

HOPE

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of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 PETER 1:3

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Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's
November 5th - ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS



Dear Brothers and Sisters

This week we celebrate the feast days of All Saints and All Souls and this afternoon at our Memorial Service we will have the opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have gone before us.

We all have lost loved ones, some early in their life, others who had been with us for a good long while. And though, for those left behind, the sense of loss can be almost too much to bear we hold onto the promises of God and declare in our hearts that we shall see our loved ones again, that we will all be

reunited with each other in our Father's house in the Kingdom of God.

Until then we are to live our lives, to run the race, to persevere and keep on trusting in the hope that has been given us through the life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hebrews 12 verses 1 & 2 remind us that a great cloud of witnesses watch over us.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

How are we to continue when faced with grief and loss? We are to have faith, it can be difficult and grief can rob us of joy for a time and even placing our faith in God can be tested. However, by fixing our eyes on Jesus, focusing in on Christ and what he has done for us we are to be reminded that he has indeed defeated sin and death. He has promised to go and prepare a place for us and has promised to return, that we will be where he is, in the new heaven where every tear of pain and sorrow will be wiped away.

Although All Saints and All Souls days may be filled with many memories and sadness at the loss of loved ones we no longer see, it is also a celebration of Hope, a celebration of life, life beyond the grave. It's a celebration that sin and death has been defeated and we can look forward to the day when all things will be made new in and through Jesus, our Lord.

with love and prayers from Peter

The Gathering

The Lord be with you
and also with you

I lift up my eyes to the hills,
from where will come my help?
**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Hymn

FOR ALL THE SAINTS,
who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

A prayer of confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and with faith:

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed and are mindful of all that we have failed to do
Forgive us, and help us to live each day
in the ways of peace and love through Christ Jesus 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
Amen

Collect

**Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
the mystical Body of your Son: grant us grace to follow your blessed
saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the
inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Reading of Scripture 1 Peter 1.3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith (of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire) may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn THE SUN COMES UP, IT'S A NEW DAY DAWNING

It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

The Gospel Reading Matthew 5.1-12

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers for Today

The Peace

Come, people of the Lord let us walk in the ways of peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

let us share his peace

Hymn **AMAZING GRACE! how sweet the sound**

That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am 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!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

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

Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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.**

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 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.

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.**

**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 to the table 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 forever**

**God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we
celebrate in this eucharist, bring us with the faithful departed into
the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ, our hope and our salvation.**

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church and all people, unity, peace and concord,
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you all and remain with you now and always.

Amen

Hymn **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

great things He hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Dismissal

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

Do join with us for refreshments before you go



Sadly we have had to cancel our Ceilidh night. Our Caterers were looking for a number to cater for and it soon became clear that we had not sold as many as we thought we had resulting in us being far short of the 70 tickets needed to make the event break even. Thankfully we have on this occasion not lost our deposit and plan to put this towards another event in the new year



PANTO & MEAL

On Wednesday 29th we invite you to join with us for a fun filled Panto and Meal at the Stair Arms.

Please confirm by Sunday 5th if you are planning to come and join us for either the Panto or the Meal.

If you are able to pay for your tickets now we can book and collect them in advance. Tickets are £8 or £6

contact the Church Office for more information or speak to Alison Bruce or Fiona Harris.





An evening with
VALENCIA KOCK

Project Manager of Mount Olive Outreach

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 7:30-9:30PM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dalkieth Country Park

Valencia will be sharing all about the vital work of the Khaya Centre in Johannesburg.

