

Connect

Sunday 29th August 2021

DO NOT
merely listen
TO THE WORD, *and so deceive yourselves.*

do WHAT IT SAYS.
JAMES 1:22



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.



As of Aug 2021

Celebrations & Birthday's

Blessings to Bill & Vicky Scott on their Wedding Anniversary
Happy Birthday to Phil Blamire



Dear Friends

Many of us have been touched and concerned by the fragile state of our world. Afghanistan may flood our main news items but in other parts of the world like Haiti there calls for help that we are being called to respond to. Elsewhere we are hearing of increasing concerns over extreme weather events causing floods, or droughts and wildfires. We sadly live in a broken and aching world.

Sadly some people out of selfishness or lack of concern are not moved by these events or are moved to protest and argue that we shouldn't help. The call for a reduction in our International Aid budget may feel right to some but it will affect so many people in need. Likewise I was angered when I heard that some local residents were resenting Midlothian Council's offering to house 20 displaced Afghans in the area.

Our Gospel reading this week is one of the many confrontations that Jesus had with the selfish Pharisees as he came to call us to live in a new way. The Pharisees were always concerned about doing the right thing in line with their traditions and beliefs. Yet at the same time their man made traditions and the values they held onto often stopped them caring for those in need. After all it was better to give to God and have a lovely Synagogue or Temple than to care for the poor, the widow or the orphan.

Jesus challenges us even today, not just to look as though we are doing good, doing the right thing but to actively care and respond outwardly from a loving caring heart. The letter written by James, the brother of Jesus also challenges our behaviour and attitudes. We are not just to hear God's words and forget it, but to receive it and then to live it out. Therefore we are all called to care for one another, to uphold in our prayers the concerns of the world and also to consider how we respond to these needs. If we are able this might be to financially make a donation through charities like Tearfund or Christian Aid as they work on our behalf in troubled lands.

Yours with love and care Peter

Jzzy's News



Hello everyone,

Well Dad's favourite song during our wee holiday was "Rain, Rain go away!" Everyday we had rain but we managed to get out and about most days without getting too wet dodging the showers. By the end of the week the car was definitely smelling of damp dog and wet shoes.

I wanted to show you a picture of the sea at Lytham St Anne's which we visited on one of our days out but I think the sea decided to take a day off for it was nowhere to be seen. So sadly we never got our swim in the sea.



However, I did enjoy running around the miles and miles of beach. We even stopped for a little bite to eat and Dad made a new friend! Although to be honest I think the baby starling was more interested in Dad's chips.

Sam and Grace at this time were off camping with Aunty Moira's Bolton Youth Group in Powys in Wales. Thankfully they had better weather than us but still managed to get wet most days! This was of course due to their various activities like raft building, swimming and general mucking about with water bombs. They had fun as Pirates in search of treasurer.

Grace has returned to her work as an apprentice Child Care Practitioner. The big change will be with Sam as he is now preparing to return to Dundee to begin his second year at University studying Community Education. Although I will miss him I look forward to visiting him and also to cuddling up on his empty bed while he is away from home.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from all of you as the various church events begin to reopen and life returns to normal.

With licks and barks from Izzy



Harvest Fair

A celebration of local produce and crafts

Saturday 2nd October 10am — 2 pm
St Mary's Dalkeith Church and Grounds

We are looking for your help to make the Harvest Fair a successful and well run event showcasing some of Midlothian's local Crafts and produce as we give thanks for the Harvest in its various forms.

As well as inviting local crafters and producers we plan to have the church open to offer Refreshments, Home Baking, Book Stall and some Railway fun.

So how can you help?

There are a number tasks that will help us make this a success:

- ◆ Could you help with the setting up & clear up at the event?
- ◆ Maybe help staff one of the church stalls for an hour?
- ◆ Or help manage traffic flow in and out the car park?
- ◆ We also need donations of Books for our Book stall
- ◆ Provide Home-baking, Jams & Chutney.
- ◆ We are also on the look out to borrow a Gazebo or two
- ◆ Bring your own Craft goods or produce to show or sell.

Sign up sheets will be available for some tasks but for more information and to offer your support for this new adventure please speak to Fiona Harris 663 7000 or Sandiann Devaney 259 6313

THANK YOU



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UPDATE

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The summer is ebbing away and its full steam ahead for the preparations for our Harvest Fair as well as celebrating Creation Time within our worship. All that is taking place locally never mind the preparation for the COP 26 conference in Glasgow.

In the background, folks are chatting and forming ideas on how to publicise and create meaningful events for this autumn. Some thoughts may be taken to the drawing board and after consideration, dismissed or accepted. Who is holding the drawing board? Well, all of us, who have engaged in the conversations. Some people are joining in COP Fringe events with partners, others have paired up with another to work on a project for a fair stall or fringe event, and some are doing balancing acts covering all the happenings and trying to keep the balls in the air.

