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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 16th October 2022



**ALWAYS
PRAY AND
DO NOT
GIVE UP**

LUKE 18:1-8



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

An invitation to a safe and warm place

The Churches in our area are looking at how we can provide safe and warm place for people in need over the winter months. The hope is that each week day we may be able to sign post people to a safe and warm place where they are welcomed and may have a cuppa and space to be.

We need your help: Building on the days that our churches are currently open and used we want to provide a simple soup and roll lunch on a Monday at St Leonard's and on a Tuesday at St Mary's. 12-2pm. After the lunch we hope the churches would then remain open up until 4pm.

Could you help by offering to staff the church 12-2pm or 2-4pm?

or maybe you could provide some soup and rolls?

if interested and able to help please speak to, or send an email to Peter

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Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ

Let us pray

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse our thoughts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hymn

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy;
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe;
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace;
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is
before, we may run the way of your commandments and win
the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Reading **2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his

kingdom, I give you this charge: preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Hymn

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,

All our sins and grief to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit!

O what needless pain we bear!

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

Gospel Hear the Gospel of our Lord
according to Luke 18.1-8
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

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

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY, I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them – they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them – My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

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 V

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.

You made us, all the people of the world
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds.
Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we laugh with the saints
and angels and sing their song:

**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.**

Father you never forget us or turn away from us
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

**He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.**

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

For on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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.'

**So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us.
Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this wine;
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company
to our journey's end.

**With all your people
we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and for ever. 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

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with your grace and love. May we be ever faithful in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

O HAPPY DAY, THAT FIXED MY CHOICE

On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

O Happy day, O happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing every day
O Happy day, O happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away.

'Tis done: the great transaction's done!
I am the Lord's and He is mine;
He drew me, and I followed on;
Glad to confess the voice divine.

High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
That vow renewed shall daily hear,
Till in life's latest hour I bow
And bless in death a bond so dear.

Dismissal

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



St Leonard's AGM Sunday 30th October

There will be NO Café Church this Sunday

but a shortened act of Worship in the Church
leading us into the AGM before
ending with a time of fellowship in the hall

Papers for the AGM should be available at the back of Church
and any additional items needing to be raised at the AGM
should be notified to Peter before the meeting.

St Mary's AGM Monday 21st November 7pm

This will be preceded by a Chip Shop Supper at 6pm
A sign up sheet and menu will be available shortly

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 booklets.

Thank You



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 a family of four. At this moment we have very little information but hope to

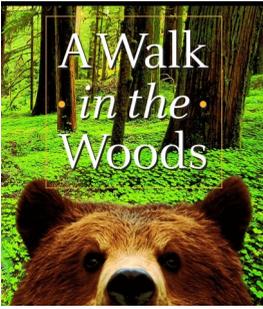
meet them soon. To begin with they will stay initially with Vicki Clark and then move into rented accommodation supported by the Churches.

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



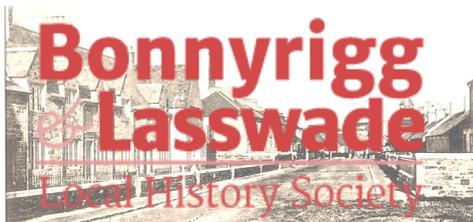
Link Book Club

A WALK IN THE WOODS By Bill Bryson

The Book Club met at the Justinlees recently and over the burgers and fish and chips reviewed Bill Bryson's book which has also been made into a film starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte.

This was a classic Bryson offering as he described his attempt to walk the Appalachian Trail, the longest footpath in the world at 2,200 miles along the east coast of the US from Georgia to Maine. He was accompanied by his friend, Katz who provided most of the comical elements of the tale as the latter was initially grossly overweight with no real clue about hiking and so started with completely inappropriate gear. Bryson describes the wilderness along with animal encounters, weather, accommodation, both luxury and inhospitable and getting very lost and very wet! He added a lot of information about geology, ecological disasters and history. Inevitably he found he could not do the whole trail end to end and instead did bits of it which was far more practical. This was an enjoyable read but the usual Bryson formula.

Vicki Clark



The **Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Local History Society** begins a new season for 2022—2023 this Wednesday 19th October at 7.30pm in the Pitcairn Hall, High Street, Bonnyrigg. A warm and open invite to everyone.

Wednesday 19th October

Commonwealth War Graves

Wednesday 16th November

Polton House and its War Time Role

Wednesday 18th January

Farm Servants of South East Scotland



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 Food Bank at St Mary's



We are in the process of setting up a partnership with Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home to establish a Pet Food Bank. Times are tough and with the winter months ahead of us there are many challenges to be faced. As there has been an increase demand on Food Banks for families so we have become concerned for those who have pets and may feel that there only option is to give up a beloved pet. Our pets are often a much-needed source of comfort, stability, and security and can help reduce stress and improve our mental health. Our goal working in partnership with EDCH is to empower owners to keep their pets where they belong at home being loved.

We are very much in the planning stages, so please keep an eye out for more information about this new project on our Facebook Page or Websites. We also hope to provide a warm place for you to come and collect your pet food but also offer you a cuppa and a place to rest for awhile with or without your friend. More Info coming soon....



Responding to the Climate and Ecological Crisis: Green Christian On the Road Together in Edinburgh

22 October, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh EH12 5AW

Green Christian invite you to a day of workshops, discussion and worship to encourage our communities, and to build common cause for creation & inspire ambitious change.

Tea, coffee and soup provided

Please bring a packed lunch, and your own mug if you can.

The day will include...

- Joy in Enough – a chance to sample Plenty!, a discussion course challenging Christians to join in building a just economy within ecological limits. Led by Green Christian.
- On Sacred Ground – an interactive workshop, reflecting on the climate and ecological crisis, taking inspiration from Daniel Berrigan: “You not only have to take a stand but then you have to stand there.”
- Green Christian Way of Life – a workshop exploring how a four-fold framework of Prayer, Living Gently on the Earth, Public Witness and Encouragement can shape our journey together as God's people
- an environmentally themed art exhibition
- prayer and worship
- an opportunity to enjoy the Cathedral grounds and Labyrinth

Join us in hope, thoughtfulness, creativity and prayer as we make lasting connections to support faith-based climate action in Edinburgh and the wider region.

Programme

- 9.45 Arrival and sign in (Walpole Hall)
- 10.15 Welcome and opening prayers
- 10.30 Way of Life
- 12.00 On Sacred Ground – workshop
- 13.45 Joy in Enough workshop
- 15.00 Where next?
- 15.30 Outdoor worship and closing prayers
- 16.00 Departure



Memorial Service

Sunday 6th November

at 4pm

St Leonard's Church, Dobbies Road

Our Annual Memorial Service gives us all an opportunity to gather and formally remember our departed loved ones and continue to give thanks for their part in our lives.

As part of the service we invite you to light a candle and write the name of your loved ones on one of the wooden crosses and then hang them on our memorial tree. This tree remains in place up until Easter when we give thanks for Jesus resurrection and with it the promise that all who have died will be raised again in the resurrection to come.

Do please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours to come and take part as we remember and give thanks.

St Mary's Sunday at 10am

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St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off