

Don't forget to show
hospitality to strangers, for
some who have done this have
entertained angels without
realizing it!



Hebrews 13:2

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

St Leonard's Sunday 28th August 2022 10am Worship



Hospitality

All are Welcome.

Throughout the Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments there are stories and accounts of hospitality. Hospitality was and still is a very important issue within many cultures. To be welcomed in and to sit and eat with someone was and is a privilege that could lead to a deepening of a friendship and a relationship with the other that could be life long.

Abraham and Sarah, the great Father and Mother of the family of Israel were once visited by three people and by welcoming them in, welcomed in God.

Many of Jesus discussions and teachings also focus around the simple act of hospitality. People would welcome Jesus to their home to get to know him better and maybe even to win favour with him and the community.

However, Jesus would often use these opportunities to teach those around him lessons about the Kingdom of God. Our Gospel reading today is one of those occasions. As Jesus was invited into a leading Pharisee's house he noted how all the other guest jostled to find the best position. They were full of themselves, thinking that they were more important, or had a greater right to be seated nearest to the host. To keep in favour with each other they would invite each other to parties to show off, without a consideration for the poor and needy on their own doorstep.

Jesus of course challenged them and reminds us too that he is the God of the poor, the outcast and stranger. When we show love and are hospitable in our actions to the least of these, Jesus says that we are sharing our love and welcome with God. As we invite in the stranger and friend and gather round our table for worship we may in fact be entertaining angels or God himself. Who can tell which person God may have sent to bring us peace, joy or love and even maybe open our eyes to see God in our presence happy that we welcome everyone to come to the table and remember that we are all loved equally by the Lord and that there is a place at the table for you and me.

with love from Peter

Welcome

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Living Creator, the world teems with your beauty
and abounds with your artistry and grace.

We sing your praises

and rejoice in your invitation to draw near

Today we celebrate the risen Christ who walks with us
as we traverse the joys and fears of our lives.

We sing your praises

and rejoice that the Lord is here

Hymn

AS WE ARE GATHERED Jesus is here;

One with each other, Jesus is here.

Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, the church of God.

As we are gathered Jesus is here,

One with each other, Jesus is here.

ASCRIBE GREATNESS to our God, the Rock,

His work is perfect and all His ways are just.

Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock,

His work is perfect and all His ways are just.

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,

Good and upright is He;

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,

Good and upright is He.

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.

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 **Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us the gift of faith,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Reading **Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.

Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

For Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hymn **I WILL SING UNTO THE LORD as long as I live,**
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
My meditation of Him shall be sweet,
I will be glad, I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,
Praise ye the Lord.
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Gospel Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 14.1,7-14
Glory to Christ our Saviour

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Hymn **LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL**

And all can safely live

A place where Saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions

Rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak

And words are strong and true

Where all God's children dare to seek

To dream God's reign anew

Here the cross shall stand as witness
As a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ, the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

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 V

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 laugh 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 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

song: **THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.**

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this 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

WHO AM I THAT THE HIGHEST KING

Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house
there's a place for me
I'm a child of God. Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me,
O His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am!

Dismissal

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

Come and join the Celebration

All are welcome

*Mathew, Beena and the family invite you
to come and have a celebration lunch
with them as they give thanks to God
for their son's Jerin and Jasanth
and the many blessings they have
received as a family.*





SEASON OF CREATION

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. We invite you to be part of an interactive six-week creative meditation?

Sound interesting want to know more?

Then contact our group organiser Sandiann Devaney 259 6313

Based on initial interest, the first group will meet on Monday afternoons from 1-3pm, beginning on Monday August 29 at M Johnston's

Interested but the day/time doesn't work for you? Then please talk to Sandiann, as a future session may be possible!

Opening the St Mary's during the week

It has been proposed to look at ways of opening up the church for people to visit or to come and use as a space of contemplation and prayer. To do this Vestry has agreed to install a CCTV system within the building to monitor access and use of the building. This will be supported by a new WiFi installation to allow remote monitoring rather than having the building staffed at all times.

