

Connect

Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 19th Jun Trinity Sunday



**There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free,
there is neither male nor female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 3:28

**One more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you:**

As I write and prepare for Sunday worship I am also preparing for a meeting of the joint vestries. This joint meeting is an opportunity for the Vestry members to come together to discuss and explore the future of what is known as "the charge of St Leonard's and St Mary's". This I envision will be the first of a more regular pattern of meetings together to discuss issues that often need a decision to be taken by both Vestries.

We are not meeting to look at how we close this or that church. I am aware that our brothers and sisters in the Church of Scotland are currently undertaking a review and reorganisation of parish ministry. As part of that they are looking to close a number of churches in our area. However, there is no such order from the Scottish Episcopal Church or our Bishop who is in fact wanting us to look at mission and growth.

My own personal view is that although both churches do face some real challenges, which may make us feel vulnerable and at risk, there is still life and opportunity within both churches. Therefore, the Vestries, Clergy Team and I are not looking to close either of our churches. However, we are using this time of visioning to explore how we might function better as a Linked Charge. One area that has already been highlighted by the visioning questionnaire is a desire for us to look at the timings of Sunday Services. Could there be another pattern or approach rather than our current setup? Could both churches meet at the same time within their own buildings? How would these services be staffed and organised. What would the benefits be? Could there be a later afternoon service with afternoon tea. Or an evening service with hot chocolate and different styles of worship.

Regardless, the next step is to open up the discussion between the two Vestries and seek a common mind about possible ways forward. We seek to step forward in faith, with prayer and with the promised Holy Spirit journeying with us as we seek to grow and deepen our relationship with God and each other. Two churches, linked, I pray in love and in support of each other for the glory of Christ our Lord.

Peter

Welcome

Lord, God you are my place of safety.

Why have you turned your back on me?

Why must I go around in sorrow?

Send me your light and your faithful care.

May your light and care lift my spirit

and lead me back to your presence

Then I will approach the altar of the LORD.

I will draw near to God for He is my joy and my delight.

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,

my Saviour and my God.

adapted from Psalm 43

Song

LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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 **Lord God, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your us from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Reading **Galatians 3.23-29**

Before faith in Christ came to us , we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come was revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under the guardianship of the law.

Therefore, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who are baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise of God.

Hymn **WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT**

We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians, by our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Gospel Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 14: 16-23
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus then told them this parable 'A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. When it was ready he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, "Come, for everything is now ready." 'But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it." 'Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out." 'Still another said, "I have just got married, I can not come."

'The servant came back and reported this to his master. The master became angry and ordered his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame."

When the servant returned he said "Sir, what you ordered has been done, but there is still room." Then the master told his servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

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

Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

We share a sign of peace

Song **COME, LET US SING OF A WONDERFUL LOVE,**
Tender and true;
Out of the heart of the Father above,
Streaming to me and to you:
Wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
Joyfully came;
Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
Sharing their sorrow and shame;
Seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
Why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
Home, weary wanderer, home!
Wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O Thou wonderful love,
Come and abide,
Lifting my life, till it rises above
Envy and falsehood and pride,
Seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of Thee.

Offering: Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
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.
Amen

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 Father
in every place and at all times.

You made us, all the people of the world and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.

Your Word lights up our minds.

Jesus was born among us
to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we join with the saints and angels
and sing their song:

**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.**

Father you never forget us or turn away from us
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

**He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.**

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

For on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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.'

**So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died
and rose again to live now in us.
Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine;
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

**With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.
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 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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**Almighty God, guide and protect your people
and keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 **CHRIST'S IS THE WORLD** in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
And Christ is the One who calls us here.

To the lost Christ shows His face;
To the unloved He gives His embrace:
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes with His friends
A touching place.

Feel for the people we most avoid,
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women, and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
And feel for the weary who find no rest.

Feel for the lives by life confused,
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

Dismissal

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

do join with us for refreshments served at the close of the service



The Storehouse

Hi everyone, Philip here

We are getting ready for the summer holidays for Storehouse.

During the School Summer break we endeavour to supply additional food parcels to those in need as often the children of families are more at home and miss the support of the school environment. If you or anyone you know who would like to donate an item, Storehouse would greatly benefit from the following ...

- Cans of ravioli
- Bags of multipack crisps
- Multi pack Kit Kats
- Boxes of coco pops
- Boxes of cup a soups
- Pot noodles
- Cans of macaroni cheese

Once again, many thanks for all your help.

Hospitality and Welcome

Our Platinum Jubilee events showed us that we can indeed put on a great spread and welcome in the wider community. Throughout scripture, hospitality and welcome are often accompanied by food. But what happens when we find it difficult to cater for those with differing needs? How do they feel when they are welcomed in but there is nothing they can eat?

Many of us are happy rustling up a cake or making a sandwich for an event but we may not have considered how to make a non-dairy dish or gluten free cake. To help us provide a diversity of foods the Connect News is going to be offering a recipe of the month for you to try. Hopefully they will be tasty and where possible fairly simple to make.

Our first recipe can be found on the back page - An Oreo Torte

Izzy's News



Many thanks to everyone again for your love and support and telling Dad that you miss my articles in the Connect News.

Dad however trying to be funny and forcing me to work plonked the laptop in front of me supposedly to make it easier for me to type. I thought he knew by now that I am up to date with all the latest's App's on the computer so I use Bark and Wag. It's a great App, I sit there and bark or growl or wag my tail at Dad and he types up all my news.

