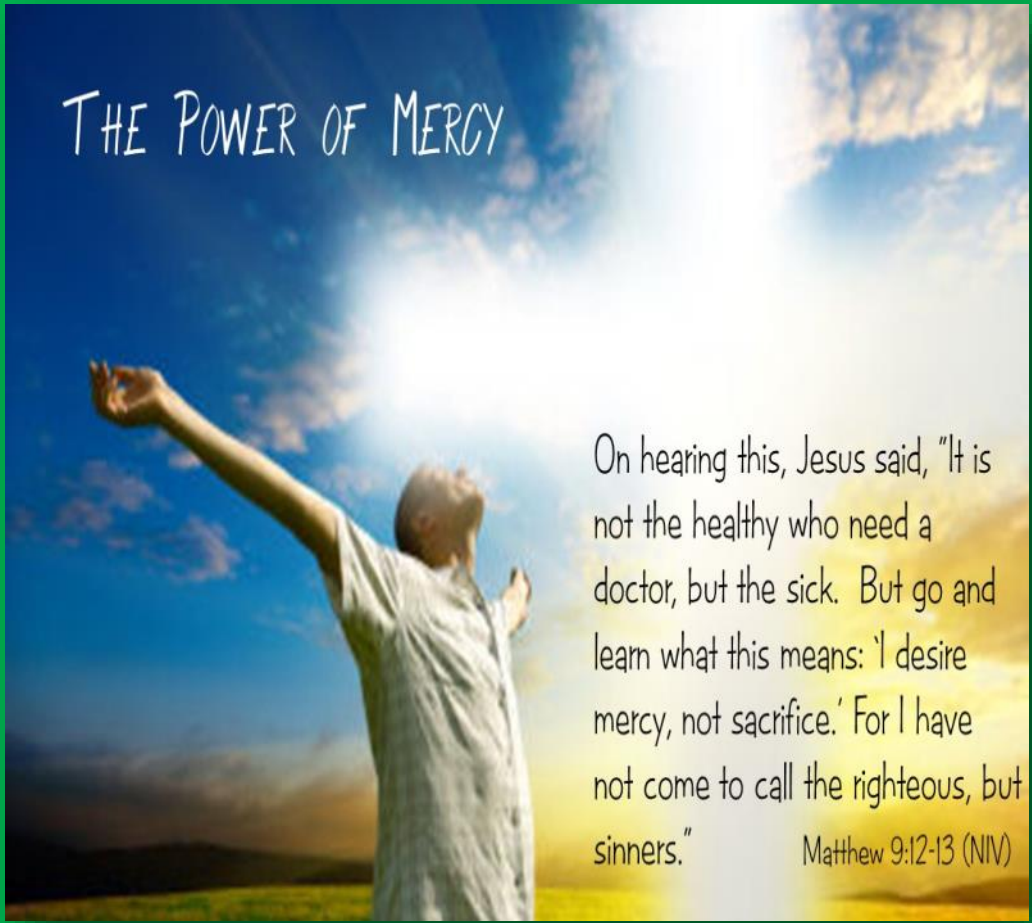


# THE POWER OF MERCY



On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV)

# Connect

*St Leonard's & St Mary's  
Connecting with God, connecting with each other!  
Sunday 11th June 2023*

## Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you  
from God the Father, and from the Son,  
who comes to seek and save the lost  
**Amen**

let us pray:

**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      **LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

## **Prayer of Confession**

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first.

So 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**

## **The Collect**

**God of truth, help us to be merciful and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ your Son.**

**Amen**

## Reading from Romans 4.18-25

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been promised to him.

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God has the power to do what he had promised. This is why it is said that 'it was credited to him as righteousness by his faith'

The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

### Hymn **SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU**

to receive the food of your holy word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
and the earth is filled with your glory.

## **The Gospel Matthew 9.9-13,18-26**

Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. However, when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.' Jesus immediately got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. As they left the house a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She had said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.' Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, he said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

*At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel*  
***Praise to Christ our Lord.***

## Sermon

### A declaration of faith

As the body of Christ we declare our faith together

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth is named**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith  
and fills us with his love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Intercessions for today

#### The Peace

We meet in the name of the prince of peace.

**Let us share God's peace.**

Peace be with you  
**and also with you**

#### 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

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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, and all the people of the world  
and everything that is.

**You give us the daylight.**

**Your Word lights up our minds.**

**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.'

**We do this in remembrance of him,  
who opened his hands of love upon a cross,  
who died and was buried for us,  
and rose again, defeating sin and death  
that we might live.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and 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.**

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 to receive communion or a blessing at this time.*

Come to the feast,  
There is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place.  
With the King of all kindness  
Who welcomes us in,  
With the wonder of love,  
And the power of grace.

