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

Sunday 19th November 2023



Visioning 2 - The return of the Gardener

WELCOME

Although I am not with you at St Leonard's this morning my love and prayers surround you as we take time to review our planting vision, as well as dream and plan for the next year. Last year the Vision process began with the metaphor of us being like a gardener looking after our garden. As the year closes its good to review what has taken root, what worked and should be repeated, what needs fed and nurtured and what new thing might we sow and encourage in the year to come. I pray you have a fruitful time as you explore and consider some possibilities together.

with Love Peter

Annual General Meeting

We remind the members of the congregation that our AGM for 2023 will take place after the morning worship on Sunday 10th of December

This will be followed by a Soup and Roll Lunch



CHRISTMAS FAIR
ST MARY'S DALKEITH
2ND DECEMBER
10AM-2PM

Independent craft stalls.
Homebaking.
Tombola.
Refreshments.

Santa arrives on his sleigh at 10.30am

The poster features a red background with white snowflakes and a white border at the top and bottom. At the bottom, there is an illustration of Santa Claus in a red sleigh pulled by reindeer. The text is in white, with the title 'CHRISTMAS FAIR' in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

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Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fair. However we are looking for a number of volunteers to help prepare the church on the Friday 10am for set up and then during the event serving refreshments or staffing our Baking or craft table.

Donations for the Tombola would also be most welcome, Bottles, gift packs etc. All welcome.

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 **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.

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 Romans 12 v1-2 *(The Message Version)*

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:
Take your everyday, ordinary life; your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life, and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. Then you'll be changed from the inside out able to readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, and develops well-formed maturity in you

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 READING

MATTHEW 28 V16-20

(The Message version)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Saint Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge:

“God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you.

I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

Let us stand together:

We meet in Christ name

Let us share his peace

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,
We are travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight 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.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

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, overshadowed by his 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.

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

All are welcome to come and receive

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**God of peace, you have nourished us with your grace and love,
help us by the power of the Spirit at work in us to acknowledge that
we are yours, that we are loved and kept by you. Amen**

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

COLOURS OF DAY dawn into the mind,

The sun has come up, the night is behind.

Go down in the city, into the street,

And let's give the message to the people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,

Open the door, let Jesus return.

Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,

Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Go through the park, on into the town;

The sun still shines on, it never goes down.

The light of the world is risen again;

The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,

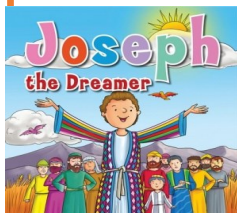
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The evening draws on, the sun disappears,

But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

DISMISSAL

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



Messy Church

Saturday 25th Nov 4-6pm

Come along and join in the fun.

Messy Church meets monthly for a time of arts and crafts reflecting the story and theme of the month. After the crafts we hear the story and sing songs before gathering together to enjoy a meal together as one big Messy Church Family. **Everyone is welcome!**

Panto & Meal - Wednesday November 29th. We meet at 5 for 5.30pm meal at the Stair Arms in Pathhead before going on to the Panto at 7.30pm.

Thank You from Grace - We had a wonderful night last Tuesday with Valencia from the Khaya Centre in South Africa. Grace raised over £100 for her Easter Mission trip with Urban Shift and a number of people agreed to support the Khaya Centre and sign up for the "Lunch on us" initiative.

Any gift aid forms or donations, and "Lunch on us" forms can be handed to Grace or Fiona . Thank you all for your wonderful support.



St Leonard's 10am

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Wednesday Morning On-line Worship 10am

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