

# Connect

Sunday 6th November 2022

Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's

## ALL SAINTS' ALL SOULS' DAY

Remembering & Giving Thanks

# From the Rector

*The celebration of All Saints and All Souls reminds us of the hope we have in Jesus that through what he has done for us there is indeed life, eternal life, beyond the grave.*

*We may from time to time read about the Saints of old like St Columba or St Andrew and many others. We might even be inspired by our Father's and Mothers of the faith who have gone before us and passed on the baton of faith and good news to us. These saints and souls of the past stand as good encouraging examples to us of how to live the life of faith. However, at no point do I think any of these people were perfect or had some super human ability to avoid sin or making a mess of it from time to time. Nevertheless within them was the power of God at work and through their trust in God they faced the challenges of their day and stood for Jesus.*

*So where are today's saints? We might think of Mother Theresa or others but in fact each of us who puts our trust and faith in Jesus is a saint of heaven. Therefore our example of life should, like the Saints of old, inspire and point others to Jesus.*

*I once heard about a man who came and presented himself to a Minister at the end of a service and ask how he could become a Christian. Intrigued by the question the Minister then enquired about what had brought him to ask this question after all the Minister had never seen the man before. A little embarrassed the man said well actually it has nothing to do with you or the church service. I have very rarely darkened the door of a church and then its only been for funerals. However, we have a new boss at work, and all the lads I work with have been impressed by how he deals with us. Were a right hard bunch and although the new boss is tough and takes no nonsense he is also fair, kind and generous man. I wanted to know what made him like that so I asked him. He replied that he was a Christian. I thought if that is what a Christian is then I want to be one too so here I am.*

*So let us be encouraged to be more saint like in our lives. Living examples of people who have a living hope in the life to come through Jesus our Lord. Who knows for some people we will be the only saint they may ever know.*

Peter

## Welcome

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

**Amen.**

By faith we look not to the things that are seen  
but to the things that are unseen;  
for the things that are seen are passing away  
but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Today we come together to celebrate  
the feast days of All Saints and All Souls  
remembering before God with thanksgiving  
those whom we love, yet see no longer,  
and especially today to remember the members of our own church  
family who have journeyed onward to heavens shore.

Let us pray together

**God our refuge and strength,  
close at hand in our distress;  
meet us in our sorrow and lift our eyes  
to the peace and light of your constant care.  
Help us so to hear your word of grace,  
so that our fear of death will be dispelled by your love,  
our loneliness eased by your presence  
and our hope renewed by your promises,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN

### **GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE,**

our present help in trouble;  
and we therefore will not fear, though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river, within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given, thrones vanish at his presence  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,  
learn of his deeds all-powerful:  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator, uplift him in the nations  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

### **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  
**Amen.**

### **Collect of the day**

**Almighty God, you have called together your people  
out of every nation and tongue to be your holy people.  
Grant that we sharing in the faith of all your Saints,  
in heaven and on earth, may know the blessing of your love  
and declare your eternal praise. Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A reading from 2 Thessalonians 2. 13-17

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first-fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

### Hymn

#### **IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND**

He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## The Gospel

*Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Luke 20.27-38*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?'

Jesus replied, 'The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob". He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.'

Some of the teachers of the law responded, 'Well said, teacher!' And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*At end:* Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## Reflection

**Intercessions**     *Prayer is offered, for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the church and its members.*

**The Peace**             We meet in Christ's name.  
**Let us share his peace.**

**HYMN**             **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**  
great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son;  
And give Him the glory,  
great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us,  
great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

**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**

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.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens  
and established the earth;  
you sustain in being all that is.

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,  
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 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Distribution of Communion**

*Everyone is invited to come and receive the bread  
in memory of God's great love for each one.*

### **Communion Song:**

## **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.

## **Thanksgiving and Sending out**

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

**God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ,  
which we celebrate in this eucharist,  
bring us with the faithful departed  
into the peace of your eternal home.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our hope and our salvation.**

## **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

### I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

Of the Christ who died for me;  
How He left the realms of glory  
For the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me;  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray;  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way  
Days of darkness still may meet me;  
Sorrow's paths I oft may tread,  
But his presence still is with me,  
By His guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet,  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me;  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

## Dismissal

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

*Please do join with us for some light refreshments  
and a time of fellowship at the close of the service.*

# Memorial and Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, 6th November  
at 4pm in St Leonard's.

There is an opportunity to gather and to take a moment to reflect and to remember our departed loved ones.

The service last for about 40 minutes and includes the opportunity to hang a cross on our memorial tree and to light a candle in memory of those your remember.



**Members of the Pastoral Team** will be on hand at the close of the service if you would like someone to talk to, or just come and sit quietly and take time to pray.



## The Annual General Meetings

St Mary's AGM Monday 21st November 7pm

Preceded by a Chip Shop Supper at 6pm

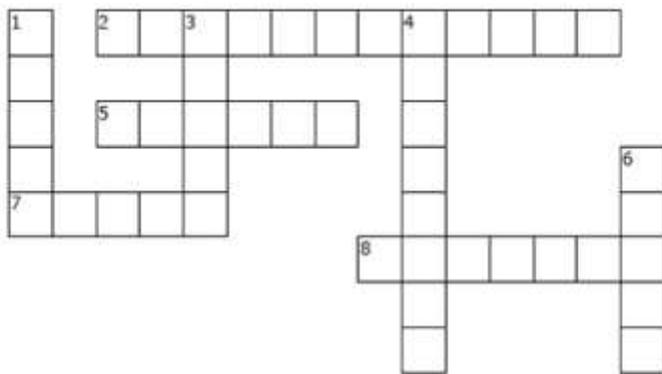
Please sign up

and let us have your Chip Shop order by Sunday 13th November

Please also pick up your copy of our AGM Booklet containing the agenda, minutes of last meeting and reports for this past Year available at the Welcome Desk.

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting





**ACROSS**

2. The act of rising from the dead or returning to life
5. The opposite of dead
7. An adult female human
8. A male who has the same parents as another person

**DOWN**

1. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
3. The number equal to  $6 + 1$
4. Sons or daughters; offspring
6. To become husband or wife

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MOSES	ABRAHAM	MARRY	ALIVE	BROTHER
ISAAC	JACOB	RISE	SEVEN	ANGELS
WIFE	WOMAN	DEAD	CHILDREN	WIDOW



The Storehouse as well as its on going weekly distributions to families in need is also preparing for Christmas. Working with the local churches the Storehouses work touches many families and with an increase in demand due to the cost of living crisis asks you to consider supporting them with a donation as they prepare to help families with food parcels this year.

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

Selection Boxes or Boxes of Chocolates

*Thank You for your generosity and love*

## ***Celebrations & Birthday's***

### **Birthday blessings**

*Elizabeth Jones, Vicky Scott*

### ***Wedding Anniversaries***

*Steve & Barbara Somerfield*

## Remembrance Sunday 13th November - 10am



Our services of worship will take place at the usual time of 10am next Sunday. Those wishing to attend the Civic Ceremony for Remembrance at the local War Memorials are encouraged to do so and will be able to leave during the sharing of the peace.

We will then endeavour to hold our own act of Remembrance at 11am in each church as we remember the fallen and continue to pray for peace in our trouble world.

Join in with Weekly Sunday Worship



**St Leonard's 10am**  
[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

**St Mary's 10am**  
[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

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**Wednesday Morning On-line Worship**  
10am on Zoom & Facebook Live

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Do let us know if any need arises at this time  
and we will try and help.