## Prayer after Communion

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

**Father, may we who have received your grace and mercy  
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,  
and be empowered to proclaim  
the Good News 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

### **AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN**

An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## Dismissal

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

*Please do join with us for refreshments  
served at the close of the service*

## Vestry Dates

St Mary's Sunday 11th June 7pm in Church

St Leonard's Wednesday 14th 7pm at the Rectory

Please hold the work and ministry of the Vestry in your prayers as we seek  
God's guidance and help with the governance of the church,  
its people and buildings in our care.



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# PET FOOD BANK

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Our Pet Food Bank has been up and running now for 6 months demonstrating the churches love in action. Tracey one of our regulars writes the following:

The Pet food bank at St Mary's is a very valuable thing to have for the community. People who have pets have them for various reasons, especially the Elderly. Most of the time people are lonely and a pet helps with company and a reason for that person to get out an about if they have a dog. It is very important that people can be able to feed and look after their pet especially with the cost of living hitting so hard.

Personally I have a disabled son and he has 'therapy' pets. We have four cats. the price of their food has sky rocketed in the last year and as a single parent I was struggling. it actually came to the bit that I was thinking that I would have to take my cats to a rescue centre as we were not able to feed them properly. My son was devastated - he has Autism and his cats are his life.

We heard about the foodbank and came to see if they could help.

If it was not for them we would have not been able to keep our rescue cats and my son would have lost his 'friends'.

It has made such a difference and we cannot thank you all enough.

Tracey & Shaun



As well as our Pet Food Banks we also continue to support the work of Storehouse which is our local Foodbank operated in partnership with the local churches. Philip from the Full Gospel church heads up this work for us and often writes to say thank you for all the donations of food and finance that the Storehouse has received from us.

With the Schools about to break for the Summer Hols additional demand is often placed on the Storehouse Food Parcels. Most families in need can cope during term time as they can access free school meals but with the children being at home over the summer months extra pressure is put on the family larder. So we invite you to consider making a summer donation at this time to supplement the ongoing donations being received. More details of what is needed can be found below. Although it would be lovely to collect and distribute fresh food sadly the Storehouse does not have the room or equipment to properly store fresh produce so please not that we can only accept dried or tinned goods at this time.

Here are some of the things that we are hoping to include in the Summer parcels going out in the coming weeks...

Cans of macaroni cheese, chicken soup  
Cans of ravioli, Multi pack crisps  
Chocolate biscuits e.g club, Kitkat, twix bars etc  
Pot noodles and other instant pot meals.



The Full Gospel church in Dalkeith is open from 10am to 10:30am on a Wednesday to receive your donations or bring them to church.— Thank You

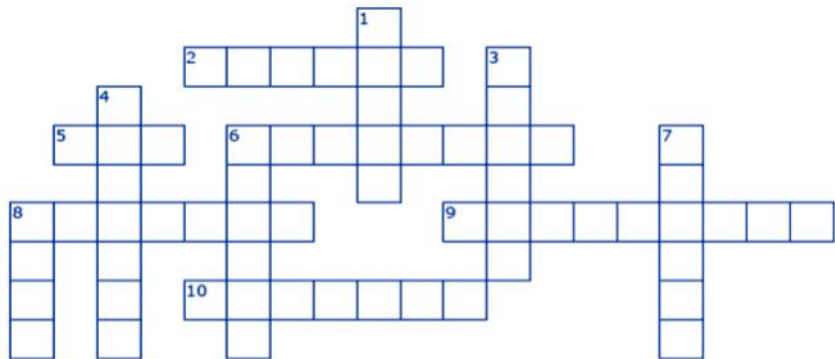
### **BOOK CLUB: THE DARKER THE NIGHT by Martin Patience**

This is a murder/mystery which starts with a high-ranking civil servant apparently murdered in Glasgow. The murder is investigated by a journalist and a detective who then have to negotiate politics, MI 5/6, drug dealers and their own personal crises as they try to solve the mystery. At the heart of it all is a vote about Scottish Independence and the First Minister is a woman who has her own secrets and involvement. With many Glasgowisms, this first novel by Patience could be the start of an equivalent to the Rebus series of Edinburgh but with a Glasgow twist.

**Our next meeting is on July 28th reading "Too many reasons to live" by Rob Burrow, an international rugby player who develops motor neurone disease and tells the story of his career and illness.**

**Then September 29th : "The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce. Harold goes to post a letter one day ...and just keeps walking.**

If interested in join us please speak to Vicki Clark.



### ACROSS

2. One who refuses to obey God's laws
5. An amount of money paid to the government
6. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
8. The opposite of standing
9. A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
10. Strong and free from illness and disease

### DOWN

1. Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
3. To walk behind someone
4. The first book of the New Testament
6. The main meal of the day
7. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
8. To be affected with disease or ill health

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Join us for some Messy Fun and BBQ

**Saturday 24th June 4-6pm**

**Crafts, Story, Song and a Burger too...**

please if you are able send us an email to let us know you are coming as this will help us plan for the event and especially for the catering.

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