

# Connect

Sunday 22nd August 2021

## ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

### The Helmet of Salvation

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

### The Breastplate of Righteousness

Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

### Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said, peacemakers were blessed.

### The Shield of Faith

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

### The Belt of Truth

Truth keeps us from giving in to world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and action to the truth of the Word of God.

### The Sword of the Spirit

which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others about the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.



# A Guide to worship in the Church



## Basic Hygiene

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



## Social Distance 1m

Although social distancing has been removed please be sensitive to the needs of others who may wish to keep at least 1m away at this time.



## Signing in Worship

Although singing is allowed we are encouraging you at the moment to continue to sing behind your mask until further clarification on current COVID Guidance.



## Communion - Mask, Sanitise, Receive,

When invited to receive the Communion Bread please come forward remove your mask, then sanitise your hands before receiving, consuming and replacing your Mask as you return there is no need to sanitise your hands again. 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 from September. however 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.

# WORSHIP

## Sunday 22nd August

St Mary's Dalkeith 9.30am / St Leonard's 11.15am  
*no zoom this week*

### Welcome

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**     **BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,**  
naught be all else to me to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true child;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might;  
Be my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:  
Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's Son;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Prayer of Confession**

As we gather in the presence of our Lord  
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**

**Almighty God, we are taught by your word  
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent  
gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### **A Reading from Ephesians 6: 10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to

withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. Keep alert and always persevere in prayer for all the saints. Pray also for me, that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John*  
***Glory to Christ our Saviour***

### **John 6.56 - 69**

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel  
Praise to Christ our Saviour*

## Reflection

## Prayers for today

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

**Song**      **FAITHFUL ONE, so unchanging,**  
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on You,  
I call out to You again and again.  
I call out to You again and again.  
You are my rock in times of trouble.  
You lift me up when I fall down.  
All through the storm Your love is the anchor,  
My hope is in You alone.

## Eucharistic Prayer

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**

**Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.  
Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

**SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE**, and put your armour on;  
Strong in the strength which God supplies,  
Through His eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in His mighty power;  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
Is more than conqueror.

Stand, then, in His great might, with all His strength endued;  
And take, to arm you for the fight,  
The panoply of God.

Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;  
Take every virtue, every grace,  
And fortify the whole.

From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness down,  
And win the well-fought day.

That having all things done, and all your conflicts past,  
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,  
And stand complete at last.

## The Dismissal

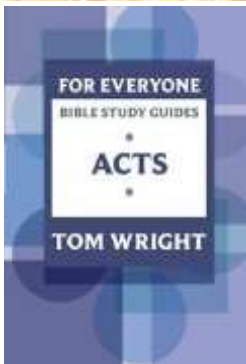
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

# Harvest Fair

A celebration of local produce and crafts

Saturday 2nd October 12 Noon — 4 pm

Coming out of isolation we are planning a new adventure and opportunity to remember Harvest time by welcoming and celebrating the local producers and crafters within our community. The Fair will be hosted in the grounds of St Mary's Church at the entrance way to Dalkeith Country Park with the church providing Refreshments and a Home baking stall as well as some children's craft activities. If you would like to support us in this adventure please speak to Fiona Harris or Sandiann Devaney .



## Tuesday Night Study & Fellowship

Would you like an opportunity to explore the book of Acts? Then join with us for Tuesday Night Study & Fellowship Starting from Tuesday 24th August then meeting every fortnight as we work our way through Acts, guided by Tom Wright's thoughts and reflections on this explosive book.

Tuesday 24th August, St Mary's at 8pm

***Our Birthday wishes for this week***

**Neil Stewart**

**Dorothy Brand only 98years young**



***Coffee at Mary's - closed for now***

Apologies for miss communication however due to a number of clashes with the church Diary, Coffee at St Mary's will not be meeting again until later in the year although we hope to see you at the Harvest Fair and in Church on Sunday's.

# Eco update for August

Hello everyone,

It's time for action, the CoP26 conference in November, is on our doorstep and we are taking part. Eco Congregation Scotland are encouraging every church to host or promote something about climate change in the run up to the event in Glasgow. The Eco Committee are meeting to discuss ideas of what we can do as a church and members from both congregations are welcome to join with us as the fellowship created by working on a project together is something we have all missed over lockdown. Here's to us all pulling together to create new growth. One of the ideas is to hold a Harvest Fair with local producers and craft people showing and selling their goods. Why not get involved!



A prayer for COP ( the United Nations Conference of the Parties)

Sustaining God as in November, at great cost and with great urgency the leaders of our species and those with concern for their common home will gather in Glasgow, we ask for your welcoming, affirming presence in the many layers of gathering which are part of that event.

Give to those who make decisions a freedom from the burdens of a past which have pushed us to this cliff-edge. Give a dawning vision of your offer of healing greater than the blocked horizon of what it might cost. Argue and wrestle with the powers and principalities of expediency and despair.

Open every human ear to the voices of the Earth, and of sisters, brothers, siblings who already suffer. Save us from the despair of complacency and the toxic temptation when the visitors have departed to embrace 'business as usual' for that 'normal' has gone and our only future will be in wakefulness, trust, hope, yes even joy as we live out your love for the Earth we are part of through your Word made Flesh Jesus, our Friend.

Hosanna: God help us!

AMEN



Join in with  
Weekly Sunday Worship



**St Mary's 9.30am**  
[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

**St Leonard's 11.15am**  
[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

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**Wednesday Morning On-line Worship**  
Resumes on Wednesday 1st September

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