

"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

JEREMIAH 29:11

Connect

Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 27th February

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of
Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying
down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for
tomorrow, that your Spirit of
comfort would draw near
to them.

We pray for those with power
over war or peace.

for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace.

Amen



World Day of Prayer Service

Cockpen Parish Church
Friday 4th March 7pm

We warmly invite you to attend the World Day of Prayer service
which will take place in Cockpen Parish Church
on Friday 4th March from 7pm.

Please note there is no WDP service in Dalkeith but you are warmly
welcome to attend the one at Cockpen.



Welcome to Worship

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

Our Gospel reading for this Sunday is the account of Jesus transfiguration. Peter, James and John are given a glimpse of something mysterious. They are given a glimpse of life beyond the grave, as Moses and Elijah meet with the transformed Jesus radiant in splendour and majesty. The scene points us to consider and have hope in what lies ahead for all of us. What will life be like?

Sadly there is much uncertainty just now with the Russian invasion of Ukraine taking place as I write this weeks Connect news. We pray for the world and the people of the Ukraine praying for peace, praying for a withdrawal of forces back behind their borders. We pray for our friends and family members who are worried about their own family and friends who live in the Ukraine and other nations who once were part of the USSR.

Likewise as we move into the new norm of living with COVID we step forward cautiously uncertain of what lies ahead of us. As a Church we will be using Lent (*which begins this week*) as a time of reflection and preparation for Easter and also for the new life to come. Over Lent we will be focusing in on refreshing and renewing our faith in God who believes in us, in God who calls us into his family and calls us to be active with deeds of love and service. All of this while beginning to explore what is God calling us to do more specifically as each individual church and also what we can do together. It is a challenging time but like a gardener looking out at our garden now is the time to prepare the groundwork and clear out that which needs to be cleared, nurture and tend to that which will remain and prepare the ground for what new seeds and plants we want to sow or plant.

So although there is a degree of uncertainty and worry let us hold on by faith in the hope that we have in Christ Jesus, that one day there will be a great peace and all the pain and sorrow will end in the life beyond the grave.

Yours with love Peter

Welcome

Opening Responses

The Lord be with you
And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad in it

**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

AS WE ARE GATHERED Jesus is here;

One with each other, Jesus is here.

Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,

Part of the body, the church of God.

As we are gathered Jesus is here,

One with each other, Jesus is here.

ALL HAIL THE LAMB, enthroned on high;

His praise shall be our battle cry.

He reigns victorious, forever glorious,

His name is Jesus, He is the Lord.

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, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Reading of Scripture **Jeremiah 29 v11-13**

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.
Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all your heart.

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.

Gospel Reading from Luke 9.28-36

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

Jesus then took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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

A Reflection on the Visioning Process - Jennie Godfrey



Prayer for the Church

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 church.

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. Amen.

Prayers for today

Hymn **AN ARMY OF ORDINARY PEOPLE,**

A kingdom where love is the key,

A city, a light to the nations,

Heirs to the promise are we.

A people whose life is in Jesus,

A nation together we stand.

Only through grace are we worthy, inheritors of the land.

A new day is dawning, a new age to come,

When the children of promise shall flow together as one.

A truth long neglected, but the time has now come

When the children of promise shall flow together as one.

A people without recognition,

But with Him a destiny sealed,

Called to a heavenly vision,

His purpose shall be fulfilled.

Come, let us stand strong together,

Abandon ourselves to the King,

His love shall be ours forever, this victory song we shall sing.

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 forward
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
**Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and
deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name. 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 THE SUN COMES UP, IT'S A NEW DAY DAWNING

It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

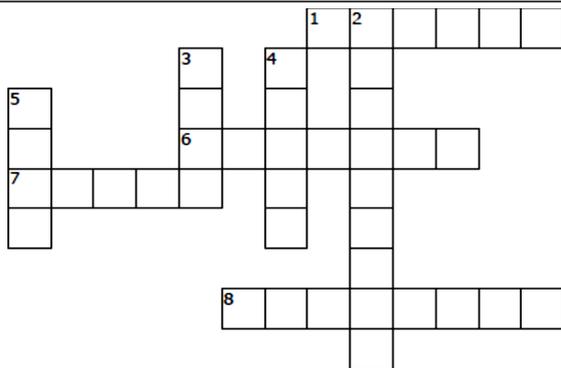
The Dismissal

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

Bible Puzzles

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FLASH	LIGHTNING	MOSES	JOHN	MOUNTAIN
CLOUD	PETER	CHANGED	VOICE	JESUS
JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES



ACROSS

1. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
6. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. The opposite of being asleep
8. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill

DOWN

2. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
3. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
4. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
5. To speak to God

Swap Shop at Coffee at St Mary's

Saturday 5th March 10.30am -12noon



When someone admires something, we are wearing, most of us are well used to saying, 'I bought it in a charity shop', but how many of us can say, 'I found it at a swap shop'?

Well, it's going to be the new expression of 2022, as we launch our first *Swap Shop*

So, what's a Swap Shop?

- It's a free event. No money is exchanged for the 'swap'
- The idea is to prevent the waste of old items going to landfill and the unnecessary purchase of new ones.
- You may take from the table without bringing if you can make use of something available.
- Although it is a free event sometimes people may wish to show their appreciation for the swap. A donations box will be made available, and the contributions will be split between St Mary's and St Leonard's for church funds.
- Any items brought to the table that are not taken are simply removed by the owner at the end of the coffee morning. (If you are unable to attend in person you can decide with someone to oversee your items and remove them if required)
- There will be a theme each month to keep its focus as a swap shop.

So, for the launch of our first Swap Shop, the theme is ***Scarves and Jewellery*** we need you and family members to look out any unwanted scarves, men's, ladies and children's and unwanted costume jewellery. Bring them along to church on Saturday for our first swapping event.

This is an event that your friends may enjoy too, so invite them along for some fellowship. It is hoped that everyone will find this not just an action for the environment but an opportunity for fun and laughter, as we browse, chat, and encourage one another to swap not shop.



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



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.

Closed this week—open from Tue 8th March 2-3pm

Learn Digital Skills for free

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

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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Ash Wednesday Services

10am at St Leonard's Dobbies Road Lasswade

7pm at St Mary's Dalkeith Country Park

the RIVER...

**a time to worship, pray and soak in
God's presence together**

**6.30 - 7.30pm (coffee after)
The Pitcairn Centre**

Last Sunday of the Month

Sunday 27th February



Coffee at Mary's

Saturday 5th February

10.30 — 12Noon

SWAP SHOP

This months theme

Jewellery, Scarves and accessories
Come and join in with our first Swap Shop

This Saturday as part of
Coffee at St Mary's

Swap Shop's will take place on:

Saturday 5th March 2022

Saturday 2nd April 2022

Saturday 7th May 2022

Saturday 4th June 2022

Each Month with a different theme



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