

Connect

Sunday 10th October 2021

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

ALL THINGS

are possible

with God

MARK 10:27



Rector's Tweetings

Hello everybody,

I have been thinking and praying about the future of our own congregations and the state of the church in our nation. Whilst doing so I was reminded of D L Moody, one of the great Evangelists of the Victorian era. Moody although having a lucrative business came to realise that holding onto wealth was not the answer and therefore he chose to give his life to Jesus and surrendered his all to purpose of sharing the Good News message of Jesus Christ. Here are a couple of Moody's quotes which are as relevant today as they were when he first said them:

"Moses spent forty years in the king's palace thinking that he was somebody; then he lived forty years in the wilderness finding out that without GOD he was a nobody; finally he spent forty more years discovering how a nobody with GOD can be a somebody."

*"God doesn't expect the impossible from us.
He wants us to expect the impossible from Him!"*

Our Gospel reading this week reflects this theme as a Rich young man comes to Jesus looking for answers about his eternal salvation. Jesus' answer is challenging and leaves the people wondering "who then can be saved?"

Likewise we might wonder and rightly be concerned for the future and especially the future of our congregations. There, I sadly suspect, will be no easy answers and the way ahead may even be challenging and uncomfortable. The rich young man had a comfortable life, he was a good man, cared for his family and kept the commandments but Jesus challenged him about his priorities. We too need to come to Jesus and seek his wisdom and direction afresh. We need to come humbly acknowledging that without God we are nothing. However with God, even the impossible is possible if we are willing to surrender to his way.

With love and prayer from Peter

Sunday Worship 10th October
(join online from St Leonard's at 11:15am)

Welcome

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

Collect for Purity

**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 AT THE NAME OF JESUS every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, 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 raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect of the day

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Mark
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Mark 10 v 17-27

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' "

He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words.

But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

At end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions *Prayer is offered, for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,*

for the church and its members.

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

Hymn

ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER,

All to Him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust Him,

In His presence daily live.

I surrender all,

I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,

I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,

Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;

Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,

Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,

Lord, I give myself to Thee;

Fill me with Thy love and power,

Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us

that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise
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,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
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 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world

Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution of Communion

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

Song

ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus,
Knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,

So with You to live and never die.

Thanksgiving and Sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown,
Will you let My name be known,
Will you let My life be grown in you, and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?

Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through My sight and touch and sound n you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show;

Thus I'll move and live and grow In You and You in me.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Celebrations & Birthday's

Birthday blessings and prayers for recovery

Anne Miller



Annual General Meeting

Monday 1st Nov St Mary's 7pm

Sunday 28th Nov St Leonard's

After church fellowship meal & Business meeting

The end of September marks the end of our Congregations financial year and the work begins to produce our Annual Accounts and Reports for this past year of 2020 -2021.

ANNUAL REPORTS NOW DUE! - News and Hopes please

We call on all group and activity organisers to submit an Annual Report that can be included in our Annual Report Document for this past year 2020-2021. We appreciate that not much may have happened but it would be good to hear your news and hopes for the coming year. Please pass these to Fiona. ASAP.

At St Mary's the AGM will take place on Monday 1st November at 7pm in the church. Refreshments will be served at the beginning before business starts for the evening.

At St Leonard's the Vestry has agreed to holding the AGM after our Sunday worship on the 28th November. The plans are to have a bring and share lunch and fellowship with business meeting immediately after the service.

Both meetings are key events in the life of the church and require your support and attendance as we receive the reports for this last year, elect new Vestry members and ponder the year ahead. Please do put the dates in your diary and hold these meetings in your thoughts and prayers.



Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

What a blast I have been having this week as I opened my house doors to welcome in my friends Mabel and Tilly. Sadly Jennie Godfrey their human mum had to go to a family funeral down south but that did mean that Mabel and Tilly could then come and live with me for a few days.

They took a day to settle in. I guess it must have been strange to them to be living in the Harris household with all its strange sounds, Grace singing or Dad pretending to play his guitar. But soon they settled down, so much so that Mabel was snoring loudly the other night, quite content lying on a sofa with her paws in the air. It has also been fun and a bit traumatic for Dad taking three dogs out for a walk especially with us all pulling in three different directions. Thankfully though Mum and Dad took the risk of letting Mabel and Tilly of the lead for a run. They were really good girls just like me and came running back as soon as Dad or Mum said the secret word "biscuit".

It was wonderful too for me to have some company and when we got off the lead we ran with glee round the park chasing one another. Tilly is definitely the fastest out the three of us and Mabel did well to keep up with Tilly and me but seems to prefer the slower pace of sniffing and searching. We did have one or two little spats when it came to who sat where as I do enjoy cuddling up between Mum and Dad. Thankfully we all found our comfy place and soon we were all chilled out dreaming of the fun that we had and looking forward to our next adventure.

It has been lovely having friends stay over and I wonder what friends or family members you would love to have come over for tea or a wee stay?

With licks and love from Izzy,
Mabel and Tilly



Eco-Congregation News and Events



Pilgrimage for Cop26: Walk of Hope. As Part of the Cop26 Pilgrimage Vicki Clark and others are joining in with the walk from St Mark's Portobello to St Mary's SEC Cathedral on Friday 22nd October leaving from St Marks at 9am. Do feel free to come and join in and support the walk. At the Cathedral there will then be an afternoon of workshops including the following events below: 12.30pm Welcoming walkers from Portobello Including Pilgrimage for Cop26 and YCCN Relay and learning more about the Beach of Dreams flags 1.15pm Pilgrims' Lunch 2.15–5.15pm A selection of workshops for all faiths and none • A short talk and film screening about Beach of Dreams • A creative writing and art workshop to source ideas and designs for future pennant flags responding to the Pilgrimage for Cop26 • Capacitar self care practices for empowering strength and resilience • An introduction to the YCCN Relay • Christian meditation with an environmental focus • Just Scripture workshop with Christian Aid 5.30–6.15pm Evening prayer at the Cathedral with a Climate Justice theme Drawing on the day's exploration (open to all faiths and none) 7–10.30pm Climate Pilgrims' Cabaret Ceilidh An evening of food, music, song, poetry, and craftivism;



Film night: Thank You For the Rain.

A Kenyan farmer captures the impact of climate change on his family and his village, and takes his story to the global stage. Wednesday November 3rd at St. Mary's 7.30pm. Come along and watch the film

together and then discuss. All Welcome

Green Hearts: Do remember our Green Hearts initiative. You can display your own green hearts in your window at home and or place your name on one of the green hearts at church and add them to our Green Heart display. As well as this physical action we invite you also to pray and to hold in your prayers through this time the work of the Cop26 as the delegates arrive and debate. Pray for those who will gather to protest and raise awareness of Climate concerns. Pray for peaceful protests and pray for the people of Glasgow to continue to be a place of welcome and place of change for the future of our Nation and the world.



COP 26 MARCH NOVEMBER 6TH 2021

Get involved and raise your voice with us.

A few of us are going to Glasgow for the COP march on Saturday Nov 6th. We have registered to walk with the **Tearfund** organization and carry our banners on that day. We are going by dedicated coaches (you need to buy tickets) which will take us (9.30am) and bring us back (about 6pm) from the COP sites. It will be a long day but if you are interested, please contact Pauline Jones or Vicki Clark for details.



Join in with
Weekly Sunday Worship



St Mary's 9.30am
stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's 11.15am
stleonardslasswade.org.uk

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

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