

JESUS SAID, "SO
I SAY TO YOU, ASK,
AND IT WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU
SEEK, AND YOU WILL
FIND KNOCK, AND
IT WILL BE OPENED
TO YOU."
LUKE 11 9
THEWORDFORTHEDAY

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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 24th July



Betty Tinley

Many of us were touched by Betty's gentle, kind and loving personality. Last week at St Mary's Jacqui reflected that she was both a Martha and Mary of the church. She loved to be involved, organising and doing this or that for the church family. Likewise she loved to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn more about her Lord and Saviour. She set us a wonderful example of faith. She was indeed a child of God and although we mourn her passing we also rejoice that in heaven Betty and Mike are reunited and no doubt organising the next get together for Jesus and the Angels.

Please remember her daughters and their family in your prayers.

**A Memorial Service of
Thanksgiving for Betty's life
will take place
at St Mary's on Friday 29th July at 11am.
Followed by a Funeral Breakfast at Kings Acre**



The Times they are a changing

**From Sunday 7th August
to Sunday 30th October
Sunday Morning worship will begin
at 10am in both Churches.**

This is for a trial period and we welcome your feedback. However we are aware that this change will also call for us to consider a different pattern of worship as it is unclear whether we can operate as we currently are. More details to follow.....

Welcome

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!

Hymn

LIGHT OF THE WORLD, You step down into darkness.

Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created.
All for love's sake became poor.

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 **O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Reading **Colossians 2:6-15**

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.

He is the head over every power and authority.

In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Hymn

MAJESTY, worship His majesty,

Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty,

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 11:1-13

Glory to Christ our Saviour

One day Jesus' disciples ask, 'Lord, teach us to pray'

He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,

as we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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 **HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,**
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in 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.

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 receive communion
or a blessing at this time*

Songs during Communion

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

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

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

FAITHFUL ONE, so unchanging,
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on You,
I call out to You again and again.
I call out to You again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor,
My hope is in You alone.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**God of grace, we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.
May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises.
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.**

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

GOD FORGAVE MY SIN in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely,
you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name,
and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.

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

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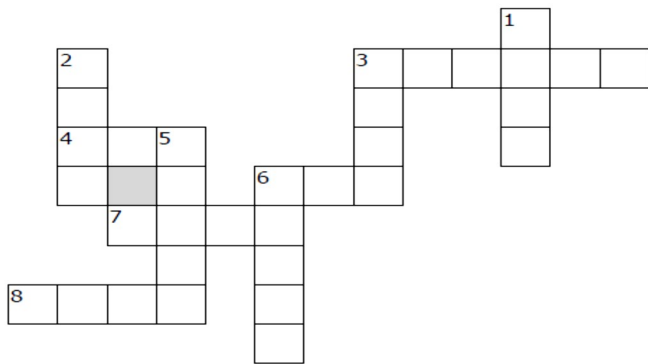
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FRIEND
 RECEIVE
 BREAD
 ASK



ACROSS

3. A person you know, like, and trust
4. To make a request for something
6. A piece of furniture for sleeping
7. A movable structure used to close off an entrance to a room
8. A device operated by a key and used to keep a door from being opened

DOWN

1. To look for something
2. To talk to God
3. To locate something by searching for it
5. To stike a series of blows with your fist, as on a door
6. A food made from flour mixed water and other ingredients, then baked in an oven



Faith in our Future

*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 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.*

The Visioning Questionnaire - a Summary Part 2

Last week I gave a brief reflection on questions 1-4 of our recent Questionnaire responses and so this week I will reflect on some of the responses from questions 5-8.

Q5 What can we do to offer more care and support for the elderly and vulnerable in our congregation/community?

Responses: Offer a short once a month afternoon service with afternoon tea. Make contact with Social Services to help identify needs and opportunities to engage with the elderly. Offer or organise transport to and from church. Pastoral Group do an amazing amount of work already what does the Rector do? Services in Care Homes, offering Home Communion.

I acknowledge that we are often regarded as a small church but amazingly we do many good things through the good will and support of many individuals for which we give thanks. Over the testing time of the pandemic the Pastoral Groups rose to the challenge and we quickly set up a telephone network committing ourselves to phoning and caring for those connected with the church. Alongside this Fiona and myself began regular weekly visits to many of our elderly and vulnerable people who did not have access to the internet to distribute a hard copy of the connect news.

