



*If you have love
for one another,
then everyone will
know that you are
my disciples.*

John 13:35

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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 15th May 2022 Easter Week 5

Easter 5

Alleluia Christ is risen!

Most of you know that I have a sweet tooth. One of my holiday favourites was always to have a stick of rock often with the words of the place we were visiting running all the way through. To be honest I never really cared about how they managed to get the name to run all the way through the stick, I just enjoyed licking and sucking my way to the end.



As we come to this Sunday's Gospel readings we head back to the Last Supper, the night on which our Lord was betrayed but it is also the night in which he broke bread and drank wine with his friends. We go back to some of Jesus final words and teaching before his death on the cross. There we read that we are to love one another. How are we to do that? We are to love like Jesus. He says "as I have loved, so you must love one another." For it is by this mark of love that people will know that you are a disciple of Jesus.

Just as the words go all the way through my stick of seaside rock so too should love run all the way through who we are and what we do. We can often look to the fruit of the Spirit as a marker to whether we are growing in Christ, learning and being transformed by the Spirit at work in us. Love is right there at the beginning of the list from Galatians 5 verse 22. So let us learn how to love as Jesus loved us.

We persevere with our prayers for the 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 and hear their hearts cry.

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



Welcome

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

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

Prayer of Confession

As we draw near to God who is love let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness and renewal.

**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. Amen

Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Reading from Acts 11.1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth." The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." Three times this happened, then it was pulled into up heaven.

'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me not to hesitate but to go with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the gentiles house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?' When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

Hymn A NEW COMMANDMENT I give unto you,
That you love one another, as I have loved you,
That you love one another, as I have loved you.

By this will all men know, that you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.

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If you have love one for another.

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

John 13.31-35

When Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come."

A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

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

Sermon

Prayers for Today

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name;
Let us share his peace.

Hymn **THERE IS A REDEEMER**, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit—
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

Therefore, with your people throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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**

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us
to come to your table and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love
upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit upon us and on this bread and this wine
that they may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us lift up our voice in prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing at this time

Prayer after Communion

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

**God of love, we have heard your truth and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your ways of love,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord**

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour,
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, 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.

Dismissal

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

**Do join with us for fellowship and refreshments
served at the end of the service**



Hosting Ukrainian Families

We had hoped to bring you news about what was happening regards a proposal for us a church family to host a Ukrainian family. Sadly however the Governments response and lack of action has been 'Disappointing and frustrating!'

We are still planning to offer to host a family in the local area and hope to provide them with House or Flat that we will pledge to rent , furnish and provide heating and lighting for. Please pray for this endeavour and consider making a pledge to support the family when they come.

We anticipate that we will need £1000 a month to cover the cost of the rental and energy bills and welcome your support. Some people may wish to give a one off donation others may be happier with a monthly contribution. Regardless of whether you can only give a few pounds or a 100 or more we ask for you to make a pledge to give so that we can budget for any short fall if needed.

I pledge to love and support the Ukrainian Family by giving

We are not asking for any money at this time just a pledge to give when the need arrives, sometime in the coming months.

SAT 28TH MAY – BIG WALK TO CARBON NEUTRAL

On Saturday 28th May, churches in the Diocese of Edinburgh are invited to 'pilgrim' to our Mother Church, St Mary's Cathedral. There are several walks planned from South Queensferry, Roslin and Portobello, and down the Water of Leith. There will be a walk around the grounds of the Cathedral for those who can't manage a longer walk.

The Walks or Cycles begin at 9.30am and we will all meet up at the Cathedral in time for lunch and worship. The afternoon will include workshops and speakers to help us on our Big Walk to Carbon Neutral, as we share resources, ideas, frustrations and joys

To register please visit the Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-walk-to-carbon-neutral-tickets?294436105317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



Getting Ready for Next Year 10th - 14th April 2023

In 2023 we warmly invite you to come and be part of what God is doing and resourcing through the work of Spring Harvest. Thankfully next years dates are post Easter, so if your looking for a post Easter get away with God then do get in touch with Fiona for more information. Bookings open early June with an early bird discount. So please do get in touch.



The Storehouse

Philip Meldrum writes
Hi everyone,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support to storehouse. Your generosity is such a great help to the neediest people in the community. At present, here are the items that we are currently most in need of ...

- 1) UHT milk (blue lid).
- 2) Bags/boxes of sugar.
- 3) Pot noodles.
- 4) Multipacks of crisps.
- 5) Boxes of coco pops.
- 6) Cans of macaroni cheese.

