

St Leonard's & St Mary's Connecting with God, connecting with each other! **Sunday 18th June 2023**

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from the God, the Father who loves us, and from his Son Christ Jesus in whom we rejoice by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us. **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 HOW LOVELY ON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF HIM Who brings good news, good news, Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness, Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Our God reigns, our God reigns, Our God reigns, our God reigns.

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one, Shout for your King, your King. See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion: our God reigns, our God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy, We are redeemed, redeemed. The Lord has saved and comforted His people: our God reigns, our God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God, Jesus is Lord, is Lord. Before the nations He has bared His holy arm: our God reigns, our God reigns!

Prayer of Confession

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Therefore 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

Almighty God, Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading from Romans 5.1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 We read from Matthew Chapt 9.v35 to Chapt 10 v8

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

As Jesus went through the towns and villages, he taught in their synagogues and proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. When he saw the people, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Jesus sent them out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. For freely you have received; freely give.

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 AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THE SOUND

That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

> My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Saviour has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

My chains are gone

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine, will be forever mine You are forever mine

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.

As citizens of heaven, 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.

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.'

So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again for us.

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.

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 to receive communion or a blessing at this time.

Prayer after Communion

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

Holy and blessed God, as we have celebrated your love for us, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips praise but also in the actions of our daily lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 GOD FORGAVE MY SIN IN JESUS' NAME,

I've been born again in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to.

> He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received, Freely, freely give; Go in My name, and because you believe Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His power as He told me to.

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

Word Search

Can you find all the underlined words from this weeks bible reading?

You see, at just the right time, when we were still <u>powerless</u>, <u>Christ</u> <u>died</u> for the <u>ungodly</u>. Very <u>rarely</u> will <u>anyone</u> die for a <u>righteous</u> <u>man</u>, though for a <u>good</u> man someone might <u>possibly</u> <u>dare</u> to die. But <u>God</u> <u>demonstrates</u> his own <u>love</u> for us in this: While we were <u>still</u> <u>sinners</u>, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

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DOORS OPEN & St Mary's Church 9th September 2023 10am—4pm

As part of the Midlothian Doors Open Day event we are planning to open the doors to St Mary's to welcome in visitors to the church both from the local community as well as further a field.

Stephen Somerfield is co-ordinating this event at St Mary's and it would be lovely for us to show our support to Steve at this time by offering our time and commitment for an hour on the day to provide a welcome and offer a cuppa to our guests. It would be good to at least have 2 volunteers covering each of the 6 hours that we will be open for on that special day.



Toastie Tuesday

The Churches in Bonnyrigg working with our new Youth Worker Josh are supporting a new endeavour to engage with the young people of Lasswade High School

We will be running the aptly named Toastie Tuesday Club where over the school lunch time we will be opening the doors to Our Lady's Church and inviting the young people in to enjoy a Toastie and safe space for lunch. In time we pray this will enable the development of relationships between some of the young people and the churches as we seek to share God's good news with them and offer our support to them as they grow in faith.

A trial event is running on Tuesday 20th and 27th from 12-2pm. To give the young people the best welcome ever we are looking for a few volunteers to work with other church volunteers in preparing and serving food or staffing the doors etc. Please speak to Peter if you are able to help at this time or in the new Term beginning in mid August.



Come and Join us

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(Knitting is optional)

Thursday 22nd June 10.30am Newbyres Nursing Home, Gorebridge



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If you are interested in attending next years Spring Harvest event please speak to Fiona or Peter for more information.



As we move into our Churches Summer Programme we flag up the following dates and events for your diary and look forward to seeing you there:

Saturday 24th June Messy Church BBQ 4-6pm

Crafts from 4-5 and BBQ from 5pm

Saturday 1st July

Coffee at St Mary's 10.30am to 12 Noon Come and catch up with friends or make new ones over a cuppa and possibly even some cake.

Saturday 5th August NO Coffee at St Mary's !!!

However, Join us for an Afternoon Tea in celebration of our Patron Saint St Mary'

Friday 18th August Quiz Night

Bring some friends Teams of 4-6 people Dalkeith Rugby Club 7.30pm. £10 per ticket including Buffet and other activities. The more who come the bigger the prizes so do encourage family and friends

St Leonard's Beacon of Hope

Our Monday Beacon of Hope activity at St Leonard's will be paused from July to August. We plan to resume in September, We are considering a new look and focus around fellowship and befriending, creating a meeting place for old friends and new



Join us for some Messy Fun and BBQ

Saturday 24th June 4-6pm

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

****Please note that there is restricted access to the park**

simply let them know you are attending the church.**

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.

Everyone is welcome whether you have been to Messy Church before or not come and enjoy the fun and fellowship together.

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