THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, THE MESSAGE AND TEACHINGS OF CHRIST HAVE BEEN MY GUIDE AND IN THEM I FIND HOPE.

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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 11th September





A prayer for use on the death of the monarch

Almighty and eternal God, you uphold and govern all things both in heaven and on earth, and by your grace alone kings and gueens do reign.

We thank you for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us through our late sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, whom you have called home to her heavenly rest.

We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance and her love of peace, for the care and devotion with which she served her people, for the example of her faith and gracious life.

We pray that you would fill our hearts with gratitude for all these good things, and give us grace that we may use the memory of them as a perpetual call to live according to your will, for the good of all the world, and the glory of your great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the accession

O God, you govern your people by your creative love: we hold before you your servant Charles, our King, praying that, guided by your Spirit, under him this nation may be wisely and justly governed, and your Church proclaim the Gospel of peace; may he be dedicated to you in heart, and mind, and soul. Persevering in good works to the end, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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 draw near to you with our praise as you come seeking and saving the lost.

Hymn I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

Of the Christ who died for me; How He left His home in glory For the cross on Calvary. I was lost but Jesus found me, Found the sheep that went astray; Threw His loving arms around me, Drew me back into His way.

I was bruised but Jesus healed me, Faint was I from many a fall; Sight was gone, and fears possessed me, But He freed me from them all. Days of darkness still come o'er me; Sorrow's paths I often tread, But the Saviour still is with me, By His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet, Then He'll bear me safely over, All my joys in Him complete. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me; Sing it with the saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

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

God the Creator,
in Christ you call all people
to the fullness of glory
for which you created us in your image:
heal our hardened hearts,
renew our obedience to your will,
and conform our lives to your gracious design,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading 1 Timothy 1.12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

of whom I am the worst.

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 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.

Gospel Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 15.1-10 Glory to Christ our Saviour

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. However, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.'

Then Jesus told them this parable:

'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep."

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Song: O LORD, YOUR TENDERNESS, melting all my bitterness!

O Lord, I receive Your love.

O Lord, Your loveliness, changing all my ugliness,

O Lord, I receive Your love,

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O Lord, Your Holiness, cleanses all my sinfulness,

O Lord, I receive Your love,

O Lord, Your Majesty, Lifts my soul and sets me free,

O Lord, I receive Your love,

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 BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on His hands,
My name is hidden on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No power can force me to depart.
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free. For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, My perfect sinless righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace, One with Lord I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood, My life is safe with Christ on high, With Christ my Saviour and my God With Christ my Saviour and my God **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.

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All things come from you,

and of your own we give you. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer for Season of Creation

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, O Lord, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Source of life and immortality, Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word
you brought order out of chaos.
you divided light from darkness,
created the heavens and established the earth;
you divided the sea from the dry land,
and caused all life to come into being.
When you had made the plants and the animals,
you formed us in your own image,
and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh, took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, and call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together 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, God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at creations birth. Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world, and bring your saving work to its completion. 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 the Spirit's 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 all of creation **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

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for you and for all that you give us, making us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy.

Amen.

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation, rejoicing that you are made in God's image, and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Hymn:

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render: O help us to see 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Dismissal

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

Do join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment at the close of the service



Harvest Thanksgiving Services

St Mary's Sunday 2nd October

St Leonard's Sunday 9th October



As part of our Harvest Celebrations your donations of tinned and dried goods as well as any financial donations will be passed to the Storehouse as they continue their work on behalf of the local churches to provide food parcels to families in need in our community.

The Storehouse has issued a special request for:

Pot noodles or similar easy to make meals UHT Milk (blue box)

Tubs of hot chocolate — hot water mix

Bags of multi pack crisps

Cans of macaroni cheese

Cans of ravioli

Cans of custard

Cans of rice pudding

Multi pack Kit Kats, and other snacks bars

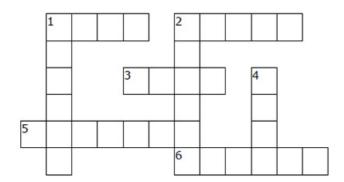
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Thank You for your generosity and love

Your Vestry.

The Vestry of the church is the main governing body of the church working in partnership with the Rector and Clergy Team. Each church has its own Vestry and occasionally meets together as a joint Vestry to discuss matters affecting both churches. As a church our year end happens in September and this is then followed by our Annual General Meetings. At that meeting we receive the Annual reports from the Vestry and other groups run and organised by the church. We hope to bring you news about the next AGMs after the meeting of your Vestry this September.

St Mary's Vestry Sunday 11th September 7pm
St Leonard's Vestry Wednesday 14th September 7pm



ACROSS

- 1. The place where a person lives
- A wooly farm animal related to the goat
- To locate something that was lost
- To express great happiness and joy
- 6. To turn away from sin

DOWN

- The place where God and angels live
- 2. A person who breaks God's law
- To no longer have something because you don't kinow where it is



Messy Church Autumn 2022

Time: 4pm to 6pm

You are invited to join us for some Messy Church fun:

September 24th

A Messy Harvest Celebration

Giving thanks for the food we eat and wondering what will we grow up to be like?

Please bring a donation for Harvest Donations of tinned or dried foods will be collected and distributed by the Storehouse to those in need.

October 29th

Light Party - A celebration of light

As the darker months enfold us we wonder what does it mean to be children of the light.

Wear some bright clothing and reflectors, bring a torch and your smile to the party.

November 26th

Getting Ready for the New King

A time of looking forward to the arrival of the promised new baby who will one day be King.

Is it to early for tinsel and decorations? Come along and begin to think about how we can celebrate the birth of a King.

December 24th

Christmas Eve 4pm Messy Christingle

A celebration of joy and good news with Song and Story interlaced with fun, sweets, oranges and hot chocolate.



Our next Coffee at Mary's will be in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support

Join with us for some coffee and cake

Saturday 1st October

10.00am to 1 pm

All Welcome



St Mary's Sunday at 10am





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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off