

HE HUMBLED
HIMSELF

BY BECOMING OBEDIENT
TO THE POINT OF DEATH,
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.

Connect

St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 1st October 2023

Words of Welcome

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**

**Creator God,
in Christ you call all people to the fullness of glory
for which you created us in your image:
heal our hardened hearts,
and renew our obedience to your will,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 fulfill 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 pow'r 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.

Confession

God is love, and we are forever indebted to his love.
He loved us first and calls us to put love into action.
To love our neighbours and to do no harm.

So conscious of our own failing to love as we have been loved
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,
heal and strengthens us by your Spirit
and raise us with all of your creation
to new life through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Reading from **Philippians 2.1-11**

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn **AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW,**
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour,
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

The Gospel We read from Matthew 21.23-32

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

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?' Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?' They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will ask, "Then why didn't you believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin"—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.'

So they answered Jesus, 'We don't know.' Then Jesus said, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard." "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

'Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, "I will, sir," but he did not go.

'Which of the two did what his father wanted?'

'The first,' they answered.

Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you still did not repent and believe him.

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

BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,

Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you — drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Our Source of Life,
Creator of all things, visible and invisible,
Whom the heavens and earth praise,
from the dawn of time unto its end.

By your holy Word

you brought order out of chaos.

created the heavens and established the earth;

you divided the sea from the dry land,

and caused all life to come into being.

You formed humanity in your own image,

and entrusted us with the priesthood of Creation.

In Christ, your holy Word
became flesh and dwelt among us.
Through dying on the cross,
he overcame sin and death,
that we might be restored in him.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures
throughout space and time
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.

In Jesus you showed us yourself
our living hope,
who opened the gates of glory
and calls us now
to share the love of his Good News.

On the night when he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends and 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 to us the Body and Blood of your dear 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.**

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

May God give you grace
to be faithful stewards of Creation,
and the blessing of God,
our Creator, Redeemer and giver of Life
be with you now and evermore..

Amen

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

Dismissal

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



Join with us
Saturday 7th at St Leonard's
for a Harvest Supper 7pm
then on Sunday 8th October
10am for Harvest Worship



Harvest Goods 2023

Our Harvest Goods this year will be donated to the Storehouse. As a local foodbank they help support a variety of families and individuals in their time of need distributing food parcels and offering additional support.

They are unable to store fresh produce and so we ask for you to consider donating a variety of dried or tinned goods for this years Harvest donations

They have highlighted the following as their most asked for goods

- Jars of chocolate spread
- Bags of sugar
- Pot noodles
- Bags of multi pack crisps
- Cans of macaroni cheese
- UHT long life milk (blue lid)
- Tubs of hot chocolate (just add water variety)

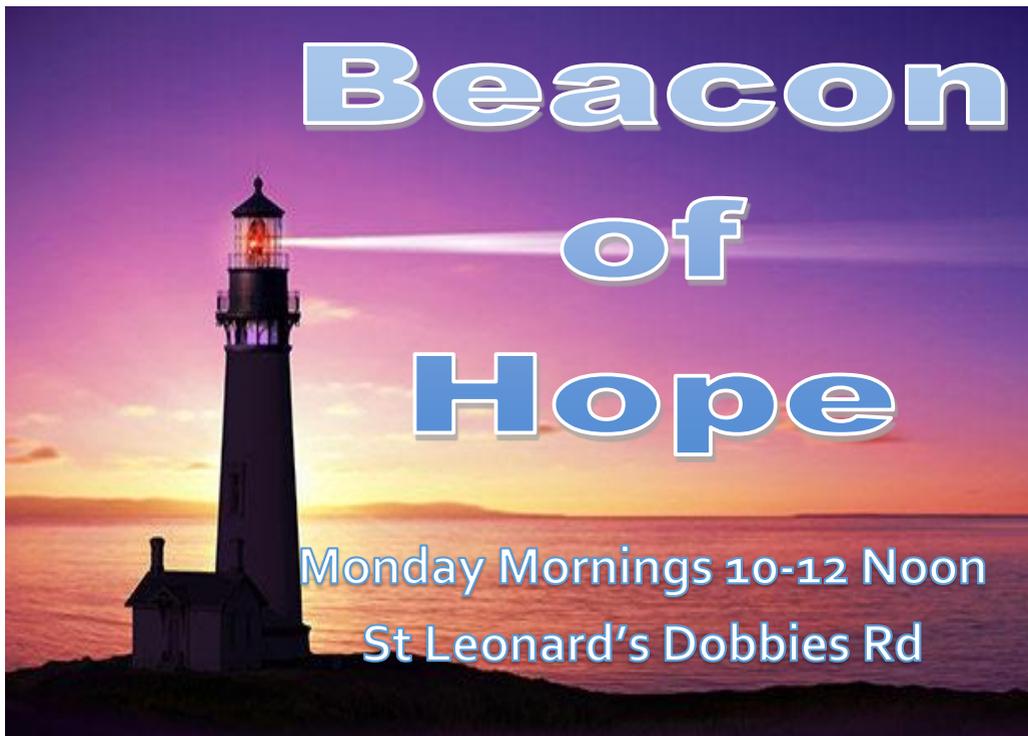
In advance of your love and generosity thank you.



Join with us for a Coffee and a Chat
at our Coffee at Mary's on the
1st Saturday of the Month

Most months we are also hoping to offer
a Swap Shop as part of our Eco-
congregation drive. Each month the
shop will have a different focus. This
month it is Winter Warmers, hats, gloves,
scarfs etc to keep you warm.





**Beacon of Hope
will recommence on
Monday 2nd of October at 10.00am.**

We are planning to offer a variety of activities beginning in October with spending time together helping each other fill and wrap our Blythwood Shoebox donations. So bring items to donate and share and we will provide the boxes and wrapping paper along with a cuppa and company.

From November we are planning to offer different weekly topics,
1st Monday of the Month Cake and Chat,
2nd Monday of the Month Songs of Praise,
3rd Monday of the Month Quiet time prayer and reflection
4th Monday of the Month Grief and loss Cafe.

More information will follow in due course about each weekly topic. All are welcome and resources will be available, do join us for any or all of these sessions! We pray that Monday's at the Beacon of Hope will become a popular fixture in your diary for a cuppa and chat with friends.

Speak to Alison Bruce or Neil Stewart for more information.

ST MARY'S



The
gathering

Friday 6th Oct, 7-9pm...



- Teens&Twenties

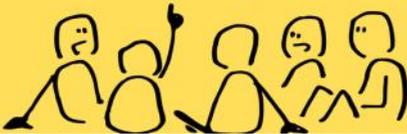
- Praise+Singing&Dancin'

- Food!



St Mary's Episcopal Church

If you play...
Bring along your
instrument



The Gathering

Friday 6th October 7-9pm St Mary's

We are warmly inviting the Young Adults (that's roughly the 16-20+) of our town churches and wider community to come together for a gathering of minds. Offering an opportunity to discuss key issues of life, to socialise together and to gather for worship and of course enjoy some food.

As a pilot programme we are planning to run for four weeks in October beginning with Week 1 looking at the topic of Climate Change. We are praying for a good response and hope that we will be able to form a core group of Young Adults who will help develop the Young Adults Gathering. Please hold this event in your prayers and if your young at heart come along and help support the launch of this new initiative.

For more information please contact Rebecca Adams



Pet Blessing Service



SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

3PM

All Welcome

St Mary's Dalkeith

the church in the park



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