It's wonderful that people are stepping up and taking an idea and running with it, so if you have ideas for the Harvest Fair or what we could do to highlight COP26 then please do speak to Fiona or Sandiann for the Harvest Fair, and to Vicki or Pauline for COP26 Fringe events and for our worship times Celebrating Creation Time please speak to Peter.

Below are some dates for your Diary and we invite you to come along and join us all for fellowship, social action and our Christian worship that we as a Church care about the beauty and wonder of creation and our role as God's stewards to care and maintain the gift of life we have been given.

Stitches for Survival: Please bring completed blankets or patches to church by **Sunday 26th September at the very latest**, and Vicki will pick up and deliver them to Christine Thompson for sewing together into the COP Scarf.

Pilgrimage: If you enjoy walking and would like to take part in the COP26 pilgrimage or even just join in for part of the walk then we invite you to find out more by Visiting www.artandecology.earth.

The Pilgrimage following the John Muir way and St Ninians way takes from **Dunbar to Glasgow Oct 17-31**. It takes in North Berwick, Aberlady, Portobello, Queensferry, Bo'ness, Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Kirkintilloch. Sign up at www.artandecology.earth/sign-up/

Vicki and Richard Clark will be doing the Portobello to Queensferry section, and it would be great if we could go as a church on that leg. Details not yet finalised but that leg will be around **Oct 20-26th**, so if wanting to join, leave dates free in diary and we will confirm details when available. Jan and Margaret are creating a banner to represent both our churches, which we will take to Portobello Beach! The pilgrimage involves not only walking but lots of side-events so should be fun!



Litterpick:

Our Next date for Litterpicking in our Community is on Saturday September 25th meeting at 2-4 pm at St. Leonard's.

Film night: next meets on Wednesday November 3rd at St. Mary's.



Green Hearts: we intend to join in with the making of green hearts as suggested by Eco Congregation Scotland as part of their COP 26 campaign. We have two ideas to put into action, one is to erect a cross, at each church surrounded by green hearts. The installations will be on view from before the Harvest

Fair Saturday 2nd October until the end of COP 26 in November. The other idea is to act as individuals by putting green hearts on trees or fences around our homes and local communities.

As we come closer to COP26 being held in Glasgow it is more important than ever to find ways to share the important message of addressing the climate emergency with those around us. As Christians we want our local communities to know that we have these 'green issues at our heart' as we do our best to care for God's creation. We want our communities to see our commitment to put that care into action, to bring about a fairer, transformed world. Making green hearts and placing them in prominent positions around our church and local community gives a visible sign of that commitment.

I look forward to seeing you and your green hearts - Eco Margaret



Pastoral News

Emma Campbell

We were deeply saddened by the news that Emma Campbell passed away at the age of 34 after a short battle with cancer. Our condolences go to Draiden, her son, and to her Mum (Helen) and sister Fiona and their wider family and friends.

The funeral service is arranged for Friday 3rd September
12 Noon at Binning Memorial Wood Tynninghame EH40 3DU

Followed by a Memorial Service in celebration of Emma's life
At 1pm in St Mary's Church Dalkeith Country Park
Afterwards all family and friends are invited back to the
Woodburn Miners Club for some light refreshments.

Donations in memory of Emma will be collected in aid of the St Columba's Hospice

Jonathan "Jon" Laidlaw

A Memorial service will take place on Saturday 4th September at St Mary's in celebration and remembrance of Jon who passed away earlier this year. The service will take place at 11.30am and weather dependant will be followed by an RAF Spitfire Flyover at 1pm. Friends and church members are welcome to come and support Margaret and the family at this service

Pastoral Group

Our Pastoral Group continue to phone and keep connected and in contact with many Church Members and we continue to thank them for all that they do behind the scenes on behalf of the Pastoral Ministry of the Churches. There are Pastoral Group Co-ordinator at each church Noreen Grieve at St Mary's and Joy Mooney at St Leonard's. If you have any pastoral concerns please do speak to any of the Clergy or to Noreen and Joy especially if you would welcome a chat with one of our Pastoral Group.

St Mary's Dalkeith 9.30am / St Leonard's 11.15am

Online Zoom & Facebook this week from St Leonard's

welcome
let's worship together



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 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

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

**Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name, nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 James 1: 19-27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror and on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Gospel Reading

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

A reading from Mark 7:

The Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?' He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules."

Jesus continued and said "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.

Jesus then called out to the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come and they defile a person.'

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 ONLY BY GRACE can we enter,
Only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavour,
But by the blood of the Lamb.

Into Your presence You call us,
You call us to come.
Into Your presence You draw us,
And now by Your grace we come,
Now by Your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions,
Who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb.

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

**Almighty God,
you renew us by your presence and love.
May we being strengthened by the Holy Spirit
serve you as we seek not only to be hearers of your word
but doers of acts of love and kindness,
in the name 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

ROCK OF AGES, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly:
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

The Dismissal

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



Join in with
Weekly Sunday Worship



St Mary's 9.30am
stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's 11.15am
stleonardslasswade.org.uk

Find us on  @StLandM

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.