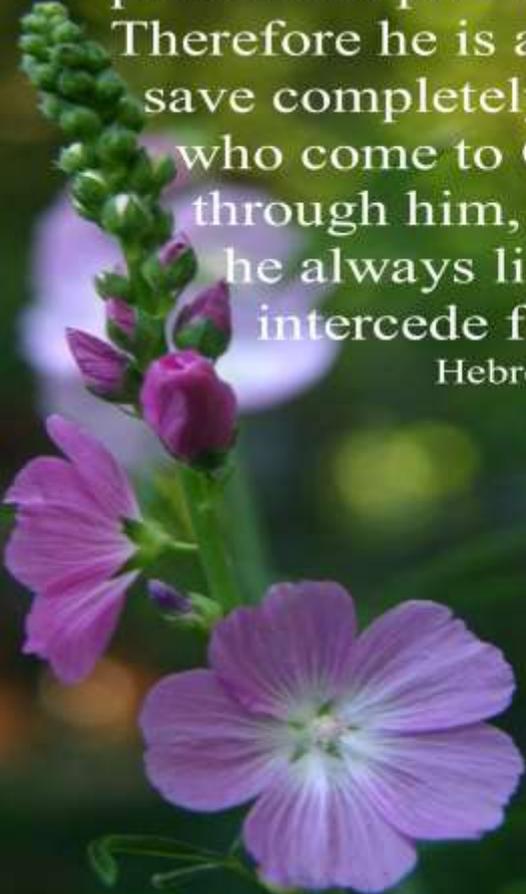


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Sunday 24th October 2021

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



but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:24-25



From the Rector

Hello everybody,

It was a delight to see a fresh new look of life appearing at St Leonard's Community Hall. It is still our

intention to look forward and to work

towards building a new hall. Nevertheless, the Vestry aware that this will not take place over night decided that while we are in a period of fundraising and exploring the future that it would be good to give the current building a face lift. So far the harling where needed has been renewed and the woodwork and gutters have been painted next we hope to paint the walls. The church doors have also received a refresh and are looking good too.

Although we often acknowledge that the church is not the building but the people, our church buildings and grounds do speak to those passing by. An unkempt and uncared for look may subconsciously give the impression that we do not actually care or have lost hope and abandoned the building. However, a well cared for building and grounds can speak of a living faith, showing that people care about their faith and the place they worship within and engage with the community from.

What people see, and discern from what they see is important. I do wonder what they might think when they walk past our church buildings. I wonder too when they walk by us as individual believers whether they are subconsciously aware of our love and presence in the wider community. Sadly we too also need to check that we have not become blind to the needs around us. Do people see the church at work, and does this work attract them or do they turn away thinking that we have abandoned our hope and our faith? Let us show that we are living by loving in Jesus name!

With love from Peter

Service of thanksgiving for the life of Norma Whannell

Wednesday 27th October 11am St Leonard's Lasswade

*Please continue to hold Norma's family and friends in your prayers,
especially Fiona, John, Neil and Norma*

Sunday Worship 24th October (online from St Leonard 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 AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THE SOUND

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God who called me here below

Will be forever mine, will be forever mine

You are forever mine

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

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land;
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 7.23-28

There have been many priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for us.

Such a high priest truly meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people.

Christ Jesus sacrificed for our sins once and for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect for ever.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Mark 10.46-52
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus (which means 'son of Timaeus'), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.'

So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'

'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.'

Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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 **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.

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.*

Communion Song:

BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,
Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you — drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Thanksgiving and Sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus 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

STRENGTH WILL RISE

as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise
as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Dismissal

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

*Please do join with us for some light refreshments
and a time of fellowship at the close of the service.*



Annual General Meeting

Monday 1st Nov St Mary's 7pm

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

Please note: The Annual report and papers for this meeting are available now at the Welcome desk

Sunday 28th Nov St Leonard's

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 short service of worship leading into the AGM This will be followed by a Church Lunch. We are still on the lookout for a new Treasurer and also need additional Ordinary Members of Vestry. The Papers and Annual Report will be available soon. Please submit your reports ASAP—Thank You

Celebrations & Birthday's

Birthday blessings

Louise Cromie, Julia Davis, Janina Short

Wedding Anniversaries

Mary & Ian McPhail, Judy & Andrew Strong



Shoe Box Appeal 2021

Give a precious gift this Christmas

Last year even though conditions were difficult we were overwhelmed with the amazing response to our appeal. 75,218 shoeboxes and bags were donated and sent off to Eastern Europe— .Thank you so much.

Your kindness and generosity makes such a difference, receiving a shoebox brings so much joy. We are looking ahead to our Shoe Box Appeal 2021 and to helping vulnerable communities across Eastern Europe. We trust we will be able to deliver boxes and bags to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. If you are able to help we encourage you to start gathering items for your Shoebox and get ready to send them. Shoe Box Leaflets will be available in church soon.