We value your support and feedback about this proposal as we seek to be an open and active church



Please pray for those to be Ordained to the Diaconate, Michaelmas 2022

Val Cameron, Andrew Elliott, Ross Jesmont, Janet Spence , Rachael Wright

Val Cameron

Dr Valerie Cameron will be ordained by the Rt Revd Dr John Armes in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 25 September 2022, to serve as Vocational Deacon Curate at St Mary's Church, and St Leonard's Church. We look forward to officially welcoming Val as she begins her new role within the life and ministry of St Leonard's and St Mary's. Val's ordination will take place at 3.30pm and you are warmly invited to join with us for this service at the Cathedral.



Coach to the Cathedral

It has been suggested that we organise a coach trip for us all to travel together to Val's ordination and help celebrate her special day. It would be good to have an indication of how many people would be interested in this so that we can hire an appropriate size coach. Do let Peter or Fiona know.



Pitcairn Bake Sales

Thursday 1st September

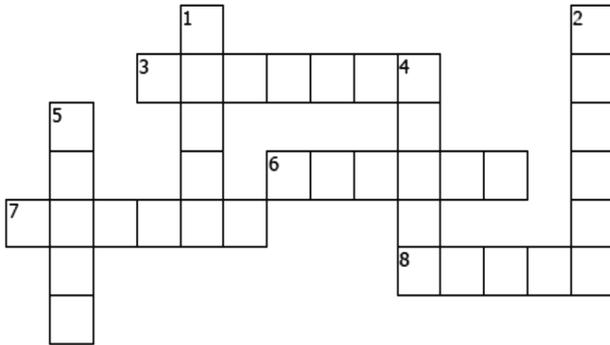
BAKE SALE

We are delighted to announce that our monthly fundraising Bake Sale will resume from Thursday 1st of September at the Pitcairn Centre on the High Street in Bonnyrigg.

If you are able to bake cakes and traybakes to help stock the sale we would love to hear from you. We also welcome volunteers to help staff the stall on the day 10 - 1pm, with volunteers usually covering an hour at a time.

For more information please speak to Fiona.

Gospel Puzzles



ACROSS

3. A marriage ceremony and any celebrations which follow it
6. A person whom you know well and like a lot
7. To ask someone to go somewhere with you
8. A flat piece of furniture with four legs where we eat our meals

DOWN

1. A large meal for many people
2. Not proud or not believing that you are important
4. A person who has been invited to a social occasion, such as a party or a meal
5. To show great respect for someone, especially in public

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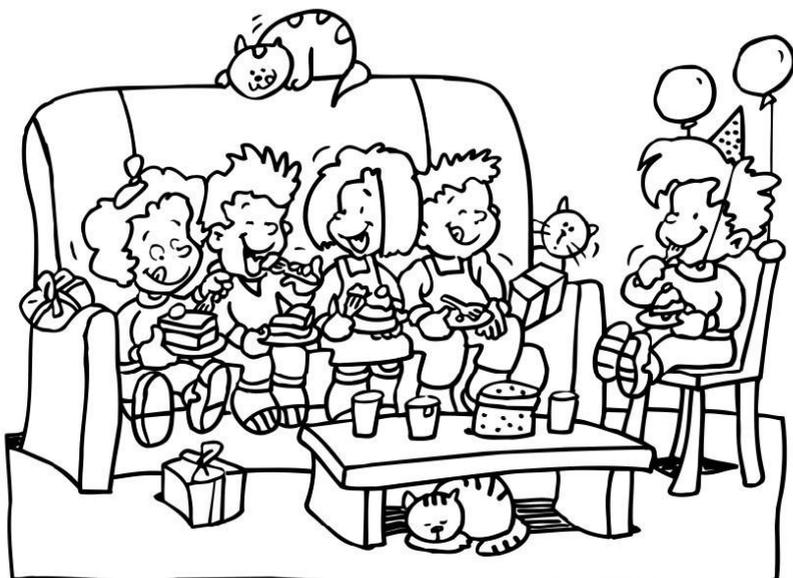
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Saturday 3rd September
10.30am to 12 Noon

Swap Shop — Pet Items

To coincide with the Dogfest event in Dalkeith Country Park our next Coffee at St Mary's will host a Swap Shop focusing on Pet Items. So if you have any good items to swap or donate like Pet Carriers, bowls etc please bring them along on the day and join in with the fun and friendship.



All Pets with well behaved owners are welcome

St Mary's Sunday at 10am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

stleonardslaswade.org.uk



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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off