Drinks and Cake will be provided

Please let us know if you intend to come so we can cater appropriately

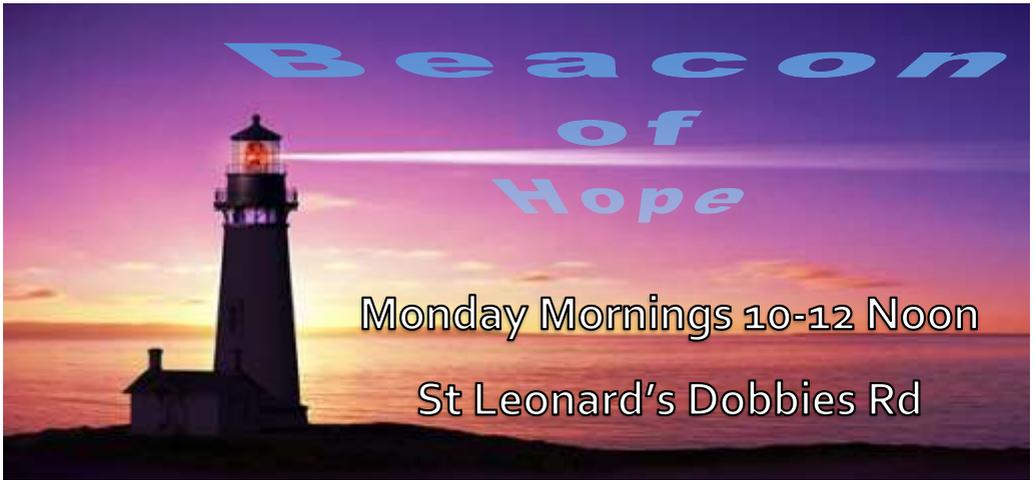
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"Simply changing lives with love"

The Harris family have strong links with Khaya and the Urban Shift program. You may remember that Sam went out to South Africa a few years back and now next year Grace will travel with Urban Shift to help them with their next development project.

This is an opportunity for fellowship, refreshments and cake as we hear about the work and how we can support Grace in her call to go on Mission with Urban Shift.



Make Monday a day of Hope in your life.

From Monday 6th November we will be introducing a new pattern of events taking place at the Beacon of Hope and we hope some of these may interest you and we look forward to welcoming you in.

1st Monday of the month — Cake and Chat Monday

Pop in and meet up with friends for a coffee, chat and cake

2nd Monday of the month — Songs of Praise and Tea

Enjoy an cuppa and join in signing along to some Songs of Praise

3rd Monday of the month — Be still, reflect and pray

Take time to be still, to reflect on life and pray in the presence of God

4th Monday of the month — Grief and Loss Cafe

Our Grief and Loss Cafes are open for anyone bereaved, to come together for a social gathering and share your experience with others who are grieving, in a kind, supportive environment. As well as sharing and supporting one another we also plan to offer a short act of worship as we remember and give thanks for our loved ones.

All are warmly welcomed to come and join us

Fellowship Lunch & Annual General Meeting

2023

St Mary's Sunday 3rd December

St Leonard's Sunday 10th December

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. Our Annual Report Booklet containing all the relevant papers and reports from groups and organisations involved in the life of the churches will be available soon.

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

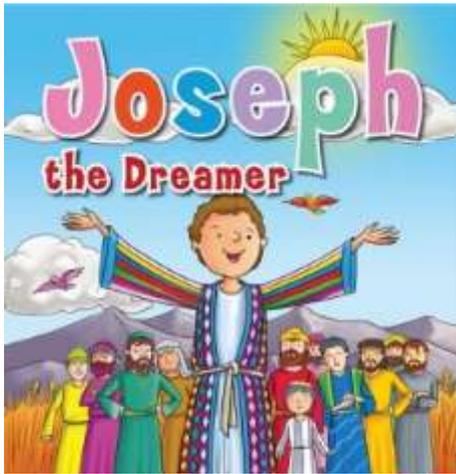


Help Needed!

We all enjoy the various events that we organise and host as a church and give thanks to all who help make these events happen

Much planning and preparation is taking place regarding this year's Christmas Fair and now we need to encourage you to sign up and volunteer to help staff the event.

There are stalls to run and refreshments to serve as well as tables to set and clear away. Sign up today to help out - Thank You.



Messy Church

Saturday 25th Nov

4-6pm

Come along and join in the fun.

This month at Messy we continue down the family line of exploring some of the amazing stories of how God kept his promises to Joseph and his family.



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!



St Leonard's 10am
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on Zoom & Facebook Live Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

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