HAITI DISASTER UPDATE

Compassion-supported churches are mobilising to care for Haitians devastated by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that tore through the regions of South, Nippes, and Grand'Anse on Saturday 14 August.

At least 2,200 people have died in the earthquake. Nearly 10,000 people have been injured. The UN estimates about 500,000 children now have limited or no access to shelter, safe water, and food.

Compassion has a long history of serving children and families in extreme poverty on the island nation and is mobilising staff and funds to support people who have been impacted by the quake. The rural location provides many different challenges, but we are committed to serving all the children and young people in the area.

We're still in the early stages of assessing the final impacts on the children we serve and their families, but early reports show 16 Compassion-sponsored children and 77 caregivers and siblings have died. We are proactively communicating with sponsors and will continue to keep them informed as we know more information.

Our hearts are broken by this very sad news. Please do continue to pray for the families of those who've lost loved ones. If you are able to make a special donation to help our Haiti Disaster Responses please visit the Compassions Website or speak to Kathleen Donald who will collate our local donations and send these onward.

THANK YOU

www.compassionuk.org



Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

Well its been another busy but enjoyable week in the Rectory. Although sometimes I think Mum and Dad get too busy that they forget that I enjoy my walks and sniffs. However, as they are still running after Grace and picking her up from her work I do still get to run around the Rosewell park most days. Grace seems to be doing really well with her new job and is now trained to do nappy changing. However, for some reason she is still more than happy for Mum or Dad to pick up my business rather than her.

Its has also been busy with my Auntie Moira and my friend Esther staying over for a few days. That means extra cuddles and fun. Auntie Moira being one of those crazy Youth Worker types had me running around the house as she chased me and my ball, round and round the coffee table. Some of you humans are really good fun to be with and some of you are just crazy like Moira and Dad. Anyway I need to keep writing this article as Moira and Esther have invited me out to go and play on the beach. Youth Workers seem to have lots of fun!

Talking of Youth Work, I am missing Samuel but I hear that he is really enjoying his Youth Work placement with the Hot Chocolate Trust in Dundee. He has also started to have face to face lectures again and enjoying getting to meet his other class mates. Last year with all the lockdown stuff he was at home most of the time, so Mum, Dad and I are really happy that he is doing well and making new friends and getting stuck into his studies. We should hopefully be going up to see him soon and then start to look forward to having him home for the Christmas holidays. Until then I will just have to keep his bed warm for him.

With licks and love from Izzy



Eco-Congregation News and Events



"I want to save the world?" said Rabbit.
"The weight of the world is heavy." said Bear.
"Start smaller. Start with yourself."
"I don't need to be saved." said Rabbit. "I'm okay."
"Ahh, but that's just it. You're not okay.
None of us are." said Bear.
"Not even you?" asked Rabbit.
"No." said Bear. "I have hard days too. And that's okay."
"It is? Why?" asked Rabbit.
"Because when we admit our struggles,
we can begin to heal.
And when we begin to heal,
that's when we can begin helping others." said Bear.

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On Wednesday 3rd November 2021, the World Leader Climate conference will be into its third day. The focus for this day is Finance. I may not be the one who tunes into every televised debate or walks in a pilgrimage or listens to every environmental documentary, but I am planning to attend the



Eco Congregation Film night,

'Thank you for the Rain'

on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm at St Mary's.

Why am I attending this film night and encouraging you to attend to? Well the reason why, as Bear suggests, is start smaller. Start with yourself. Maybe watching a little Eco film evening in the church is all I can muster rather than a trip into the big cities! However, with prayer, maybe just maybe this film night along with all the other larger events and agreements made, will begin to make a difference in me and in the bigger issues of climate change as everyone agrees to work together to save our planet for our children and our children's children.. Start Smaller and come and join in watching the film and discussing its themes and issues.

Margaret



St Mary's

Spring Cleaning in the Autumn
on Tuesday 26th October at 10am.

Everyone welcome
to join in with the Big Clean of the Church

Re-launching of **Messy Church**



Saturday 27th November 2pm

The Messy Planning Team met recently to discuss ways forward and consider how we could re launch our Messy Church taking into account COVID guidelines, minimising risk while still desiring to offer a fun and a creative way to explore theme's of faith and worship Jesus.

With Masks for those over 12 and hand sanitisers at the ready we are now getting ready to welcome you back to Messy Church on Saturday 27th November at St Mary's. As a one off for November we are having Messy Church with "Afternoon Tea" (sandwiches and cakes) from 2-4pm.

We invite you to book a place in advance for you and your family. By booking in you help the craft and catering team know how much to make and helps us get ready to warmly welcome you back to church.

To book please contact the Church office

Email: office.stlandm@gmail.com

Phone: 0131 663 7000

(Oh and if you forget to book—please still come — we do forgiveness too)



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
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.