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*Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's*  
**Sunday 18th 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 queens 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

**SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU**

to receive the food of your holy word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
and the earth is filled with your glory.

## 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**     **Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and ourselves in your image.  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Reading**     **1 Timothy 2.1-7**

I, Paul, urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle. I am telling the truth, I am not lying as a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

## 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.

## Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 16.1-13  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer."

"The manager said to himself, "What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg. I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses."

'So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" "Three thousand litres of olive oil," he replied. 'The manager told him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifteen hundred."

'Then he asked the second, "And how much do you owe?" "Thirty tons of wheat," he replied. 'He told him, "Take your bill and make it twenty-four."

'The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

'Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.'

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

**BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**

Slain for us, - and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you, - eat and remember;  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you — drink and remember,  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,  
to respond and to remember,  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering,  
we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King

**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 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 creation's 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: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD,**

With hearts and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be ever more.

**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*

# HARVEST SUNDAY



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), Diluting juice
- 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

*Thank You for your generosity and love*

## A Welcome Lunch

*Sunday 2nd October 2022*

*As part of our welcome to our new Curate, Val Cameron we are organising a Welcome Lunch for Sunday 2nd October at St Mary's for members and friends of both congregations as we formally welcome Val in to her new role as our Deacon.*

*Lunch or brunch will be served from 11.45am*

**ALL WELCOME**

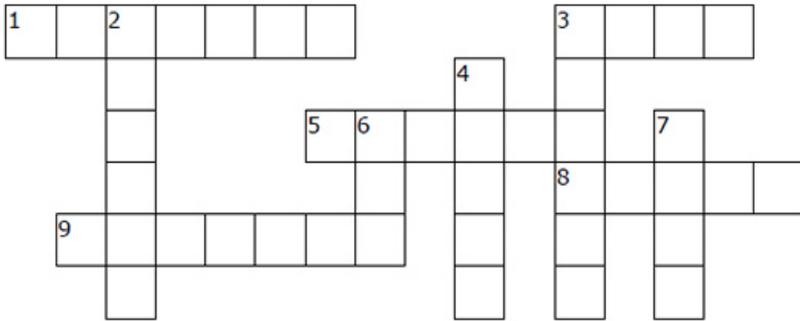
# The Annual General Meetings

**St Leonard's AGM**  
**Sunday 30th October**  
after the morning service

**St Mary's AGM**  
**Monday 21st November 7pm**  
Preceded by a Chip Supper at 6pm

Our financial year as a church comes to a close at the end of September. Therefore, we now invite all the different church activities and groups to begin preparing a brief annual review of their activities to be included in our AGM Booklet which we hope to produce and make available for each church 3 weeks before their respective AGM's.

Thank You



## ACROSS

1. A person who performs duties around the home of a master
3. To like something very much
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
8. To have complete confidence in someone
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something

## DOWN

2. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
3. A very small amount
4. The Son of God
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
7. A very large amount



# Messy Church

**Time: 4pm to 6pm**

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

## September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> Light Party - A celebration of light

### FELLOWSHIP OUTING

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, the Fellowship outing went to Galashiels to view the 'The Great Tapestry of Scotland.' Each panel arranged in chronological order depicts a short story from the Ice Age to the opening of the Scottish Parliament. This exhibition is a MUST to see! It has so much to offer; history, art, beauty, and needlepoint never mind the great community spirit generated in its creation.

These hymn words come to mind as a reflection on the great works we viewed.

Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together in unity and love.  
Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together, together in love.

May I suggest you use the schedule from the Fellowship Outing (exhibition centre followed by lunch at the Kingsknowes Hotel) and plan a day out to Galashiels as a family or with friends. Highly recommend the itinerary! Our many thanks go to Bill and Anne for organising another successful and happy Fellowship outing.



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COFFEE  
AND  
CAKE

WE ARE  
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CANCER SUPPORT



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**

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

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

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off