Café. Reservations will be required to ensure the safety of all and so there are sufficient materials on hand. With Social distancing being reduced we can take a few more so please do sign up. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were in danger of exceeding our capacity?

Saturday August 7th 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
St. Marys Dalkeith.

To reserve your place, contact Sandiann at 0785 190 3151
Or email sandiann.devaney@yahoo.com

Merriel Tilling - Pulpit Falls on Display at the Cathedral

We were delighted to be asked to give loan of two of the Pulpit Falls from St Leonard's to the Reconnect with Stitch Exhibition. Merriel was a former member of St Leonard's and was active in producing a number of craft works that we use in our worship. Merriel is now in her go's and still enjoying crafting when she can. Details of the Exhibition are below:

Reconnect with Stitch

Edinburgh Stitch & Textile Arts
Mon 2 Aug – Sat 21 Aug 2021



St Mary's Cathedral
Palmerston Place
Edinburgh EH12 5AW
Daily lunchtime concerts 1pm-2pm

Exhibition open
Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm
Except Sat 21 Aug 10am - 1pm

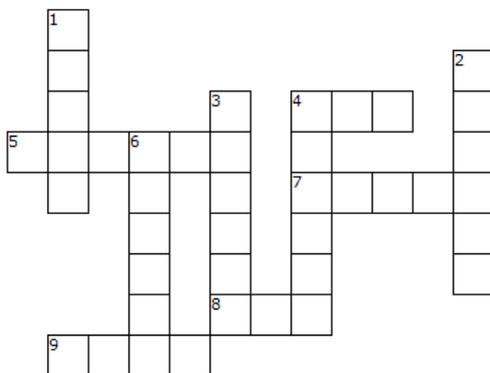
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Edinburgh Stitch & Textile Arts

cathedral.net
edinburghtextileart.co.uk

Bible Puzzles

M U I X D S J F I Q K Y U G O
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 W M O N S E N O U G H D J S V
 N R A U T H O U S A N D I I P
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TWELVE	FIVE	FISH	BARLEY	THANKS
FILLED	LOAVES	ENOUGH	JESUS	GREAT
BOY	CROWD	PEOPLE	EAT	BASKET
PLENTY	GATHER	SMALL	THOUSAND	PIECES



ACROSS

- A male child
- One more than eleven; two and ten; twice six; a dozen.
- Opposite of large
- To take food into the body through the mouth
- A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water

DOWN

- A large number of persons gathered together
- The number equal to 6 plus 6
- Human beings -- as a group
- A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs
- Bread baked in one long piece (plural)

WORSHIP

Sunday 25th July

St Mary's Dalkeith 9.30am

**Join with us in person Or online
for our worship on Facebook Live or Zoom**

You can Zoom in by computer or Tablet or by phone
Join ZOOM using Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

To PHONE in dial (0131) 460 1196

NEXT WEEK - A return to weekly worship

Back in March 2020 we had to close our church doors due to the pandemic and the initial lockdown regulations. We quickly moved to offering on-line worship and organised a Pastoral Telephone Network and Weekly Newsletter to keep us in touch with you and our other members and friends of the churches.

*We are seeking your help to record and evaluate what was good and valuable about our worship over this time and invite you to complete the Questionnaire
St Leonard's and St Mary's Worship Review.*

*As we move to into a Covid Level Zero
we are tentatively reopening both churches for weekly worship
St Mary's 9.30am St Leonard's 11.15am
from Sunday 1st August.*

*We will still need to record your attendance for Track and Trace so
Please make sure your fill in our attendance list on the day
Or let us know in advance by contacting the Church Office.*

Welcome *Peter*

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

Amen

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy
name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn **ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!**

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His altar call;
Praise Him whose way of pain you trod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O prophets faithful to his word
In matters great and small,
Who made his voice of justice heard
now crown Him Lord of all.

All Sinners, now redeemed by grace
Who heard your saviours call
Now robed in light before his face
O crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every race
Who heard the freedom call
In liberation see Christ face
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every people, every tongue
To him their hearts enthral
Lift high the universal song
And crown Him Lord of all!

Prayer of Confession *Peter & Jennie*

As we gather in the presence of the God of power and love
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 Collect

**O God, whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth:
keep from us everything harmful, and lead us to all that is good;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

A Reading from Ephesians 3.14-21 read by Robin

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in
heaven and on earth derives its name

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power
through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have
power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and
long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the
fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for
ever and ever! Amen.

Reflection

Peter,

Prayers *Bill*

The Peace We meet in Christ name
Let us share his peace.

Song **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.

Eucharistic Prayer *Jennie*

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.**

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 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

(Mask, Sanitise, Receive, consume. Replace Mask)

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we have celebrated your power and love in the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to know your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

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 **LORD, I COME TO YOU,** Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day by the power of Your love.

The Dismissal

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



St Leonard's & St Mary's

Next Week

Weekly Worship Resumes At Both Churches

*Please do let us know if you are planning to attend
But if you forget to just come along and sign in on the day.*



St Mary's 9.30am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's 11.15am

stleonardslasswade.org.uk

**Our Weekly Online Worship will still be available on
Sundays and Wednesday Mornings at 10am**

Find us on  **@StLandM**

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Both Churches are registered with the Scottish Charity Register as
St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151
St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

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