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Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord.

— *Mother Teresa* —

Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 27th March Lent 3

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>

Or give a donation on Sunday when you come to worship.



Groundwork Lent 4

Preparing and exploring the future of our churches

Hi Everyone,

Sadly Fiona and I have been unwell this week and thank all those who have stepped in to keep Messy & Sunday Church meeting. Its no fun when you are feeling lousy and your brain struggles to know what to write. Thankfully Bill Elliot who wrote this weeks study offers these opening words as we reflect upon what it means to share the good news with love and action.

Bill writes:

Jesus came in the role of a servant of God and gave his disciples an example by washing their feet at the Last Supper. We are called by Jesus to serve him in all different kinds of ways and by helping all kinds of people. The same applies to our church family. We are all members of the one Body. We need each other. This does not mean that all our activities and work should be church centred although it is important to remember the centrality of the church family in our lives. Many of us will be involved in activities that can be seen as service within our local community as well as the wider world.

We may think we are only ordinary and insignificant, that we are not cut out for witness, but we are no different to the men and women Jesus called to his side. They weren't 'special people' or trained theologians but they knew Jesus and when we come together in Worship we are given the vision and inspiration to go into the world.

If you were to add up all the people you meet in the course of your daily life you would be surprised at how many there are. Apart from neighbours and friends, we meet different kinds of folk all the time in all kinds of places. We are placed there by God to be witnesses to him by our lives lived for him, by our words, by our attitudes, by our actions, by our reactions.

In these places we SHOW what and whose we are. Evangelism, put simply is acts of love and service carried out by you and me in the name of Jesus.

WORSHIP Sunday 27th March Lent 4

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 BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, Sister let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

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 John 13 : 4-5 & 12-17

While they were eating, Jesus stood up and took off his robe. He got a towel and wrapped it around his waist. Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash his followers' feet. He dried their feet with the towel that was wrapped around his waist.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so for that is what I am.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.'

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.

Questions to ponder.

- Gospel means 'Good News' What 'Good News' do we have to share with people who know nothing about Jesus?
- Jesus expressed the 'Good News' in his manifesto (Luke 4:18-20), as well as his teaching and parables. The 'Good News' preached by Paul and expressed in his Epistles is that Jesus died for our sins and rose again (Romans 5:8 and 1 Cor 12-19). What would you see as the core message of the Gospel?
- If you were asked "Why do you go to church?" what would you say?
- Is there a danger that a focus on socio /ecological / justice issues can weaken the core message of the Gospel?

- What part can we play in reaching out to individuals and families on our fringe membership or encouraging 'seekers' / new people to 'come and see'.
- Many people do good charitable works. What is or should be distinctive about what we do as Christians?

Post it Note—Feedback

What one aspect of today's reflection do you want to take forward into the week ahead? Take a note of this for yourself and if you are happy to write a post it note for our feedback.

Hopes and Dreams Questionnaire

What questions about the future of the church should we be asking?

A focus group are constructing a questionnaire to help us take a census of the current church activities as we being to explore together our Hopes and Dreams for the future of the churches of St Leonard's and St Mary's.

We desire for you to be involved and invite you to make suggestions about the themes and types of questions that you think we should be asking. These will then be collated by the focus group made up of Jennie Godfrey, Elizabeth Jones, Noreen Grieve and Vicki Clark. If you have any suggestions please pass these on to them, or drop a (readable) note in the Suggestions Box at Church.

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 to trust your plans for us.
Draw us closer You and 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 **HALLELUJAH, MY FATHER,**
For giving us Your Son;
Sending Him into the world,
To be given up for men.
Knowing we would bruise Him
And smite Him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father,
In His death is my birth;
Hallelujah, my Father,
In His life is my life.

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 WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM

Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

The Dismissal

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**



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 Alison Bruce's—please ask for directions

Contact Church Office for more information 663 7000



SPRING CLEAN

at St Leonard's

**Friday 1st April 2pm –4pm &
Sat 2nd April 10 am –12 Noon**



Coffee at Mary's

10.30 — 12Noon

Saturday 2nd April

Swap Shop

"Tools" is the theme of our April Swap Shop. Maybe you have some spare or ones you would like to give away. Maybe you are looking for something? Then come and join us on the 2nd of April and have coffee and browse our Swap Shop of tools.





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

Listen to Jesus and Serve one another

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