

# Connect

Weekly Worship and News from St Leonard's and St Mary's

Sunday 28th January The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to St Leonard's

I will give  
**THANKS**  
to the  
**LORD**  
with my  
**WHOLE**  
**HEART**

*Psalm 111:1*



# Preparing for the Season of Lent

It may be a few weeks away yet however preparations have begun for this years Season of Lent and we invite you all to be involved as we repent and seek God's transforming love to renew and refresh us as we prepare to celebrate Easter.



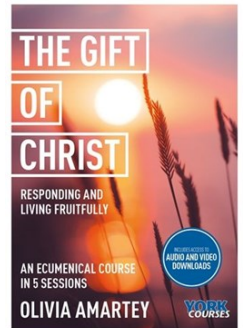
Lent begins on **Wednesday 14th February**  
with two Ash Wednesday Services

**St Leonard's at 10am and then at St Mary's at 7.30pm.**

## Lent Study Groups and Study Guide

You can study on your own or join one of our Study Groups meeting on a Monday and Tuesday Evening. Please sign up today to receive a Study booklet and let us know if you are interested in joining one of the groups.

So lets get ready for Lent 2024



**St Mary's Sunday at 10am**

[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

**St Leonard's Sunday at 10am**

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St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off

## Call to Worship

Come, let us sing unto the Lord  
**let us rejoice and be glad**

For he is our God  
**and we are his people, called to proclaim his praise**

**Hymn THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD**, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

**Confession** *please sit or kneel*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son  
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith,

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be.**

*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 our Lord. Amen*

## **The Collect**

**Living God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **Reading: Psalm 111 1-5**

Praise the Lord.  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.  
He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

## **Hymn YOUR GRACE HAS FOUND ME JUST AS I AM**

Empty handed but alive in Your hands  
We're singing Majesty, Majesty

Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your Majesty  
We're singing Majesty, Majesty

## **The Gospel Reading: Mark 1.21-28**

Hear the gospel of our Lord according to Mark  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching? and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **Sermon**

## **Intercessions for today**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

Let us share his peace

**Hymn**    **BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord,**  
the Holy One is here;  
Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
in faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

## **Offertory Prayer**

Let us present our offerings to the Lord

**God of love and giver of all good things,  
accept these gifts we offer  
and use them for the glory of your name.  
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 thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,  
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Day and night celebrate your glory  
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son,  
you have revealed yourself to the world.

By the guiding of a star, you made him known to the nations  
as the son of David and king of Israel;  
that in following him, we might be led from darkness  
and into his marvellous light.

**Filled with the Spirit,**

**who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan,  
we who are baptised in his name  
strive for his heavenly kingdom in whose radiance  
we are transfigured and the earth is transformed.**

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.

In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.

Our hope is built on him  
in whom you are well pleased.

Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,  
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.

**The blind received their sight,  
the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed,  
and the captives set free.**

**At his word, water became wine,  
the hungry were filled with bread,  
and the dead were raised.**

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
desiring to complete the work  
for which he came into the world,  
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 Bread**

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.**

**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.**

## Invitation to come and receive

*All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing at this time*

## Thanksgiving and sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.  
**And his mercy endures for ever.**

## Prayer after communion

Source of all goodness,  
in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven  
and invigorated with new wine of the Gospel.  
May these gifts renew our lives,  
that we may show your glory to all the world;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

## Blessing

Christ the Son of God  
gladden your hearts and minds  
with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
now and always.

**Amen**

**Hymn**     **AND CAN IT BE** that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## Dismissal

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

*Do gather with us for fellowship  
and refreshments served after the service*



## COFFEE AT ST MARY'S

First Saturday of each month

Next on Sat 3rd Feb with Swap Shop

Pop in to St Mary's for a blether and catch up with friends old and new. We meet from 10.30 to 12 Noon.

## SWAP SHOP

As part of our driver to be more environmentally friendly alongside Coffee at Mary's we run a Swap Shop for you to recycle and reuse a variety of items. This months theme is travel - so any items to do with traveling, from suitcases to maps, compasses, travel books or unused swimsuit etc.

## PET FOOD BANK

First Tues of Each Month

Next open Tuesday 6th Feb

from 10am to 12 Noon on the first Tuesday of each month we give away gifts of Pet Food to those seeking aid and support at this time.

While your there have a cuppa and share your pet tales and questions. Well behaved owners and their pets are welcome.



## BEACON OF HOPE

*Making Monday a day of Hope.  
at St Leonard's Dobbies Road*

***This Week Love, Loss & Remembrance***

*Monday 29th January from 10am*

*Each Monday we will be offering a different focus for our Beacon of Hope Meetings following the following pattern.*

1st Mon: Cuppa Cake and Chat Café ,

2nd Mon: Songs of Praise, grab a cuppa and sing along

3rd Mon: Prayer & Reflection: a time to be still and reflect

4th Mon: Love, Loss & Remembrance

*All are welcome*