Once again, many thanks. Philip



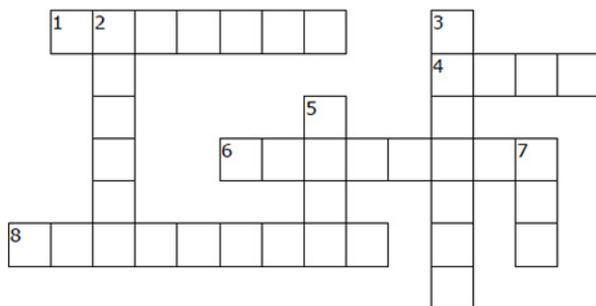
May's Messy Church Saturday 28th May 2-4pm at St Mary's

Come and try your hand at fishing
or flying a plane

Gospel Puzzles

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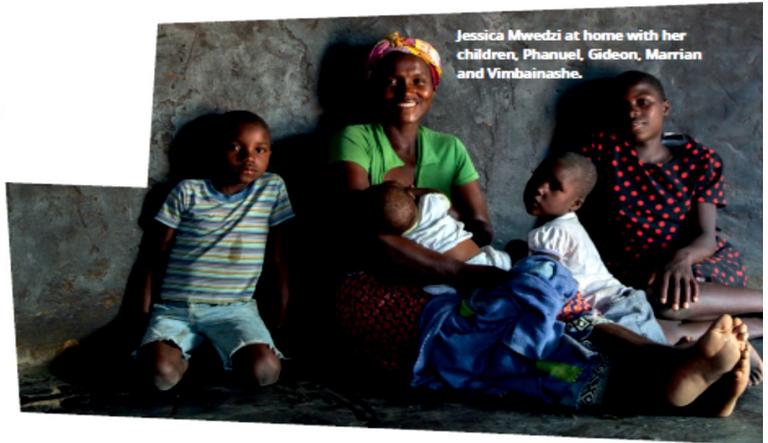


ACROSS

1. An order or a rule given with authority
4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
6. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

DOWN

2. People aside from oneself
3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.
7. The opposite of old



Help Jessica turn hunger into hope

In Zimbabwe, drought starves her crops. 'It pains me to send my children to bed hungry.'

With you by their side, women like Jessica can provide food – and hope – for their families.

**Christian Aid Week
15th to 21st May**

To donate to the work of Christian Aid we ask you to visit their Website and make an online donation.

www.christianaid.org.uk

Youthwork - what can we do?

The Bonnyrigg Churches currently run a Youth Fellowship but are looking at expanding the work to reach out to more young people.

Do you have a heart for our Young People?

Come and join in with the discussion

Tuesday 17th May, 7.30pm Pitcairn Centre, Bonnyrigg

Vestry News

Your Vestries meet roughly once a month and work to look after the fabric of the churches and also to work with and aid the Rector and the Ministry Team with the spiritual matters pertaining to the church.

It has been stated that a brief overview of the main items being discussed at each Vestry meeting may be beneficial for the wider church members to be aware of and keep you up to date with the business of each of our Vestries.

St Mary's: Decisions were made regarding the Legacy from Alice Cathie along with the windfall benefit that came through the selling of some of our shares. We have agreed to make a further investment in the Rectory bringing our share of the Rectory up from 11% to 15%. We have also invested in new access ramps and agreed to purchase new chairs, tables and update our sound system and Video Projector.

A number of repairs to the church that were highlighted in our Quinquennial report are being addressed, especially the roof.

We agreed to make the church building available for community groups to use during the week. We now have three groups using the church on a regular basis.

Visioning—We are awaiting the results of the questionnaire.

St Leonard's: We still need to find a new church treasurer. Tom is willing to offer help and guidance to anyone who can help.

It was noted with thanks that St Mary's had been in a position to make a further investment in the Rectory.

Discussions took place regarding concerns about the church heating, bell tower, drainage as well as tidying up the look of the hall.

New signage has been commissioned that will be sighted near the entrance gate. The sign will offer information about the church and also have a panel to be used for advertising church events or news.

Ukrainian Refugees—both churches have agreed to work together to see if we can host a family in need at this time. Members will be asked to help by pledging to give financially if they can.

Joint Vestry: We hope to hold a joint Vestry meeting sometime in June.



Izzy's News



Hello Everyone,

Its not everyday you get to have a Platinum Jubilee so it was wonderful to hear from some Corgi friends of mine that the country is gearing up for a big party to celebrate Her Majesty's 70th year as our Queen. She is an example to all of us through her service and dedication to the country as well as a person of faith.



The Corgi's tell me there is much organisation going on with various parties and events. Locally I was delighted to hear that both churches are marking the Jubilee weekend (3-5th June) with a variety of events. I think Dad or Mum no doubt will put something in the Connect News to let you know what these things are. If I am allowed I might manage to come and be with you and enjoy some of the food and cake that there will no doubt be.

I have been wondering about my Dad's eyes over these last few months. He has been talking to God about visioning and seeing more clearly. I do wonder about him, surely he knows God is immortal and invisible so how is Dad going to improve his visioning to see the invisible? He says he is looking for people to share their ideas and thoughts with him and together to step out into a new future with purpose and direction.

Well Dad if your reading this I want a Doggy friendly church and so do many of my friends. It would be good to have a bench and a water bowl at the churches so you and other owners can rest and we can get a drink and enjoy the church setting. It would also be nice to have the building open then some might pop in to draw a little closer to God. What about a Pet Service?

Anyway if you can help Dad out then please do let him know your thoughts.

yours with licks and wags of love

Izzy



Platinum Jubilee Celebration June 3-5th , 2022



Join in with the celebrations

Flower Festival of Thanksgiving

Friday 3rd — Sunday 5th June

St Leonard's Church 10am — 4pm

Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Saturday 4th June 2.30pm to 4pm

Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

Sunday 5th June, 1pm at St Leonard's

These events are Free and open to everyone

St Mary's Sunday at 9.30am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's Sunday at 11.15am

stleonardslasswade.org.uk



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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off