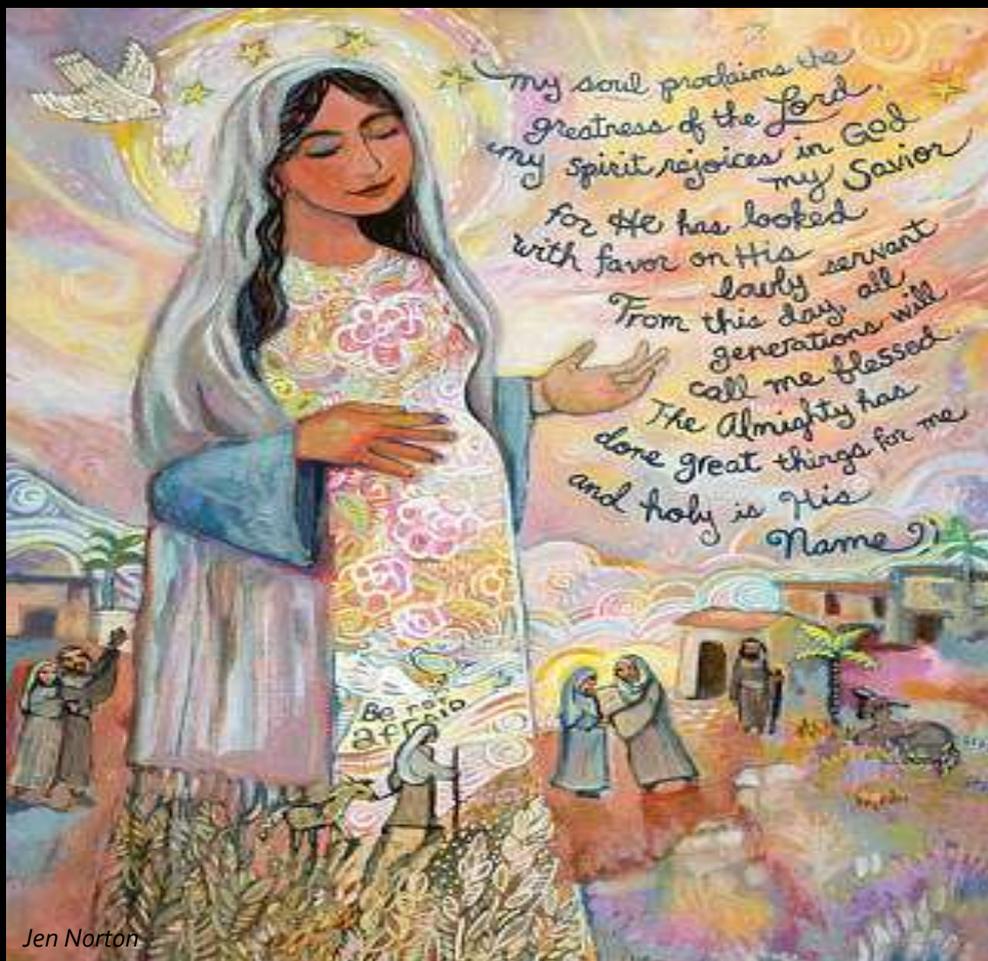


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Sunday 12th December 2021 Advent 3 Joy

Weekly News and worship

from St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith



From the Rector

“Sing for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth!
Burst into song, O mountains!

For the Lord has comforted his people
and will have compassion on them in their suffering”

Isaiah 49:13.

As we come to the third week of Advent and the theme of Joy we continue to remember and recall the prophecies and stories of the Old Testament that promised that God is faithful to his people and his promises are true. Christmas for many is a joyful time and for us as Christians it should be a time of joy. Not necessarily a happy or false sense of emotional joy that everything is ok with me but a Joy that looks forward even in the midst of sorrow, pain and loss to a time that is to come.

God’s people in the past had joy because they anticipated they looked forward to a time when the promised Messiah would come and “Those who have been ransomed by the Lord...will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness” (Isaiah 35:10). Their faith in God’s promises meant that even in sorrow, they committed themselves to God and his way.

