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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 29th May Easter Week 7



Café Church

WELCOME

Before COVID when we encountered those few odd Months that stretch themselves out over five Sundays it became our practice to worship in a more informal way. Gathering around a table with members of our church family we would enjoy some coffee and a pastry treat as we worshiped and explored the theme of the day.

As part of our seeking God and planning for a new vision for the churches we plan to use our Café Church Service as opportunities for us as a whole church family to explore and discuss the way forward.

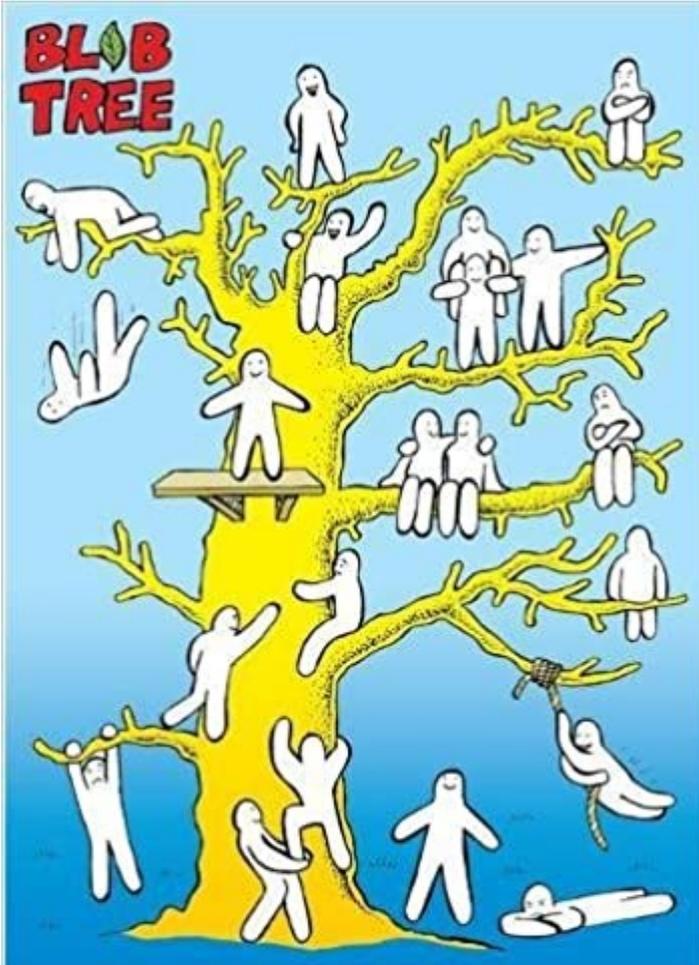
Today at Café Church we begin with a celebration and thanksgiving for what is taking place now in the life and community of our churches. We want to acknowledge our current church activities and give thanks for those who organise and attend these events. Alongside this we will also look out to the community and appreciate and give thanks for our current connections with our neighbours.

In our Gospel reading we hear from Luke as he describes one of the last resurrection appearances of Jesus before he ascended back into heaven. Jesus instructs his followers that starting from where they were, in Jerusalem, they are to wait on the Holy Spirit and then begin sharing the Good News.

Therefore we as Jesus followers today start from where we are and pray "Come Holy Spirit, come and rekindle in us the fire of your love. Come and deepen our desire to know the Lord, to worship Him and make Him known. Amen."

WELCOME

Café: Please take a seat and have a drink, with a pastry treat as we gather together for a time of fellowship before our worship begins.



How are you?

Around the table share with one another about the highs and lows of this past week. Looking at the picture above what blob represents how you are feeling at this time?

CAFÉ WORSHIP

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

Amen.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord arises amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;

let us sing to him a psalm of praise.

(from Psalm 47)

Song

GREAT IS THE LORD

and most worthy of praise,

The city of our God, the holy place,

The joy of the whole earth.

Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,

He aids us against the enemy,

We bow down on our knees.

And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,

And Lord, we want to thank You,

For the works You've done in our lives;

And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,

For You alone are God eternal,

Throughout earth and heaven above.

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.

