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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 3rd April 2022 Fifth Week of Lent



*... surely
I AM with you
always, to
the very end
of the age.*

Matthew 28:20

Praying for Ukraine



Psalm 31:21-24

21 Praise be to the Lord,
for he showed me the wonders of his love
when I was in a city under siege.
22 In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"
Yet you heard my cry for mercy
when I called to you for help.
23 Love the Lord, all his faithful people!
The Lord preserves those who are true to him,
but the proud he repays in full.
24 Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.

Let us Pray

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

**Please consider giving a donation to
The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal give online at:
<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>



Groundwork Lent 5

Preparing and exploring the future of our churches

Hi Everyone,

We come to the last of our Lent Groundwork Studies this week as we consider our calling to go out to love and serve the Lord. The good news however is that we do not have to do this on our own.

There was in the past a misconception by the church, that we as the people of God were taking God out into the world. In fact we are actually playing catch up with what God is already doing. God is at work now in the world, in our communities and neighbourhood and invites us to join in.

As we look outward we begin to wonder what can we do but we are to go knowing that the Holy Spirit goes before us and is at work in the lives of many different people. It is our task to join in with what God is doing. Our God is a God of mission, reaching out, calling and longing for individuals to respond. He didn't leave us as orphans, homeless and bereft of a family but. gave us each other for us to work together as his body in the world and he also anoints us with the Holy Spirit and accompanies us on the journey.

Peter

John Mellon

We give thanks for the life of John Mellon who was called to his heavenly home to take a seat at the table of his Lord and saviour on Wednesday. Our hearts and prayers are for Jean, Brian and Louise and their family and for ourselves John's friends and companions.

John for many of us was a gentle, kind and caring man whose dedication, guidance and humour will be sorely missed in the days to come. His funeral service for the thanksgiving of his life will be on:

Tuesday 19th April 11am at St Leonard's

followed by a service of burial at the graveside.

WORSHIP Sunday 3rd April, Lent 5

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 **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

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.

Reading of Scripture Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted,
seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above
him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two they covered their
faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

And they were calling to one another:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and
the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. 'I am ruined!
For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean
lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.'

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which
he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth
and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and
your sin atoned for.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who
will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

Matthew 28: 18-20

Jesus said "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Group Discussions.

In a small group of 3/4 people please do take time to reflect upon today's passages of scripture and consider some of the questions being asked. You do not need to cover all the questions being asked but try and cover at least one or two as we reflect upon what it means to put love into action and share the Good News.

Reflect upon this passage from Isaiah 6

In this Old Testament passage Isaiah has a vision of God.

- He realises something important about God and something important about himself in verses 3-5.
- He receives something vitally important from God.
- God then issues a general rather than a personal call.
- Isaiah then makes a response to the call 'Whom shall I send?'

Identify the content of each of these four different dimensions of Isaiah's experience

Are any of these dimensions reflected in your own experience?

"Whom Shall I send?" How would you respond?

Reflect upon the reading from Matthew 28: 18-20

Before Jesus ascends into heaven he speaks to his followers and gives them what we know today as the great commission.

Who is this commission given to?

Is the command of Jesus optional or is it to all of his disciples?

What difference does it make knowing that Jesus is with us as we begin to step out in faith and be the people whom he calls us to be?

Prayer for the Church Vision

Father God,
we long to share in your vision for our churches.
Lead us as we step forward in faith.
Increase our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.
Free us from the fear that propels us towards rash decisions.
Help us to humble ourselves and trust your plans for us.
Draw us closer to You and to each other.
And as your vision for our churches emerges in our hearts,
help us to rejoice that the Holy Spirit is at work in us,
for the glory and praise of your name. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession for today

Hymn **I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,**
I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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 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 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, 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.**

*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
God of mercy and forgiveness,
may we who have received the good news of Christ our Lord
live together in unity and peace,
to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen**

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

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.

The Dismissal

Jesus said "and surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age."
So go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name Christ Amen

**Please do join with us for a time of fellowship
and refreshment at the close of the service**



Robert Brand

Peacefully, at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, on Thursday, March 24th, 2022, Robert, beloved son of Dorothy and the late John, brother of the late Ann, cherished nephew of Pat, Uncle to Johann and husband Bob, Jennifer and husband Jamie and Roger and Suzanne, Grand Uncle to Emma and fiancé Ryan, Abby, Wee Danny and Mack.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Main Chapel, on Thursday, April 7, at 3pm. All welcome.



Bishop's Lent Appeal 2022

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is in aid of the "The Welcoming" which is a community project to assist refugees who are or will be moving to live in Scotland. They offer support and befriending as well as access to life skills, learning English and help with applying for jobs or accommodation. "New Scots" is the term they use as they welcome in new people to our communities and link them up with an old Scot to help them settle in.

www.thewelcoming.org



Groundwork LENT STUDY GROUPS

Monday Night 7.30pm hosted by Andrew Watt
The Neuk 2 Bridge End Dalkeith

Tuesday Night 8pm 22nd March
at St Mary's hosted by Margaret McMeekin

Contact Church Office for more information 663 7000



What are your hopes and dreams
for St Leonard's and St Mary's
Let us know - use the suggestion
box in church or write us an email.

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Platinum Jubilee Celebration

June 3-5th , 2022

This June, folks all over the United Kingdom, and the Commonwealth, will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee by organising community events such as street parties, parades, etc.

St. Leonard's Vestry has approved a concept proposal for a celebration with three elements:

a Pentecost Sunday Garden Party, Sunday 5th June from 1pm

a Jubilee weekend flower festival, Friday - Sunday (Thu set up)

70 Acts of Faith and Service Activity*

Sound like a lot of work during an already busy Lent and Easter season? Perhaps, but many hands make light work. Are you willing to donate a few hours over the coming twelve weeks to create a once in a lifetime event?

Are you a flower guru? Or have links to a local Community Group who may want to contribute a flower display. Or maybe hospitality is your thing and you want to help staff the weekend or support the Garden Party?

Do you have great ideas to add to the mix? Perhaps being behind the scenes helping set up and tear down is your talent! We need all of you

Contact Sandiann Devaney at 07851903151 or Alison Bruce at 07445300319 to volunteer. All levels of skills welcome!

** 70 Acts of Faith and Service is a way to honour and recognize the Queens faith and service and our everyday actions taken in faith and service by the members of church. We will be encouraging you to think about what you could do to mark this special year.*

Peter says — "We hope to also be organising a Saturday Platinum Jubilee event at St Mary's which will be announced in due course."



Holy Week

A review of our Holy Week Services took place recently with the lead ministers of each of the local churches. It was decided to make a few changes to our Ecumenical Services over Holy Week. We hope you will be able to support at least some of these events over this special week

Palm Sunday 10th April - Celebrations in your local church

Monday of Holy Week

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's RC Church Bonnyrigg 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Ecumenical Services

Hosted by Dalkeith Baptist Church 7.30pm

Hosted by St Leonard's 7pm

Good Friday

Act of Witness Bonnyrigg Cross / Toll

3pm Gather for Hymns and Readings

Stations of the Cross and Veneration

St David's RC Dalkeith 7.30pm

Good Friday Choral Reflection

Cockpen Parish Church 7pm

Easter Sunday 17th April

Early Morning Service

7.30pm Kings Park Dalkeith

followed by breakfast in St John's Kings Park

Our Easter Services of Celebration

St Mary's 9.30am

St Leonard's 11.15 am

All Welcome

Word Search Puzzle

Based on Matthew 28:16-20

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