Today, our joy is anchored in the knowledge that God fulfilled his promise. And with Advent more than half over, our joyful anticipation of Christmas is coming to a head. It’s easy to be giddy and full of rejoicing when we replay the angels words, “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!” (Luke 1:11). But, it is important to remember that the joy we have in Christ is not seasonal or situational. Like the joy of the people of God in ancient times before the first Christmas was celebrated, our joy should be a response to what God has already done and continues to do for us and for the world in which we live.

Today we remember that Mary filled with Joy at the amazing things that God was doing through her and her cousin Elizabeth burst into a joyful song of praise which reflects what God has done. May this song be your song of joy for today and the days to come.

With love from Peter

Welcome: Advent 3 JOY

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

Amen.

*We light the third candle of Advent
reminding us to rejoice in the joy of our salvation*

Praise be to the Lord,

for he has heard my cry for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield;

my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy,

and with my song I praise him.

HYMN: FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

Let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, by every tongue.

O Praise Him, O Praise Him

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

In every land begin the song;

To every land the strains belong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sounds all voices raise,

And fill the world with loudest praise.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Confession:

We declare that God is love and we are his children.

There is no room for fear in love and we love because he loved us first.

So 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.

The Collect

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate with joy the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 12 v2-6

- 1 Behold God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
- 2 the Lord God is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
- 3 With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the nations.
- 5 Sing to the Lord for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
- 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 1 v46–55
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
- 2 for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant;*
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me*
and holy is his name.
- 4 He has mercy on those who fear him*
in every generation.
- 5 He has shown the strength of his arm;*
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones*
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 7 He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 8 He has come to the help of his servant Israel,*
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 9 the promise he made to our fathers,*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

The Peace

The Lord says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."
we meet in Christ's name;
Let us share His peace.

HYMN O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Eucharistic Prayer II

Anticipation (Suitable for Advent)

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,
God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Dawn and evening celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son
the life of heaven and earth were joined,
sealing the promise of a new creation,
given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit,
we who bear your threefold likeness
look for the City of Peace
in whose light we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,
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.
In Jesus you showed us yourself.

Our hope is built on him,
the first, the last, the living one.
Obedient, even to accepting death,
he opened the gate of glory
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
alight with the vision of a feast
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,
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 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 ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

*Everyone is invited to come and receive the bread of communion
or a blessing at this time*

*Come forward take your mask off, sanitise your hands and receive,
After receiving replace mask and return to pew*

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
And his mercy endures forever.

Merciful God, fill us with unending joy,
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

HYMN **O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL,**
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come Thou Branch of Jess's tree
Freedom from Satan's tyranny
And trust your mighty power to save
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

O come desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Oh bid our sad divisions cease
And be yourself our King of peace

The Dismissal

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore! Amen.

Go in peace and with great joy
To love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Join us on zoom each Wednesday at 10 a.m.
for a short time of
reflection, prayer, and praise
this Advent

ALL ARE WELCOME

Meeting ID: 656 157 5203
or look for the link posted each wednesday
morning on the facebook page



Join in with Weekly Sunday Worship

St Mary's 9.30am

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Gospel puzzles

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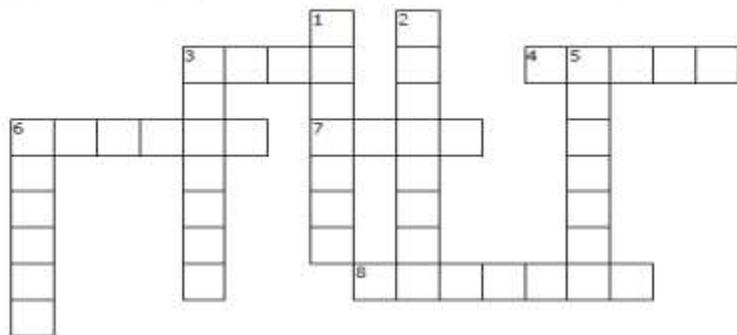
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ACROSS

- The spiritual part of humans which lives forever
- To be filled excessive self-esteem
- To feel the need or desire for food
- Having great wealth
- Having good things given to you, especially from God

DOWN

- To give honor, praise, and adoration to
- To show mercy or compassion to another
- One who yields or surrenders to the will or authority of another
- To express great joy or happiness
- Not proud or boastful

Jzzy's News



Hello Everyone,

I have heard that the last Messy Church was a wonderful time of joy and fun exploring the theme of light and focusing in on Jesus saying that he is the Light of the World. The families had lots of fun making Paper Lanterns and night lights and singing songs like "My Lighthouse" or "This little light of mine".

