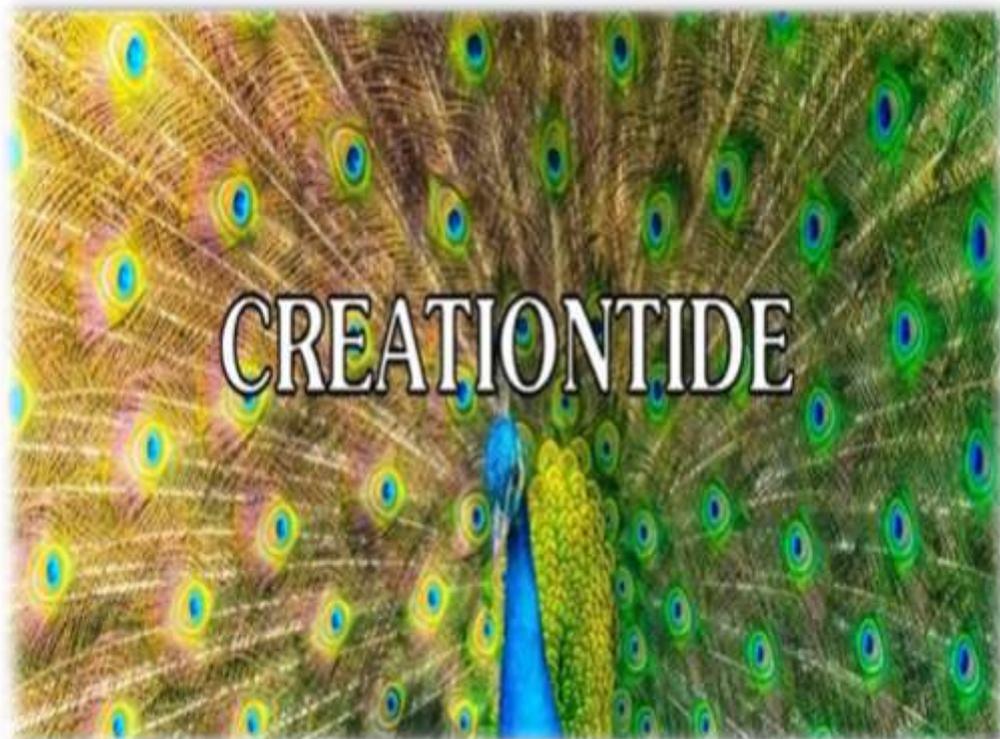


# Connect

Sunday 12th September 2021

Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's



Celebrating the season of Creation



# COVID Guidance for Worship



## 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. 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.



## Refreshments & Fellowship

We are tentatively resuming our after service refreshments and fellowship from September.

At St Mary's on leaving please help yourself to a tea or coffee remembering not to crowd the serving area and then exit to fellowship out in the open air.

At St Leonard's please visit the Hall to collect your refreshments and then exit to the grounds for fellowship in the open air.

Thank You



# Rector's Tweetings

Hello everybody,

The farmers fields around us are being harvested. Bales of hay are being stacked up as the harvesters work into the evening using up every ounce of daylight. That sounds like a very idyllic picture and maybe further out in the country side it is a reality of this time of year. Our thoughts and prayers are for all who work in the farming and food industry especially at this time of harvest.

However to be honest the farmers fields around us are actually busy with the construction of new houses. The One Dalhousie site is nearing completion and across the road in the field leading up to Cockpen Parish Church and graveyard the new Dalhousie Way development begins. Alongside this there are many other developments in around the towns that we serve as a church community. We are part of a growing and vibrant community.

In Matthew chapter 9 at verse 37 Jesus noting the harvest of people around him said:

*"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field."*

This passage resonates within me at this time especially as many of us are concerned about the future of our two churches and whether we have a viable congregation never mind congregations for the future. There is clearly an increased number of people moving into our community, a harvest of souls so to speak. So what should we do? Jesus responds; Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest fields. We are called to pray, to ask God to send more labourers, individuals and families to come alongside us and work with us. There may need to be some changes ahead but our first call is to pray. So please pray.

*With love and prayer from Peter*

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

*Online Zoom & Facebook this week from St Leonard's 11.15am*

welcome  
let's worship together



## Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

**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.**

## Song

### **CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS,**

the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

## Confession

God our Father,  
we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

## Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive *us our* sins,  
open *our* eyes to God's truth, strengthen *us* to do God's will  
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## Collect

**God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun  
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek justice and peace for your people everywhere;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
according to John

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

A reading from John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So drew out some water and took it to the chief steward.

