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Jesus

Connect News

Sunday 22nd January 2023

The Churches of St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith

Welcome

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

Collect for Purity

**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

LIGHT OF THE WORLD,

You step down into darkness.
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created.
All for love's sake became poor.

(bridge)

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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to see my sin upon that cross.

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.

Silence

**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.**

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Collect of the day

**Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Epistle A reading from 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

HYMN **I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS;**

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Gospel Here the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Matthew 4.12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali, to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.'

From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

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

HYMN **BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord,** the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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 I

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.

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

*Everyone is invited and welcomed to receive
the bread and wine of communion.*

Prayer after communion

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

**God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us your light may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord
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 **JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING, WAITING IN THE STREETS;**

no-one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

Dismissal

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

*Do join with us for a time of fellowship and refreshment
at the close of the service*

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday 22nd February

10am at St Leonard's

7.30pm at St Mary's



Fairtrade Fortnight **27 February – 12 March**

This Fairtrade Fortnight, please join us in spreading a simple message: choose Fairtrade now and help save our favourite foods.

? Did you know cocoa, bananas and coffee could soon be much more difficult to find on our shelves?

Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.

But here's the good news.

More of us choosing Fairtrade means extra income, power, and support for those communities, as they work to build sustainable and prosperous futures. So not only is choosing Fairtrade best for people and planet, it could help save everyday treats like chocolate, bananas and a hot cuppa! Remember also to do your part in reducing your carbon footprint by recycling and reusing goods and please consider buying Fairtrade goods to help the planet and communities at risk.

As a church we endeavour to be a Fairtrade church using tea, coffee, sugar and even our communion wine being sourced from Fairtrade.



NEWS about THE RAICHEVS, OUR UKRAINIAN FAMILY

Many of you will be wondering how things are going with the Raichevs. They arrived in Scotland from Odessa in July and were staying at the Holiday Inn in Corstorphine while they were being matched with a host family.

They came to Midlothian in early November and stayed with us Clarks until the weekend before Christmas. Richard and I were understandably apprehensive prior to this as we were opening our home to complete strangers, plus we had heard mixed reports from other hosts when we went to host meetings. But God was with us and it turned out to be a wonderful experience. The family, which consisted of Tetiana (Tanya), Hennadii, Misha and Alina, were a joy to have and they filled our days with much laughter, school runs and food sharing.

The children have been attending King's Park School and enjoy it, slowly learning the language. Tanya goes to language classes in Edinburgh several times a week and is about to embark on a care home course which hopefully will lead to a job. Hennadii is also trying to improve his English and is trying

to find voluntary work.

We found a 2-bed flat for them (and in view of the lack of rents in the area were very lucky). It could not have been more convenient for the Job Centre or the school, and while there have been the usual teething problems with flats (e.g. dealing with the energy company!), they seem to be settling in well. Richard and I continue to support the family as they have a few other issues to sort out, including navigating the NHS and Scottish Gas, but things are progressing well. We take them out to the park occasionally and before Christmas to the Christmas markets and ice skating, and they joined us for our Christmas meal at Broomieknowe Golf Club as well as at St. Mary's for Christingle.

They are extremely grateful for the support the church has given them. As you are aware, many of you have contributed to the rent for their flat and they were overwhelmed with all the domestic items you have donated – the duvets, sheets, towels, iron, Hoover, dishes from Betty Tinley, TV, desks and even a Christmas tree!

We pray that they continue their journey towards independence here in Scotland and perhaps even returning to their homeland one day!

Vicki Clark

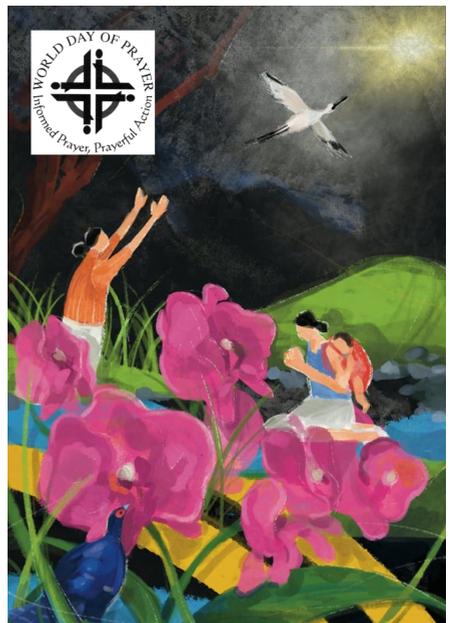
World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March

St Leonard's Lasswade 7pm

or St John's Kings Park

As host at St Leonard's this year Joy is co-ordinating the event with the help of Alison and others. Please do speak to Joy if you are available on the night to help.



Regular Events and Activities



1st Saturday of the Month

Coffee at Mary's 10.30 –12Noon

an opportunity to come together and met up with friends and share together. As part of our Eco-Congregation Commitment we also look to run a monthly Swap Shop alongside Coffee at Mary's to help reuse items and reduce waste as a congregation.



1st Tuesday of the Month

Pet Food Bank 10am – 12 Noon

Working in partnership with Edinburgh Cat and Dog Home we seek to provide much needed help to pet owners looking for support of their pets. Come for a cuppa, a chat or just to pick up supplies.



Last Saturday of the Month

Messy Church 4-6pm

Craft, story, songs and a meal together. Join us for an alternative way of learning about and worshipping God as a messy church family.

Home Groups & Fellowship meet fortnightly

Monday Home Group - Contact Andrew Watt

Tuesday Home Group - Contact Vicki Clark

Fellowship Group - Contact Ann Mackay

Reflections Group - Contact Margaret McMeekin

Link Book Group - Contact Vicki Clark / John Fleming

Pastoral Co-ordinators - Noreen Grieve for St Mary's

- Joy Mooney for St Leonard's

St Leonard's Vestry Usually meets 2nd Wednesday of Month

St Mary's Vestry Usually meets 2nd Sunday of Month

Beacon of Hope

St Leonard's Church
Dobbie's Road
Lasswade



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.

Mondays - Beacon of Hope

A warm welcome awaits you at St Leonard's on a Monday morning from 10 – 12Noon. Pop in for a coffee and chat with friends, at the back of church. Or take time to come up into the sanctuary to reflect and pray.

All Welcome.

Word Search

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LEAVING

Join us for Messy Church
Last Saturday of the Month
4 to 6pm with crafts, story,
songs and a meal.



What's God Like?



Over the next few sessions we will be
exploring the question What is God like?
Come and find out more

Dates for this years Messy Church

Saturday 28th January

Saturday 25th February

Saturday 25th March

Saturday 29th April

Saturday 27th May

Saturday 24th June



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