



Living as a New Creation

Galatians 6 v12-16

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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 3rd July



service times

Sunday Morning 10am

From Sunday the

7th August to 30th October

One of the first changes resulting from our recent Visioning Questionnaire which both Vestries have agreed on is to look at moving our Sunday Morning service times.

We will therefore be trialling a new Sunday Morning service time of 10am for both churches. The Clergy Team will then endeavour to share themselves across both churches with Peter specifically basing himself at St Mary's 1st and 3rd Sundays, then 2nd and 4th Sundays at St Leonard's each month.

We hope this move has benefits for all of us in different ways and invite you to give your feedback and thoughts over this trial period before a final decision is made.

New Creation

As children, many of us learned about the wondrous process by which a caterpillar morphs into a butterfly. The story usually begins with a very hungry caterpillar hatching from an egg.



The caterpillar, or what is more scientifically termed a larva, stuffs itself with leaves, growing plumper and longer through a series of moults in which it sheds its skin. One day, when its full the caterpillar stops eating, hangs upside down from a twig or leaf and spins itself a silky cocoon or moults into a shiny chrysalis. Within its protective casing, the caterpillar radically transforms its body, eventually emerging as a butterfly.

This transformation is radical, the caterpillar within the cocoon dissolves its self of its old ways of living and becomes a new creation. Once it crawled with tiny legs and demolished leaves, now it takes flight and feeds of the nectar in flowers through its proboscis. The old has gone the new has come.

As we have been reading through the book of Galatians over these last few weeks we note that Paul's letters often contain imagery about the new creation. What matters to Paul is not the old ways or legalistic approach to faith and religion but the new life we have in Christ Jesus. He warns against being caught up again by the law of sin and death that binds us and condemns us. By our faith in Jesus we have been set free, forgiven and called to let our hearts and minds be renewed by the love of God. Our freedom and position as child of God however, is not to be abused but one that is to be nurtured. There are times we may fail or fall but we are to be gentle with each other and seek to build each other up in the faith as we mature as God's disciples. We are called to be a living creation, loving and growing in faith, enduring and persevering with patience as we continue to do good for the glory of the Kingdom of God.

Welcome

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Shout to God for joy, all you his people.

Sing about the glory of his name!

Give him glorious praise!

What wonderful things he has done!

Song

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

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.**

**Gloria Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo !
 Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Collect Almighty God,
 your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do
 for the least of your children we do also for him.
 Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all,
 who gave up his life and died for us,
 but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Reading Galatians 6: 1-16

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.

A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their own flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule

Song

I AM A NEW CREATION,

No more in condemnation,
Here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is overflowing,
My love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise You Lord,
Yes, I will praise You Lord,
And I will sing of all that You have done.

A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 9:57-62

Glory to Christ our Saviour

The Lord appointed seventy-two messengers and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. 'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God has come near."

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

LORD, I COME TO YOU,

Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me close,
Let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day
By the power of Your love.

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 us to serve you and to come to the fullness
of joy in your new creation, in the name of 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

LOVE DIVINE, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Dismissal

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



On going Prayer for Ukraine

Father God, King of all nations, we cry out to you now for the people of Ukraine. We ask you to rescue those who are vulnerable from the hands of their enemies that they may live without fear before you all their days

Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Lord of lords and Prince of peace, our politicians are predicting the biggest war in Europe since 1945, and we simply cry out to you urgently to write another story in our time. Thwart the dark machinations of evil men. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to peacemakers seeking an equitable and less violent way. May politicians exercise the wisdom from above, which is peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy.

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Holy Spirit, we pray for the church in Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. Give our many brothers and sisters in that nation courage in this crisis that they may proclaim the good news of your kingdom, bind up broken hearts, and bring comfort to all who mourn.

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You Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire. And so we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. Make a peace that is strong and not weak.

De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars, but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; he shall be exalted in the earth

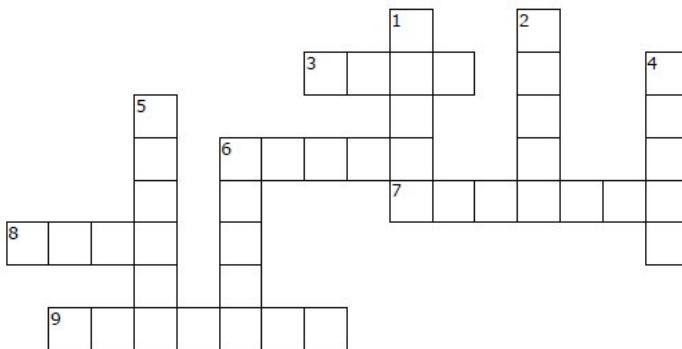
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Amen

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. To make someone well from an illness or injury
6. A small bag or pouch for carrying money
7. Shoes consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
8. To be physically or mentally ill; not well or healthy
9. The process of gathering a crop

DOWN

1. The money which a person receives for working
2. The area of land where a crop is planted
4. A building in which a family lives
5. someone who performs a particular job
6. The absence of war or fighting

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



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

***Listen to the
Voice of creation***
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Creation Season Creative Meditations

The Creation Season is a special time within our Church calendar running from September to early-October where the focus of our worship is on praising God for the wonder of the creation around us.

During this time we are offering you the opportunity to explore what we think and believe about God's creation and our roles and responsibilities. To do this we are planning an interactive six-week creative meditation?

The weekly meditation format includes Bible reading and discussion, followed by quiet meditation with creative expression (personal or shared). Your creative expression could be creating a picture in words or images, using favoured media or trying new techniques. Lots of supplies will be available to use, or you can bring your own favourite creative tools. Naturally, there will be tea and coffee, perhaps a biscuit or two!

Sound interesting want to know more?

Then contact our group organiser Sandiann Devaney 259 6313

Currently the specifics of location, day & time will be determined by participant availability. So sign up and let us know your preference.



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Cherry tomato, thyme flan - Dairy Free



For the pastry

- 50g wholemeal flour
- 85g vegetable baking margarine
- 100g plain flour

For the filling

- 1 large egg , beaten
- 150g natural Yofu (a 100% dairy-free yogurt)
- 1 small onion , diced
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 tbsp soya milk
- leaves from 2 sprigs thyme , plus a few extra sprigs
- 150g cherry tomato , halved
- (Optional 2 thick-cut rashers unsmoked bacon , chopped if desired)

Method

STEP 1

Preheat the oven to 220C/gas 7/ fan 200C. Put the flours in a bowl and rub in the margarine until it resembles breadcrumbs. Mix in 4-5 tsp water to make a soft dough. Turn on to a lightly floured surface, roll out and use to line a 20cm flan tin. Line with baking parchment, cover with baking beans and bake for 5 minutes. Remove the paper and beans and bake for 5 minutes more. Allow to cool on a rack. Reduce the oven to 160C/gas 3/fan oven 140C.

STEP 2

Mix the soya milk, Yofu, eggs and thyme leaves. Season well. Put the onion and tomatoes in the flan case. Add the milk mixture and top with extra thyme sprigs on top. Bake for 30 minutes until set.

Optional with bacon:

cook and cut two rashers of bacon and place in the flan case with the onion and tomatoes as described in Step2 above

Please note this is a Dairy Free recipe — not Vegan or Gluten Free