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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 20th February

2022 A time of Prayer and Visioning

**For I know the plans I have for you,
'declares the Lord,'
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.**

**When you will call on me
and come and pray to me,
I will listen to you.**

**When you seek me with all your heart
You will find me.**

Jeremiah 29 v 11-13

A prayer as we seek God's vision and plan for St Leonard's & St Mary's

Father God, we desire as a church
to take hold of the vision and plan You have for us
and pray that You would lead and guide us
to take a step of faith in the direction that You would have us go.
Help us we pray,
to grasp your vision for the churches of St Leonard's and St Mary's.
May we be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance.
Help us not to make rash and quick decisions
out of fear or a sense of urgency,
but to humble ourselves and to trust that we are held by you
as we seek Your plans and purposes.
Draw us closer to each other and to You,
that as the church vision emerges in our hearts,
we will know the Holy Spirit at work in us,
for the glory and praise of your name.
This we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Welcome to Worship



We give a warm welcome to everyone who is able to join with us for this weeks worship.

At St Mary's we especially welcome baby Jaxon and his parents Jack and Shannon and their family and friends as we come together to celebrate and baptise Jaxon and welcome him into the family of the world wide church.

In baptism we are all encouraged to turn away from the earthly ways of sin and death and to turn to Jesus and live a life of love. At the heart of the Good News that the church proclaims is the message of love. It sounds so simple "Love your neighbour. " Yet so often we get it wrong. We find it easy to love those who love us and care for us but it is so much harder for us to turn the other cheek, to forgive when we have been hurt and wronged. Yet this is the way that we are called to live in love, the way that Jesus calls us into, the way of the Children of God. It is not easy but it is the way.

We hear that God is love, and we are often happy to receive God's love, his mercy and forgiveness. However, we can not fully comprehend God's love until we acknowledge that just as God forgives us so God also longs to forgive and heal those whom we struggle to forgive. To be a Christian, is to live out a calling to love in the name of Jesus. It is the golden rule but it is not easy. It begins by acknowledging that all of us are broken and hurt people who have been damaged by sin at work in us. Sadly broken and hurt people can often be caught up in a cycle of hurt, hurting others and then finding themselves hurt in return. It takes a step of boldness and faith to break this cycle of hurt and pain and to choose to retaliate with love.

The sacrament of baptism may be viewed as a once in a lifetime occurrence however, the decisions and promises that are taken today can be used as our renewal. A fresh opportunity to begin again. To say no to more hurt and pain and seek the ways of love by turning to Christ, receiving his love and forgiveness and then to go out with the desire to love and serve the King who loves us and laid down his life for all of us. Yes you too.

Yours with love Peter

Welcome

Opening Responses

The Lord 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 magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hymn **O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder**
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins in 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 Amen**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

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.

Collect:

**Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us
by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Reading from 1 Corinthians 15.v35-38 & 42-44

Someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised?

With what kind of body will they come?'

How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory;

it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Hymn **GOD SENT HIS SON, they called Him Jesus;**
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living Just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Gospel Reading from Luke 6 v27-36

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

Jesus said: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn **HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,**
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love for all the ages
risen King of Heaven He stands.
Calling home His Father's children
holding forth his wounded hands.
We are called to feast forever
round the table of the Lord
And day by day we'll sing his praises
as we share his gift of love.

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord
Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory,
the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth
is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

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.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven
and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience, now 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 Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf of our sins had made.

Through the dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory
that life and light might reign.

Before your Son our Lord was given up to suffering and death,
we remember 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.**

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread of communion
Or a blessing at this time
(mask - sanitise - receive - consume - mask - return)*

Prayer after communion

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

God of redeeming love.
May we strengthened by the presence of the Holy Spirit
live and work to your praise and glory.
We ask this 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

I CANNOT TELL why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three-and-thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy-laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour,
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name **Christ Amen**



We are back - come and join us

Our Fellowship Group recommences on
Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30pm in St Mary's

The Fellowship then plans to get back to the routine of meeting every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. These meetings are a great way for people in the church to come together and to be together for fellowship, fun and also learning with various guest speakers and other activities.

We warmly invite you to come and join in the fellowship.



