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*Grace*

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*Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's*  
**Sunday 21st August 2022**



## The Times they are a changing

### **Sunday Morning worship at 10am in both Churches.**

Over the next few weeks our Vestries and Clergy Team will begin to review the change of service times and consider the future worship pattern of both churches.

We are thankful that at this time we do have an active Clergy Team who support our congregations and Peter as Rector. However, we also need to be conscious and acknowledge that they as individual volunteers like many of us in the life of the church give out of their time and energy that is available to them while balancing other needs and commitments. This means in practice when it comes to allocating the Sunday rota that sometimes it is difficult to find cover for all the Sunday services.

From the end of September we will be welcoming Val Cameron as our new curate and permanent Deacon within the Clergy Team. This will bring a new dynamic to the churches, our outreach and engagement with the wider community as well as our worship. Being a permanent Deacon however means that although Val will be licensed to preach and conduct worship. She is not however, allowed to officiate at the table for Eucharistic worship.

We are therefore looking at the possibility offering one service a month at each church that will be “a Service of the Word” much like the old system of Matins. Prayers, readings, Hymns and a thought for the day followed as always with a time of refreshments and fellowship.

## Welcome

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
All that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits**

The Lord pardons all our guilt,  
The Lord heals and renews us by his Spirit,

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
who redeems our life from the pit,  
and crowns us with his mercy and compassion.**

## Hymn

**STAND UP, AND BLESS THE LORD,**  
Ye people of His choice;  
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God  
With heart, and soul, and voice.

Though high above all praise,  
Above all blessing high,  
Who would not fear His holy name,  
And laud and magnify?

O for the living flame  
From God's own altar brought,  
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
And wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,  
And His salvation ours;  
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed  
With all our ransomed powers.

Stand up, and bless the Lord,  
The Lord your God adore;  
Stand up, and bless His glorious name  
Henceforth forever more.

### **Confession and Absolution**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
He does not treat us as our sins deserve.  
Nor does repay us according to our guilty deeds.

For God is love and we are his children.  
Therefore, 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**     **Almighty God, we are taught by your word  
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace  
and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## Reading Hebrews 12.18-29

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken; that is, created things; so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

## Hymn **GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN,**

Zion, city of our God!

He whose word cannot be broken

Formed thee for His own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,

What can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, whilst such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear!  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
He who gives them daily manna,  
He who listens when they cry:  
Let Him hear the loud hosanna  
Rising to His throne on high.

Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show,  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

## **Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
according to Luke 13.10-17

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

One Sabbath day, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up.

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."

Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and began praising God.

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

Jesus answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what has bound her?"

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## Sermon

*Questions to Consider when reflecting on Today's readings:*

*How do you feel when you approach or draw close to God in worship?*

*What is the difference between Law and Grace in your life?*

*Should we be people who uphold God's Law or be people of Grace?*

*How does the Lord want us to act today and throughout this week?*

## Affirmation of our faith

Let us together declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**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**      **BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;**  
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving 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**

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.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens  
and established the earth;  
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours  
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.  
He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.  
Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth  
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we 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 the gift of your Son born in human flesh.  
He is the Word existing beyond time,  
both source and final purpose,  
bringing to wholeness all that is made.  
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.  
By your power you raised him from the dead.  
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free  
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,  
knowing that his hour had come,  
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

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.**

## **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**

*All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing.*

## **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

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

**Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.  
Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,  
for the sake 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

**HOW LOVELY ON THE MOUNTAINS** are the feet of Him

Who brings good news, good news,  
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,  
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Our God reigns, our God reigns,  
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully asone,  
Shout for your King, your King.  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,  
We are redeemed, redeemed.  
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.  
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

## Dismissal

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

*please do join us for a short time of fellowship  
and enjoy a cuppa before you go.*

*Thank you for being with us today...*

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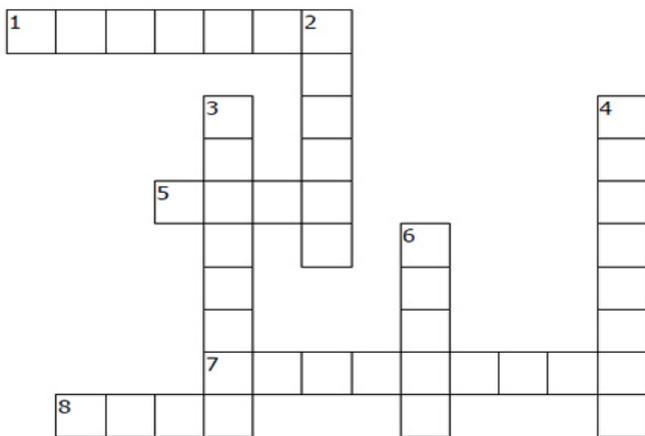
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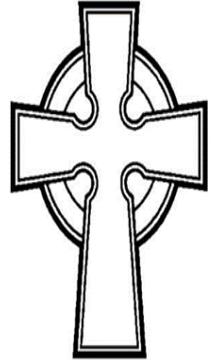
#### ACROSS

- The day set aside for rest and worship
- Not limited or controlled by anything
- A person who pretends to be what he is not
- To be changed from an originally straight position

#### DOWN

- To be cured from illness or injury
- Not bent or curved
- To be disabled, especially in the feet, legs, or back
- To instruct or give knowledge to another person

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



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

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servants now called to be deacons; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



### **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.

# Celebration and Thanksgiving Lunch

## Sunday 28th August at St Leonard's



Mathew, Beena and the family request the pleasure of your company on Sunday 28th August Mathew and Beena in an act of thanksgiving to God wanted an opportunity for them to bless us their church family and friends while they celebrate their life as a family and give thanks for the many blessings and support they have received from the Lord and from our church family. Beena and Mathew and the boys over the years have

become very supportive members of our church and it has been a joy to journey with them through many highs and lows of life. It has been a special blessing also to watch their boys Jerin and Jasanth grow and become the young men that they are today.

The Lunch will take place after the service from approximately 11.45am and will be served in the St Leonard's Hall. Friends from both churches are welcome to come and join with us on the day as we give thanks with and for the family. We would love to see you there.



**BAKE SALE**

## Pitcairn Bake Sales

Thursday 1st September

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.



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.

*Would all Pets know that they are also welcome as long as they are accompanied by well behaved owners.*



## 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.

**St Mary's Sunday at 10am**

[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

**St Leonard's Sunday at 10am**

[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)



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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off