

Connect

St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 3rd September 2023

BE
joyful
IN HOPE,
patient IN
AFFLICTION,
faithful
IN PRAYER.

Romans 12:12



Words of Welcome

We meet in the name of the Lord, the Lord of all creation:

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Let the heavens rejoice, and creation sing his praise

Rejoice O earth, sea and sky and every creature within you

Let the heavens rejoice, and creation sing your praise

God the Creator,

in Christ you call all people to the fullness of glory

for which you created us in your image:

heal our hardened hearts,

renew our obedience to your will,

and conform our lives to your gracious design,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn TELL OUT, MY SOUL, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of His word;

In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!

Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the same;

His holy name—the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by;

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!

Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

To children's children and forever more!

Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in love.

Honour one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Confession

God is love, love without measure

and we are his children, the offspring of His creation.

We love because he loved us first and calls us to put love into action.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love.**

**We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us through Christ Jesus our Lord**

Absolution

God, who is both power and love,
forgives us and frees us from our sins,
by his Spirit, he renews and strengthens us
and calls us to live as priests of his creation

Amen

Collect

**God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,
you created humankind in your own image
and entrusted the whole world into to our care:
give us grace to serve you faithfully,
that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
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.

The Gospel

We read from **Matthew 16.21-27**

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

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.'

At end:

give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions for today

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name

Let us share His peace.

Peace be with you
and also with you

Hymn

HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

So we gather at His table
with our bread and wine to bless
voices join with heavenly angels
Holy, Holy is the Lord
Let His love for all creation
set us free from sin and death
day by day we'll sing His praises
as His gift of love is shared.

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
Source of life, Creator of all things, visible and invisible,
Whom the heavens praise,
the sun and moon and all the stars,
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.
you divided light from darkness,
created the heavens and established the earth;
you divided the sea from the dry land,
and caused all life to come into being.
When you had made the plants and the animals,
you formed humanity in your own image,
and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,
took our human form, lived among us,
and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death,
that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit
Who first moved over the waters,
you renew your creation, calling us to new birth,
in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures throughout space and time
we offer you our praise,
together 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,
God our creator,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He was present at creation's birth.
and through his own birth and life on earth,
he revealed to us the mystery of God's presence and love.

Obedient to your will Jesus 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 live as his body, his church
his new creation, the living, loving, children of God.

On the night when he was given up to death.
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 the Spirit's 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 taught us, let us 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

These are God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to come and 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

**God of our salvation,
restore in us the beauty of your creation
and help us to turn and follow you
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of his Creation,
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,
and are called to reflect his love in the world
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn **LORD, FOR THE YEARS Your love has kept and guided,**

Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt You,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Dismissal

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



Autumn Time Socials

September Saturday 23rd - Walk & Talk

Its just a Walk in the Park followed by lunch at the Stables sign up today and join in the walk & talking starting from St Mary's

October Saturday 7th - Harvest Supper

Come ye thankful people come and join the harvest fun with a buffet supper and entertainment in St Leonard's Church Hall. Our **Harvest Celebrations** continue with **Morning Worship on Sunday the 8th October at both churches 10am**. Donations of tinned or dried goods are welcomed for the work of The Storehouse.

November Friday 17th - St Andrew's Ceilidh

Get your dancing shoes on and strip a willow as we gather at the Roses Club in Bonnyrigg for a fun night of music, dancing, food, fun and fellowship.

Wednesday 29th - Panto and meal at the Stair Arms.

Please note there was an error in the previous Connect News this is the correct date for the Panto and Meal - Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!!! Wed 29th November You can come to both or just join with us for the Panto or the meal.....

December Saturday 2nd - Christmas Fair

Come along and enjoy a coffee and spend time enjoying the stalls in hope that you can buy one or two Christmas presents for family and friends.



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