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

Sunday 25th February - The Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Mary's



“Ask & it will be
given to you;
seek & you
will find;
knock
& the door
will be
opened
to you.”

(Matthew 7:7)

Dear Friends,

With thanks to Vicki and Richard we had a wonderful walk around Newbattle Abbey and the forest. The snowdrops did not disappoint carpeting the ground signalling that Spring indeed was arriving. A few keen eyed walkers also spotted some interesting fungi and other signs of new growth and hopeful



signs for a good spring to come. We are already anticipating our next walk to be when the bluebells begin to make their presence felt. So look out for details about our Bluebell walk and Lunch. These activities are organised by individuals offering their gifts, skills and time to the life of the church.

Last week we began Lent by considering afresh the goodness and generosity of God giving us the gift of his Son Jesus and receiving through Jesus the wonderful blessings of mercy, grace and forgiveness. This week we consider what each of us should then do in response to God's gift to us.

We are all given the gift of salvation but on top of that God is willing to use our natural gifts as well as our Spirit given gifts to help grow and advance the work of the church. Being a disciple of Christ means that you and I are called to grow and develop in our walk with God. He longs to work with us and through us. So what are your gifts, skills and abilities and how will you use them in your daily life and within the life of the church and in the wider community whom we seek to love and serve in Jesus name?

I pray that this weeks Lenten study will help us ASK, SEEK and KNOCK as we seek to know what our gifts are and how we could use them. It could be something simple as organising a walk and chat with friends to being willing to step out and go on mission into the unknown in Jesus name. Or maybe to commit to pray for the church and community where you are. All of us are called to respond to God's gift and to use what has been given.

with love from Peter

Opening Responses

The Lord be with you
And also with you

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
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.

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**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

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.

Reading of Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone
it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Hymn **SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God**
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, Allelujah!

Allelujah! Allelujah!
Allelujah! Allelu, Allelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Allelu, Allelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, Allelujah!

The Gospel **Matthew 7: 7-12**

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

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

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

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession for today

Hymn **LORD JESUS CHRIST, You have come to us,**
You are one with us, Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring Your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for You we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Now and every day,
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of You:
Into our lives Your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, We would come to You,
Live our lives for You, Son of God.
All Your commands we know are true,
Your many gifts will make us new,
Into our lives Your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Offertory Prayer

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 is here

His spirit is with us

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 maker of heaven and earth
your wisdom draws beauty out from chaos
brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven
and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live
as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience,
now 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 Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf of our sins had made.

Through the dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
your Chosen One, freely offered his life
in atonement for our sins.

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 taught us so we 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.**

*All are welcome to come forward 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

**Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name. Amen**

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The Dismissal

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

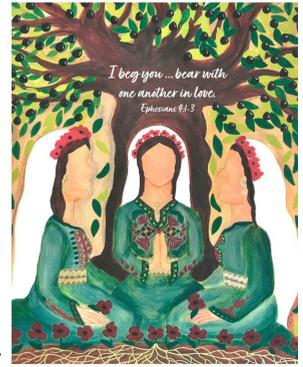
World Day Of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2024

St Mary's Dalkeith 7pm

Our Lady's Church Hall Lasswade 7pm

"Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing with love a reminder that they are there, and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme 'bear with one another in love' seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing of the love of Jesus Christ." The Palestinian Christian women who wrote this worship service invite us to pray for peace, justice and freedom of religion and movement, asking us to pray for women, refugees, the sick, dying and grieving.



Come and Join us for a Service of Prayer and Worship.



Join with us on
Saturday 2nd of March 10.30 - 12Noon
for coffee and fellowship
with friends old and new

SWAP SHOP

our Swap Shop theme for this month is garden and shed sharing and swapping tools, and items for the garden, ornaments, planters, feeders, gardening books and tools all welcome.

Beacon of Hope

Join with us on Mondays for coffee and chat

at St Leonard's Dobbies Road

10am - 12 Noon,





St Leonard's Church Spring Clean & Gardening Days



Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd 10am to 2pm

Come along when you can on the above dates and help us spring clean and tidy up the garden in time for our Easter Celebrations

Vestry Reminder

A meeting of the Joint Vestry will take place on
Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm in St Mary's



St Mary's Church

(Dalkeith Country Park)

in conjunction with

Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home



PET FOOD BANK

10am to 12 Noon

Tuesday 5th March

St Mary's Sunday at 10am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

stleonardslaswade.org.uk



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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off