When the steward tasted the water it had become wine, and he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The steward then called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and so revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Give thanks to the Lord  
for his glorious Gospel

### **Praise to Christ our Saviour**

## Sermon

## Prayers for Today

### **Song      CREATION SINGS THE FATHER'S SONG;**

He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
and run the course of day  
till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight;  
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan  
Of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free  
To live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage  
Are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky,  
All heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme:  
The glories of our God and King! "

Eucharistic Prayer - Giving thanks for God's love

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,  
Creator of all things visible and invisible,  
Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars,  
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,  
in every place and at all times.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit  
Who first moved over the waters of creation,  
And brought forth life.  
You now seek to renew your creation,  
and call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures  
throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together with  
angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the  
hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator,  
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.  
Through Him you revealed yourself in the world,  
and bring your saving work to its completion.  
Obedient to your will He died upon the Cross.  
By your power you raised him from the dead.  
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free  
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,  
knowing that his hour had come,  
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.  
At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's 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.**

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.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as 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 ever. Amen.**

*Everyone is invited to come and receive the bread  
In memory of God's great love for each one.*

### **Post-Communion prayer**

God, the source of all that is,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love  
and have shared in the bread of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for your creation  
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy.  
**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

God the Father, who created the world,  
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

**Amen**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,  
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

**Amen**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation,  
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace

**Amen**

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**Song: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL,**

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
Without our aid He did us make:  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

For why, the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
The God whom heaven and earth adore  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

Dismissal

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

*Refreshments are served at the close of the service*

## ***Celebrations & Birthday's***

Birthday blessings to  
Helen Stewart  
Richard Clark



## Celebrating the season of Creation

eco Congregation  
Scotland



We invite you to take part in some Eco-activities

**Stitches for Survival:** Some people have been knitting parts of the Climate Scarf that will be displayed at the COP26 rally. Please bring completed blankets or patches to church by **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at the very latest**, and Vicki will pick up and deliver them to Christine Thompson for sewing together into the COP Scarf.

**Pilgrimage:** 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/](http://www.artandecology.earth/sign-up/)

Please speak to Vicki Clark to find out more about our local involvement from Portobello to Queensferry **on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. The pilgrimage involves not only walking but lots of side-events so should be fun!

### Local Litterpick:

Our Next date for Litter picking in our own Community is on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2-4 pm at St. Leonard's. Do come along and join in. We provide litter pickers and bags but please bring your own gloves.



**Film night:** next meets on Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's.

**Green Hearts:** Do you have a Green Heart? We encourage you to display a green heart in a window and also to join in with making a display of hearts at the church.



I look forward to seeing you at some of these events and to seeing your green hearts



# Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,  
With thanks to my lovely groomer Louise at Pawfectly Pampered I am looking quite adorable with my bandana and haircut.

Although Dad often just uses his own hair clippers for his hair cuts (and it shows Dad!), the girls in the family love a pamper day.

After all us girls need to look our best and a visit to the hairdressers can often revitalise us and bring in a refreshing change or new look. I know God and Dad love us regardless of the length of our hair or whatever we are wearing but it is still nice to look and smell good. I think Louise uses a strawberry shampoo?

I know that my Dad will bark on about God looking at our hearts and not our outward appearance, however, how we look is important. Health and Hygiene, clean cloths etc show that we care about ourselves and in caring for ourselves we are able to care for one another.

Like wise when it comes to our houses and church buildings. A run down building or unkempt grounds does not make for a welcoming, friendly or inviting place to be. I am often around our church buildings and grounds with Dad and want to thank those who have been tending to our church gardens. They have been looking lovely over the summer months and very welcoming.

I have trained Dad to tidy up after me but apologise for those owners who seem to loose sight of their dog and leave the wrong type of message for us. I also hear that St Leonard's Community Hall might soon be getting a little pampering of its own to give it a fresh look. Plans are still in place for a new hall but alongside this we need to show a little care for the current building until the funds for a new one come in. Thank you to everyone who looks after the church buildings and grounds.

With licks and love from Izzy



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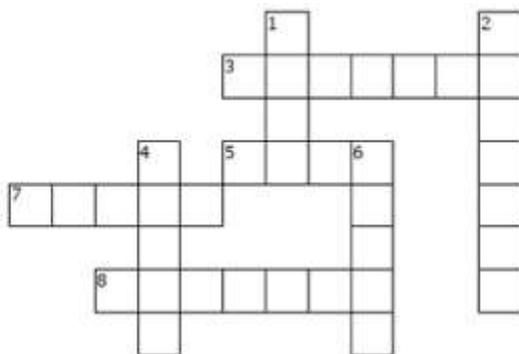
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### ACROSS

3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
5. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
8. One who is employed to perform services for someone else

### DOWN

1. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
2. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H<sub>2</sub>O
6. To eat or drink a small amount

# 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



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)

Find us on  @StLandM

**Wednesday Morning On-line Worship**  
10am on Zoom & Facebook Live

### **Church Office & Rectory**

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St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

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