Silence

Gospel

Luke 24:36-49 Jesus appears to the disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written:

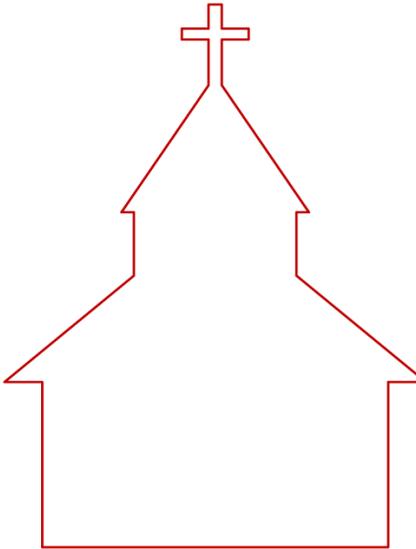
the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Luke 24:50-53 The ascension of Jesus

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Table Discussion & Activities

When thinking about the future vision and hopes for our church it is good practice to start from where we are. For over 40 days Jesus appeared at various times and places before ascending back to heaven. Before leaving he instructs them that the repentance for the forgiveness for sins will be preached in his name, beginning in Jerusalem. Starting from where the followers of Jesus were gathered they were called to make the Good News known. Jesus also promised that they would not do this on their own but that we would receive the gift the Holy Spirit. The Lord is here, his Spirit is with us and so we begin from where we are and give thanks for what we currently do and the connections we have, with family, friends, neighbours, clubs and other activities and groups we are connected with.



Church & Community Activity

Within the outline of the church write down the various activities and groups that use the church

Outside the church make a list of family and friends, as well as clubs and organisations you are part of.

Intercessions Prayer is offered for the Church, the world and its people

Offering As we sing the next song and prepare our table for communion one person from each table is asked to bring up their tables Church & Community sheet as part of our offering of thanksgiving.

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

Offering: Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
**Lord we thank you for our church family and its activities.
We also give you thanks for all those with whom we are
connected: our families, friends and neighbours.
Help us to bring Your light and love in our neighbourhood.
For Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.
Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope,
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power
to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,
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.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.
In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known
in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom
on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up
to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples
he gave thanks for the bread
then 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.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

There will be two stations, one for bread and the other for wine for those who desire to take communion at this time. Please come and receive one table at a time.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

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.

Hymn

HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

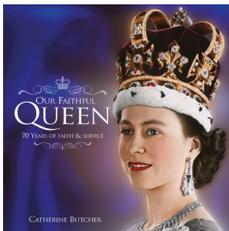
Dismissal

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

***We warmly invite you to stay and enjoy a fresh cuppa
as we continue to meet in a time of fellowship with one another.***

NEXT WEEK Pentecost

***we invite you to wear something bright,
white, gold, red, yellow or orange
as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit
and the birthday of the church***



Gracious God,
we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant
Elizabeth our Queen,
and for her example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you
and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Storehouse

Philip Meldrum writes

Hi everyone,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support to
here are the items that we are currently most in
need of ...

UHT milk (blue lid), Bags/boxes of sugar,
Pot noodles, or other instant meals
Multipacks of crisps, Boxes of coco pops ,
Cans of macaroni cheese.

Once again, many thanks. Philip



**Please remember to
Fill in your Visioning
Questionnaire**

Drummond Grange Worship

We have been invited in to Drummond Grange Care Home to offer a short act of worship for the residents of the home beginning on

Wednesday 8th June at 3pm

Neil Stewart and Peter Harris are organising the worship for this event and warmly invite any members of the congregations to come and join with them and the residents at this time.

Please let us know in advance if you are planning to come.

(hopefully there will be a wee cup a tea)

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

With thanks in advance to everyone who has been involved in organising our Platinum Jubilee events we look forward to next weekends activities.

Please feel free to invite family and friends to attend.

***** Catering Guidance *****

If you are providing items of food for these events can we ask you please to indicate on a note with the food items their ingredients (particularly Allergen's and suitability for Vegetarians, Gluten or Dairy Free produce.

This will help us offer a variety of food items and offer appropriate food when asked. Thank You

A Prayer for the month of June as we enter the season of Pentecost

Let us Pray:

*For all that is good in life, thank you,
For the love of family and friends, thank you,
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan stranger, thank you.*

*May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless, experience support,
May those who are sick, know healing,
May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.*

*Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers, with wisdom,
Bless and guide health workers and key workers,
with strength and well-being,
Bless and guide each one of us,
as we adapt to a new way of living.*

*Come Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love,
that the love of God may be proclaimed in this community
through many acts of love and kindness, great and small.
Amen.*



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

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St Leonard's Sunday at 11.15am

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off