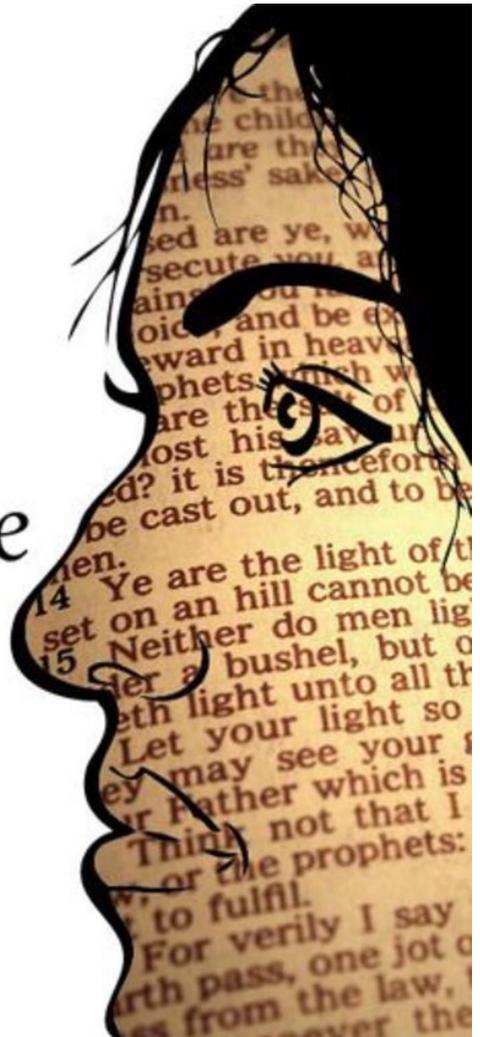


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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 22nd October 2023

Remember,
you may be
the only Bible
that others
read.





How should we respond was the question I asked last Sunday to the news of attacks in Israel. The answer and call firstly is for us to pray. Pray for peace. Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Hosam Haoum of Jerusalem have written the following pieces as part of their response:

Archbishop Justin Welby writes: "We are grieved and deeply concerned at the violence in Israel and Gaza, and we unequivocally condemn the attacks by Hamas. We pray for those who are mourning, those who are injured, and all those fearing for their safety. We pray for restraint on all sides, and renewed efforts towards a just peace for all. The way forward must be for both sides to build confidence in a secure future through which Israel and its people can live in security within its internationally recognised borders, and Palestinians have their own state and live in their lands in security, and with peace and justice."

Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem described the blast at the Anglican Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City as a "dreadful and devastating massacre". He offers the wider church the following prayer which is commended for us to use as we pray for peace.

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you
in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear
which prevails within the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;
we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians
and for all the people of the Holy Land.

We pray to you, O Lord,
for an end to violence, the establishment of peace,
and call out to you, to bring justice and equity to all people.

Guide us into your kingdom
where all people are treated with dignity and honour.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

HYMN **NAME OF ALL MAJESTY, FATHOMLESS MYSTERY,**

King of the ages by angels adored;
power and authority, splendour and dignity,
bow to his mastery, Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny, God from eternity,
love of the Father on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done sending his only Son,
Christ the beloved One, Jesus is Lord!.

Saviour of Calvary, costliest victory,
darkness defeated and Eden restored;
born as a man to die, nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie, Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty, light, immortality,
life everlasting and heaven assured;
so with the ransomed, we praise him eternally,
Christ in his majesty, Jesus is Lord!

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.
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 Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen**

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

**Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

You know how we lived among you for your sake.
You became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering
with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.
And so you became a model to all the believers. The Lord's message
rang out from you – your faith in God has become known everywhere.
Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they
themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how
you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to
wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus,
who rescues us from the coming wrath.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

HYMN **HOLY WORDS LONG PRESERVED**

for our walk in this world

They resound with God's own heart

Oh, let the Ancient words impart

Words of Life, words of Hope

Give us strength, help us cope

In this world, where e'er we roam

Ancient words will guide us Home

Ancient words ever true

Changing me, and changing you

We have come with open hearts

Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our Faith

Handed down to this age

Came to us through sacrifice

Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved

For our walk in this world

They resound with God's own heart

Oh, let the ancient words impart

THE GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 22.15-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Saint Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

The Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, is it right to pay the tax to Caesar or not?'

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied.

Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

HYMN WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT, WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE Let us stand together:

We meet in Christ name

Let us share his peace

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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 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 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.

THE 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

LET THE KING OF MY HEART BE THE MOUNTAIN WHERE I RUN

The fountain I drink from oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life oh, He is my song

'Cause You are good, good,

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days oh, He is my song

I LOVE YOU LORD, FOR YOUR MERCY NEVER FAILS ME

All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

THE 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

BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU,

Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping when you laugh I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, Sister let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

DISMISSAL

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



Harvest Goods 2023

Our Harvest Goods this year were donated to the Storehouse. They are extremely grateful for the special support that comes in around the harvest time but sadly the work of Storehouse is an all year round endeavour and so if you are able we appreciate your support not just at this harvest time but in the weeks and months to come.

The following items are those that are currently in demand

- 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)

Thank You once more for your generosity and love.

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2023

We invite you to fill a shoebox for this years appeal.
Filled boxes should be returned to the church by

Shoe Box Sunday 5th November

so they can be collected and begin their journey to bring joy and pleasure to those in need.

Please pick up an information leaflet available at both churches or visit:

<https://blythswood.org/> - for more information, thank you

We also have some build your own shoe boxes that you can use or come along on a Monday morning 10-12Noon to St Leonard's Beacon of Hope and we will help you wrap and pack a box or two.



Fellowship Lunch & Annual General Meeting

2023

St Mary's Sunday 3rd December

St Leonard's Sunday 10th December

The Vestries of St Mary's and St Leonard's have agreed to hold the Annual General Meetings of the congregations on Sunday the 3rd December for St Mary's and then Sunday 10th December for St Leonard's. Both AGM's will take place after the main Sunday Morning 10am worship and after the business of the meeting we will provide a soup and roll lunch for all who wish to partake.



As in previous years we plan to produce an Annual Report Booklet containing all the relevant papers and reports from groups and organisations involved in the life of the churches.

Can we therefore task all group organisers to begin the work of writing their reports and to have these submitted preferably by email to the Church Office by Sunday 12th November. So that the Booklet can be produced in advance of the meetings.

Thank You



Memorial Service

Sunday 5th November at 4pm

St Leonard's Church, Dobbies Road

An opportunity for us all to gather and remember our departed loved ones and continue to give thanks for their part in our lives.

The Gathering @ St Mary's

Monday 23 Oct

7-9pm

- Teens&Twenties
- Praise+Singing&Dancin'
- Food!

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*If you play...
Bring along your
instrument*



Beacon of Hope

Monday Mornings 10-12 Noon

St Leonard's Dobbies Rd

St Andrew's Night Ceilidh

with
Bon Accord Ceilidh Band



Friday 17th November 7pm
Bonnyrigg Roses Club

Tickets £15 per adult, under 12 £10
(includes food)

available from
office.stlandm@gmail.com



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We are preparing for another wonderful social gathering of family and friends and invite you to spread the news and invite your friendship & family circles to come and join with us



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We are family

Join with us on

Saturday 28th October for Messy Church 4-6pm

as we explore the amazing story of Abraham and Sarah and how they became the Mum and Dad of many children.



To help with this months Messy Church we are on the look out for 1Ltr or less clear plastic bottles to help out one of our craft activities. If you have some please bring along to Messy or give Peter a phone call and we can arrange to collect them. - Thank you.

St Mary's Sunday at 10am

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St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off