

# Connect

Weekly News and Worship Sheet from St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 30th October 2022





# Welcome

This week as we gather for worship our Gospel reading comes from Luke 19 where Jesus encounters Zacchaeus up a tree. As I read this familiar story I was transported back in my mind to my Sunday School days and can remember

dramatizing this story and pretending to climb a tree to see Jesus and singing the song Zacchaeus was a very little man and very little man was he.

I began then to wonder what obstacles exist today that may be hindering people from clearly seeing Jesus. In Jesus day the Tax collector, often appointed by the Roman Governor, was shunned by his local community as someone who was collaborating with the enemy. Therefore they were often rejected and treated as sinner, especially by the self righteous religious people of the day. I wonder are there people today that are looking for Jesus who find themselves rejected by the very institution that should be welcoming them in? We too therefore need to be aware of our own attitudes, judgments or actions and endeavour to remain humble and not to block the way to Jesus but allow God to work in and through to call others.

Another thought that came to mind was the words of Jesus declaring to Zacchaeus "I must stay at your house today"! How would I respond if I were Zacchaeus? Equally it is not about me or you being Zacchaeus but again its about our attitude towards entertaining Jesus.

Are we willing to welcome Jesus in to our homes? To be our honoured guest? Not for us to choose when we want to meet Jesus and decide to give him a visit on a Sunday morning at his house when we can encounter Jesus within our worship, but to awake every morning and acknowledge that Jesus is living with us under our roof. How would our lives change if we truly lived this way, having breakfast, lunch and dinner with Jesus.

So let us be encouraged to be the people of God who help others to see Jesus, by welcoming Jesus to live in us and work through us in our daily lives.

## Welcome

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

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
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

**SING TO GOD NEW SONGS** of worship:

All His deeds are marvellous;  
He has brought salvation to us  
With His hand and holy arm:  
He has shown to all the nations  
Righteousness and saving power;  
He recalled His truth and mercy  
To His people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship:  
Earth has seen His victory;  
Let the lands of earth be joyful  
Praising Him with thankfulness:  
Sound upon the harp His praises,  
Play to Him with melody;  
Let the trumpets sound His triumph,  
Show your joy to God the King!

Sing to God new songs of worship:  
Let the sea now make a noise;  
All on earth and in the waters  
Sound your praises to the Lord:  
Let the hills be joyful together,  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
For with righteousness and justice  
He will come to judge the earth.

## 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, rejoicing in your promise that your Son Jesus, Christ, our Lord comes seeking and saving the lost, help us to be grateful and to live to your praise and glory by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us. Amen**

**Gospel** Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 19.1-10  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'

But Zacchaeus stood up and said, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.'

Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

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**     **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.

**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 1**

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.

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,  
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**

## **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

**And his mercy endures for ever.**

**Heavenly Father, by your invitation we have gathered round  
your table and received your gifts of grace and love. Help us to  
cherish them in our lives and to share them with the world, for  
the glory of your name. Amen**

### **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

### **PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN;**

To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## Dismissal

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

## **Annual General Meeting of St Leonard's**

*There will be a short comfort break before the start of the AGM  
which will take place in the Church*



## 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

**HOMES** *for*  
**UKRAINE**



Providing a *safe home*  
in the UK for Ukrainians

After what seems to have been a long drawn out and protracted system to navigate the family of 4 will be moving into Vicki's initially the first week in November. The family consist of Dad, Hennadi, Mum Tetiana, Son Mykhailo (9) and daughter Alina (6) there surname is Raichev and they have come from the Odessa region of

Ukraine that saw much devastation during the early part of the war. As the church we plan to support them with there own rented accommodation for the next 6 months as they settle into our community. If you would like to make financial donations to support this work please contact the church office for bank details. For donations in kind please speak to Vicki. In the meantime please hold us and especially the family in prayer.

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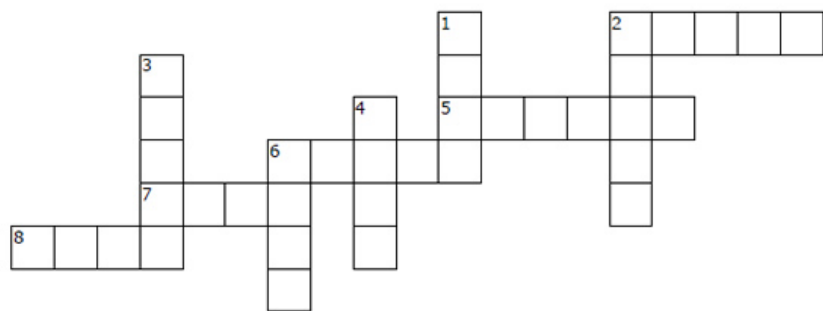
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#### ACROSS

2. To move upward, especially by using the hands and feet
5. A person who disobeys God's laws; one who does wrong
6. Not tall
7. To set free from sin; to rescue
8. A large plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves

#### DOWN

1. To be unable to find your way
2. To get something for yourself in a dishonest way
3. A building in which people, usually a family, live
4. To have very little money
6. To search for something or someone



# 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**

[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