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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 2nd St Leonard's

For this reason I remind you to

Kindle afresh the
gift of God
which
is in you

through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6



Sunday Services

There have been various discussion about our Sunday morning services over the last few months. This included the change of time to a 10am start and also some ponderings about what type or style of services we could offer. These discussions naturally have led to some concern and confusion about the future of worship at St Leonard's and St Mary's and the need to clarify they way forward for the foreseeable future. I therefore make the following statement to hopefully bring clarity regarding the future of our worship.

As Rector, and after consultation with the Clergy Team and Vestries of both churches, I give notice that the 10 am Sunday Service time will remain at 10am at both churches for the foreseeable future. The timing of the services will be further reviewed again in April.

The Clergy Team will endeavour to provide Eucharistic worship on a weekly basis at both churches. Nevertheless, the Clergy Team and I want to underline our concerns about the fragile nature of this arrangement which although sustainable in the short term over this next year or so it may not be possible to maintain this pattern of worship in the longer term

So going forward we will remain at 10am for Sunday Morning Worship and we will continue with the practice of celebrating the Eucharist every Sunday. The Clergy Team will operate across the linked charge and as Rector I will continue the pattern of being present on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at St Mary's and 2nd & 4th Sundays at St Leonard's.

Please do remember and be encouraged to know that you can speak to any member of the Clergy Team if you have a Pastoral concern or contact me through the Church Office / Rectory on 663 7000 or email office.stlandm@gmail.com

yours in service of the church

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 draw near to you with our praise

as you draw near to us, seeking and saving the lost.

Hymn

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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 built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Reading **2 Timothy 1.1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a

teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Hymn

COLOURS OF DAY dawn into the mind,

The sun has come up, the night is behind.

Go down in the city, into the street,

And let's give the message to the people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,

Open the door, let Jesus return.

Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,

Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Go through the park, on into the town;

The sun still shines on, it never goes down.

The light of the world is risen again;

The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,

The darkness has come, the sun came todie.

The evening draws on, the sun disappears,

But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 16.19-31

Glory to Christ our Saviour

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'

He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you.'

Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, "Come along now and sit down to eat"?

Won't he rather say, "Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink"? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."

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 **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.
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,
who art in heaven
hallowed be your name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever and 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 heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' 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,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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*

*If you are able please also join with us at
St Mary's for a special fellowship lunch
as we formally welcome Val Cameron
as our new Deacon.*

*Lunch will be served from 11.45am onwards
all are most welcome to come along.*



Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Welcome

As a church we seek to welcome people into the life and worship of the church. Week to week this is often done on an informal basis but it is also good from time to time to have a more formal act of welcome. This gives us an opportunity to confirm or reaffirm someone's faith journey and acknowledge and welcome them publicly into the life of the church locally and as part of the world wide Anglican and Christian church.

Maybe you were baptised, or maybe not, but now sense the time is right to consider the next step. Maybe you have started worshipping with us but have come from a different denomination or have newly returned to worship and would like to explore with others the journey of faith. All are welcome to come and explore together.

If you would be interested in exploring with Peter, our Rector what this may involve please do speak to him or any member of the Clergy Team.

Providing a Welcome and Accommodation

After what seems to have been a long drawn out and protracted system to navigate we are now ready to welcome and accommodate a Ukrainian family.

All being well with the vetting and initial meeting we are gearing up to welcome and support four people. At this moment we have very little information other than

there are two mothers who are sisters with their teenage daughters who fled the fighting in Ukraine. To begin with they will stay initially with Vicki Clark and then move into rented accommodation supported by the Churches.

If you are able to financially help us support these families then we would ask you to contact the Church Office and we can pass on details of how best to do this. Other items will need to wait until we see what is needed.

HOMES *for*
UKRAINE



Providing a *safe home*
in the UK for Ukrainians



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2022

We invite you to fill a shoebox for this years appeal. Filled boxes should be returned to the church by Sunday 30th October so they can be collected and begin their journey bringing joy and pleasure to those in need. Please pick up

an information leaflet available at both churches or visit:

<https://blythwood.org/> - for more information, thank you



Pet Blessing Service

at St Mary's Sunday 9th October

a short service of 30 Minutes from 3pm

Come with or without your pet as we give thanks for all creatures great and small.

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 Shop Supper at 6pm

Can we please ask that the Annual Reports from each organisation or activity of the church should be submitted to the Church Office so that we can begin publishing our AGM booklet. Thank You



Memorial Service

Sunday 6th November at 4pm

St Leonard's Church, Dobbies Road

An opportunity for us all to gather and remember our departed loved ones and continue to give thanks for their part in our lives.

Word Search Puzzle

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Pitcairn Bake Sale

Our Monthly bake stall at the Pitcairn Centre take place this week on

Thursday 6th October

If you are able to bake donations for this event please bring them along on the morning of Thursday 6th or speak to Fiona. Help staffing the stall is always welcome and a great way to represent the church to the wider community and help raise funds for the upkeep and renewal of the hall.

Beacon of Hope



We offer a safe, warm place for you to be still, reflect or just to talk to someone prepared to listen and offer you support. Each Monday from 3rd October onwards our doors will be open for you from 10.00am - 12noon. St Leonard's Dobbies Road

St Mary's Sunday at 10am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk



St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off