Since then there has been an explosion of lights all around us. Come on Dad your letting the street down as everyone else has their lights up. Bonnyrigg town centre is glowing with their array of Christmas lights.

Dalkeith has even raised the bar this year with a wonderful display of reindeer and presents all lit up. All these lights add to the celebration and joy of the season. I wonder if you have a favourite light display or neighbours house that is blazing with lights. I know Dad sometimes takes the long way home just to pass some of the wonderful displays.

Grace and Dad's Christmas jumpers all light up too and I too often wear my flashing collar when I am out and about. I wonder and hope that there is someone in your life who lightens up your day and let us remember also to ask Jesus to shine on us and through us to bring joy and light to others.

With licks and love from Izzy





Advent Stepping Stones

Helping us to reflect and prepare for Christmas

Using the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love we invite you to participate in our new outdoor Advent Reflection. Each stone will mark a Sunday in Advent and to accompany the stones we will have a leaflet to help guide us to reflect, pray and think about each of these themes as the steps we take towards celebrating Christmas and the arrival of Jesus Christ who is our Hope, our Peace, our Joy, and the one who in love gives us the gift of being Loved.

Store House Parcels



Firstly, I would like to thank you and your congregations for all the generosity you have shown this Christmas helping Storehouse support some of the neediest families in the community. Your support at this time and throughout the whole of 2021 has been very much appreciated.

The Storehouse running out of the Full Gospel church in Dalkeith will continue to be open on Wednesdays (10am to 10:30am) for you to drop off items for Storehouse up until Wednesday 22nd December.

After that, we will be closed on Wednesday 29th and Wednesday 5th January, reopening on Wednesday 12th January. Thank You.

Most Popular items that we need are:

Laundry liquid, Toilet roll, deodorant/ shower gel
Cans of ravioli, cans of stew / can of mince
multi pack crisps, rice puddings, tinned custard

Christmas Fair

Well done we raised £1493.01

Raffle Prize Winners:

Hamper	Sophie Whitehead
Gel Manicure	Janina Short
Coasters	David Short
Glass Tree	Charlie Kemp
Christmas Tray	Rita & Johnny (A Cunningham's sister and brother in law)

Guess the weight of the Cake

8lb and 2 oz Won by Robert Goodfellow

Name the Penguin

Daisy Penguin Won by Margaret McMeekin

Jar of Sweets

Contained 102 awarded to Lesley Connell

Well done to everyone who donated their gifts, time and talents
to make this one a success.

Thank You from John Mellon

Dear friends,

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for the very generous gift of an iPad on my retirement. I'm truly overwhelmed by that and will now work hard to get to grips with the intricacies of such a fine piece of equipment.

Thank you all very much once again.

With love from John

Celebrations & Birthday's

Special Birthday blessings to
Luke Wilson & Anne McKay

Advent & Christmas

Throughout Advent visit your church garden and reflect upon the Advent message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love with our Advent Stepping Stones Reflection.



Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle Service St Mary's

*Come and build your own Christingle, then ...
join us around the outdoor Nativity Scene for carols.*

8pm Carols at St Leonard's

*Join with us round the outdoor Nativity Scene at St Leonard's
As we sing some familiar carols
And hear again the amazing story at the heart of Christmas.*



11.30pm Midnight Christmas Mass

Join us at St Mary's as we celebrate the birth of the King

Christmas Day

10.30am Joint Service at St Leonard's

Sunday 26th Dec. 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Joint Service at St Mary's

Sunday 2nd Jan 2nd Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Joint Service at St Leonard's