As we continue into the future before us pastoral care will remain one of the main areas of concern. So our thanks go to all those on the Pastoral groups who help serve the church in this way. Moving forward there are a number

of good ideas possibilities. I like the idea of a monthly afternoon tea service. Likewise a more coordinated approach to offering lifts may be possible and maybe we could enquire about using the community minibuses? As Rector in the coming term I will be committing myself to phoning and if requested visiting you and everyone on our current membership list.

Q6 How can we encourage children and youth to discover Christian faith?

Responses: Messy Church is good but how do we build on this, I don't know, this is a job for the Clergy, engaging with schools, work with other churches doing youth work. Start a Sunday School or a Family service. Welcome them when they come. Employ a Youth or Family worker instead of a Rector.

I acknowledge that along with many other churches we often struggle to engage with families, children and young people. We do have a number of existing connections and activities with families and young people but as we don't often see them on a Sunday morning we often forget they are there. One of the questions to consider going forward is what is the focus of Sunday Morning Services? Do we want families and young people to be part of the Sunday worship and if yes how should we make them welcome? We give thanks for the work of Messy Church and aspire to build upon this work. The profile of our Ecumenical Youth Fellowship (12 to 17's) needs to be raised as it regularly meets during term time. It was launched an number of years ago and at one point the majority of those attending were from our own churches. Looking forward there are plans to support a Young Adults group for those that 17+. As a church we do have a number of resources and people with the skill set to do various roles but if we are serious about Families, Children and Young People then maybe we do need to look at investing in a Youth or Families worker so that we can offer more than what we are currently offering.

Q7. How can we engage in the wider community better?

Responses: Improve our communications, raise our profile, leaflet drop new housing, involving ourselves in other community events, Church and or Hall being used by the community, host more events for the community. Find out needs of different community groups, run Alpha or discussion groups giving people an opportunity to explore Christianity.

It was encouraging to read about the openness and desire we have not just to be a church open for worship but to have our grounds and building open and used by the community. Over the last few months St Mary's has shown that the building can be creatively used by a number of different groups. This has come about by a few of our members volunteering with other community groups and then inviting them to consider using the church. So our question going forward might be what groups are you involved in and would you be open to inviting them to come and use the our buildings? Community engagement builds up links with individuals and helps raise our profile in the community. From there invitations could flow to welcome people on to a discussion group or course and hopefully even to come and join with us for worship.

Since the Questionnaire took place there has been concerns expressed about the cost of living crisis we are all facing and what our response might be as a church. There is an increase in the use of Food Banks and even a thought that people may need a Heat Bank, a place of warmth? The idea is to offer a place of warmth, a cuppa and chat to those in need. Could we do this? How would it work?

Q8 What should the church do to be a centre of hope In your community?

Responses: Church open for prayer/solace, prayer activity in grounds, a place for people to leave requests for prayer

On reflection Q8 is similar to Q7. Nevertheless the responses generally called for the church to be open and used a place of prayer. We are currently looking at opening St Mary's and are planning to have CCTV system fitted to provide both a deterrent and some form of security for the building. At both churches we are looking also at how to use the grounds more. St Leonard's has begun sprucing itself up with some much needed garden work and the painting of the hall in the coming months we hope to continue to clear and better define the garden and look at how to use it as a place of welcome.

The Vestries and Clergy Team and the congregations will continue to look at the response that have been made. Where we can act we will try and accommodate some of the suggestions. Other ideas may need to be further thought through and budget for if required. Overall we seek to be faithful to God, to care for one another and to reach out in love to every generation.



Supporting Ukrainian Refugees

As we have been waiting and praying about hosting a Ukrainian family much work has been taking place in preparation. This includes a vetting procedure by Midlothian Council which is the last step before we will be allocated a family in a week or two. SO now is the time to consider pledging your on-going support or making a one off donation in aid of the churches effort to house a refugee family.

You can make an online bank transfer using St Leonard's Account

Bank of Scotland Account No: 00908045

Sort Code: 80 06 29

Please mark the payment Ukraine Refugee.

Or place a donation in an envelope marked "Ukraine Refugee" and place it in our weekly offering plate or pass to Anne McKay at St Mary's or Tom Mooney at St Leonard's. If you are able to pledge a monthly amount for the next six months to a year please do speak to your treasurer about the best way to make a regular donation. Thank You



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

Sunday worship time changes to 10am from Sunday 7th August