So what's new? Well there's a new dog on the patch. I haven't yet formally met "Jack" but we have conversed over Zoom on a Wednesday morning after our morning worship. Its at 10am if you want to join us.

Jack is Jacqui's new, old dog and he is a rescued miniature poodle about 12 years old. I hear he has settled in really well with Rosie and Jacqui and although not replacing Teddy is bringing much joy into the house.



I don't know about you but it is starting to ger really warm in these last few days and so I know I shouldn't exert myself too much. However, I do think its time for Dad to start swimming again and take me to the sea for a paddle. I love walks along the shore line and occasionally running in and out with the waves. Occasionally, if the wind is in my favour I may even get a wee ice cream which can be so refreshing in this warm and muggy weather. Do you like going to the sea side? Maybe I should get Mum and Dad to organise a Church Trip to the sea? Gran says that when she was a child they used to have to go to school on a Sunday as well as during the week but that the highlight of the year was always the Sunday School picnic. Do you have any memories of your Sunday School trips?

Doesn't that sound like a nice idea? No, not school six days a week, I meant a wee church picnic to Porta-Isabella or somewhere for sea, sand and Ice cream. Knowing Dad he will want Fish and Chips too!

love and licks IZZY

Gospel Puzzles

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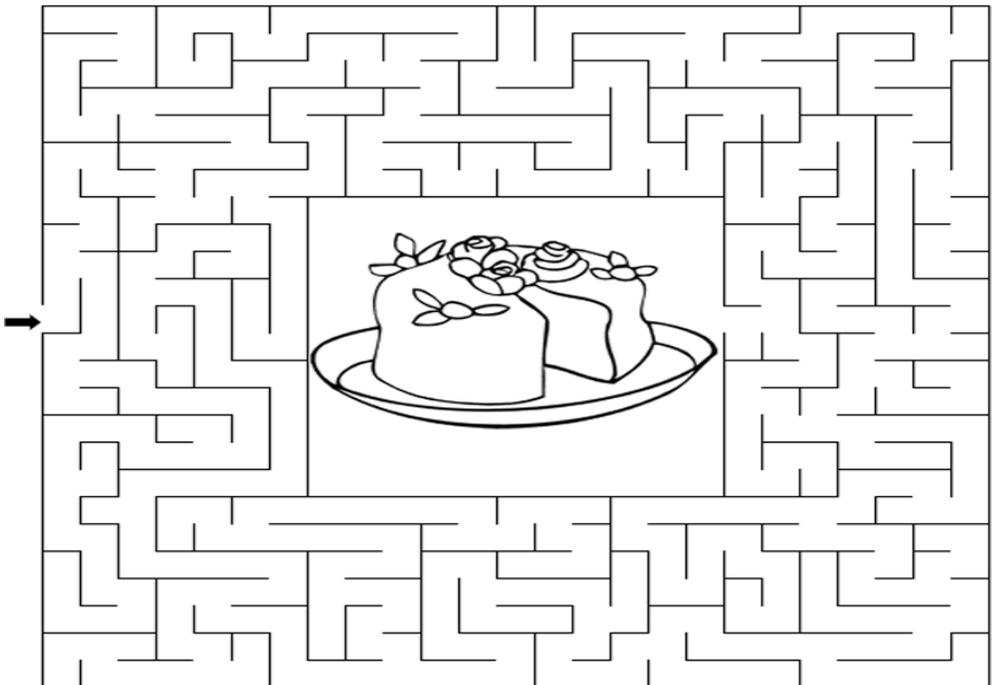
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Your invited to the party can you find your way to the cake?





It's
BBQ
Time!



You are invited to join us for our
Annual Messy BBQ
Saturday 25th June at St Mary's
from 4-6pm
Fun Crafts, Games, Food

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME IS FROM 4—6PM

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

Notes & Scribbles



Super Easy Chocolate Oreo Torte (Vegan)

Ingredients

The Base

- 30 Oreo cookies
- 85g/ $\frac{3}{8}$ cup vegan butter/spread, melted (eg Vitalite Dairy Free)

The Ganache filling

- 170g/6 oz vegan dark chocolate (plus a little extra for topping)
- 170g/6 oz vegan milk chocolate
- 250ml/1 cup vegan double cream (eg Elmlea Plant)
- 55g/4 tbsp vegan butter/spread



Instructions

The Base

Pulse Oreo cookies in a food processor until finely ground, or crush in a bag using a rolling pin.

Transfer crumbs to a medium bowl, add the melted butter then mix thoroughly until combined and moistened.

Press the mixture onto the bottom of a 9-inch (23cm) round cake tin.

(A cake tin with a detachable base works best for this recipe.)

Place the tin in the fridge for 30 minutes.

The Ganache

Whilst the base is chilling, make the filling. In a medium heatproof bowl, place chopped dark and milk chocolate and set aside.

In a small saucepan, heat the cream and vegan butter to a low boil.

Remove from the heat and pour the mixture over the chocolate. Then stir the mixture until melted, combined and smooth.

Pour the filling mixture over the chilled Oreo crust base and refrigerate until set – for a minimum of four hours or overnight.

Using a grater or vegetable peeler, grate the remaining chocolate over the top of the finished torte for decoration.

ENJOY!