Can't make it in person
this week then join in
with Worship Online



Services are broadcast live on Facebook and uploaded later to Youtube

1st & 3rd Sunday's of the Month 9.30am from St Mary's
2nd & 4th Sunday's of the Month 11.15am from St Leonard's

To find us on Facebook: Search for "St Leonard's and St Mary's"

Digital Connect Group at St Mary's

Organised by Una from Volunteer Midlothian.

Tuesday 22nd Feb 2022 at 2pm -3pm

Learn Digital Skills for free

Pop in with your Laptop or Tablet if you have a question



Saturday 5th March 10.30—Noon

At our March Coffee at Mary's we are launching the first of our

SWAP-SHOPS

As a way of reducing, reusing and recycling goods and items we own we hope the SWAPSHOP will be a meaningful way for all of us to recycle. For our first SWAPSHOP we will be focusing on fashion accessories like Jewellery, Scarfs, hats etc. So bring along an item your happy to swap with and take home a new look on Saturday 5th March

Your Local Food Bank needs YOU!



Sadly we are all feeling the pinch with recent price increases affecting energy as well as other basics like food. We don't want any family to have to choose between heating or food so ask you to consider supporting the work of Storehouse as it reaches out with aid to local families

Storehouse donations

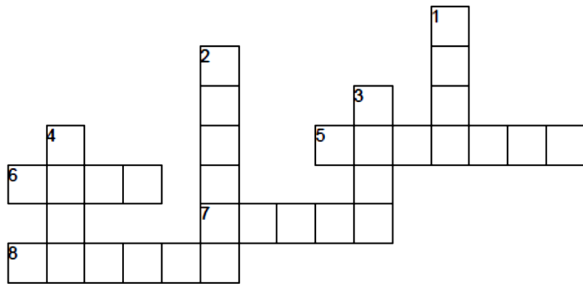
can be dropped off at the Full Gospel Church on Dalkeith High Street on a Wednesday Morning between 10 and 10.30am or call the church office and we can arrange a pick up for you. Items request include:

- Hot Chocolate Powder for mixing with water
- Tomato Ketchup/ Brown Sauces / Mayonnaise
- Tins of Macaroni Cheese, and other ready meals
- Soups, Pot Noodles, Fray Bentos Pies
- Breakfast Cereal — Rice Krispies, Frosties, etc
- Washing up Liquid, Laundry Liquid, Toilet Paper, Kitchen rolls
- Soap, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Bible Fun



FATHER	BLESS	WICKED	GREAT
ENEMIES	SINNERS	HATE	LOVE
REWARD	CURSE	MISTREAT	MERCIFUL



HORIZONTAL

5. Persons you know and like very much
6. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
8. Something good received in return for good behavior

VERTICAL

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A season of Pilgrimage

A free day event open to anyone

To be a pilgrim:

a day to explore ideas, history and spirituality of pilgrimage

Holy Trinity, Haddington and on Zoom

Saturday 26th February 10am - 3pm

With guest speakers **Donald Smith** from the Scottish Storytelling Centre and author of Pilgrim Guide to Scotland and **Canon Peter Doll**, Canon Librarian and Vice Dean of Norwich Cathedral, who has been involved in re-establishing pilgrim routes across East Anglia.

Welcome from 9.15; programme begins with worship at 10am. Zoom meeting will be open 10-1.30pm (to hear the speakers)

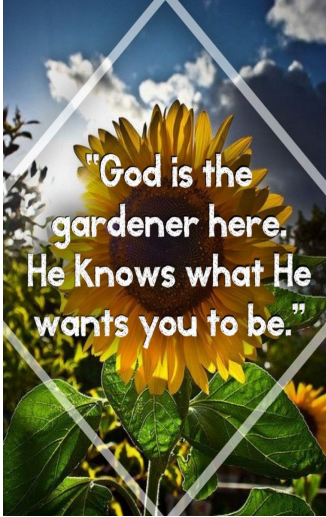
This day will be a day of discussion, exploration and togetherness. Unless restrictions change, it will take place in person and also on Zoom.

This event is free, but booking in advance is essential (whether you will attend in person or on Zoom) To Book visit:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/to-be-a-pilgrim-tickets-247205467207



Saturday 26th February
at 2pm



Come join us for some messy fun activities as we make Seed Bombs, plant lettuce and make a new flower bed for the community. Along with this there will be other creative and messy crafts as well as an Afternoon Tea with Sandwiches, Sausage rolls, Story Time and cake too.

Sign up by emailing or calling the Church Office



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