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

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GOD *for*
HARVEST



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

This is the day that the Lord has made
let us be glad and rejoice

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord and be glad;

Come to him with joyful songs.
For the Lord our God is good;

His love goes on for ever and ever
His faithful love never fails.

HYMN **COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,**

Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our needs to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Lord, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Lord in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but often ignore the cry of the poor and hungry.

Lord, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are often thoughtless, and do not care enough
for the world and its people

Lord, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

ABSOLUTION

God who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we might be fruitful
in the work of your kingdom **Amen**

A HARVEST PRAYER

Let us pray together
**Creator of the fruitful earth,
who made us
stewards of your creation.
Give us grateful hearts,
and help us to bless those in need
as we remember how blessed we are this day.
Amen**

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE PSALM 104 V10-15

Lord, you cause water to flow from springs into the streams
that flow down between the mountains.

The streams provide water for all the wild animals.

Even the wild donkeys come there to drink.

Wild birds come to live by the pools;
they sing in the branches of nearby trees.

You send rain down on the mountains.

The earth gets everything it needs from what you have made.

You make the grass grow to feed the animals.

You provide plants for the crops we grow—
the plants that give us food from the earth.

You give us the wine that makes us happy,
the oil that makes our skin soft,
and the food that makes us strong.

HYMN WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.*

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
He fills the earth with beauty,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
and what thou most desires,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

THE GOSPEL READING **MATTHEW 13:3-23**

When the Gospel is announced we say together
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus told them many things in parables, saying:
A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

The disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Why do you speak to the people in parables?' He replied, Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. This is why I speak to them in parables:

'Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.
In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:
"You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.
For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.”

But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. However, the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

Let us stand together:

We meet in Christ name
for He is the Lord of the Harvest

Let us share his peace

HYMN

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,

For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces, human and divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of heaven:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 bless us with a fruitful creation
and give us the seasons of life,
from Springtime to Harvest,

We praise you, O Lord our God.

As our world changes from
one season to another
through the great cycle of
Springtime and Summer,
Autumn and Winter.

We praise you, O Lord our God

As citizens of your kingdom,
we join our praise with all of creation
and the heavenly realm
singing the song
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.**

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.

We praise you, O Lord our God

And we remember
that on the night before Jesus 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.'

**We praise you, O Lord our God
and declare that Jesus died
and rose again to live now in us.**

Lord of the Harvest, send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this wine;
that they may be the redeeming symbols of your sacrificial love.
Amen.

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy 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 the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table
to come and receive communion or a blessing*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**God of the harvest
nourished by your love
may we continue in our lives to daily give you thanks
and praise for ever and ever Amen**

BLESSING

HYMN

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL,

All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

NOTICES

DISMISSAL

The harvest has been gathered in;
go now in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen

Please join us for refreshments
served in the hall



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 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.

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.



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://blythswood.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.

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 their 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....



Pitcairn Bake Sale

My thanks and appreciation to all our bakers and volunteers for running and stocking the Pitcairn Bake Sale last Thursday.

It was wonderful to go along and be tempted by the display of goodies on offer. I did resist and only had one. It was also lovely to hear comments from the wider community of their appreciation of our baking stall and the quality of our selection. So to everyone involved a well deserved pat on the back Well Done.

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

stleonardslasswade.org.uk



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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off