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

Sunday 11th February - The Transfiguration of Jesus

Welcome to St Leonard's & St Mary's



"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**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 **LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Confession & Absolution *please sit or kneel*

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.

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, 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 our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading: Psalm 50 v1-6

The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire goes before him, and around him a tempest rages.

He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me the people, who made a covenant with me." And the heavens proclaim his righteousness and justice.

Hymn THE SPLENDOUR OF A KING, CLOTHED IN MAJESTY

Let all the earth rejoice, Let all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
The Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9.1-9

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

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

A cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

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 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 thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself
And now we give you thanks
because the divine glory of the incarnate Word
shone forth upon the holy mountain
before the chosen witnesses of his majesty;
and your own voice from heaven proclaimed your beloved Son.

Therefore with your whole Church
scattered throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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**

After revealing his glory
your Son our Lord set his face towards Jerusalem
and on the night before he died,
he shared a meal with his friends.
He took bread, and gave thanks;
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we remember the glorious revelation of our Lord
and proclaim His death and rising in glory,
We pray, send your Holy Spirit upon us;
to continue the work of your transforming love
changing us from glory into glory;
and be on this bread and this wine
that they may be to us
the body and blood of Christ,
our Saviour and Lord

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us now pray as our Lord taught us how to 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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

**Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Blessing

Christ Jesus, the splendour of the Father
and the image of his being, draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Hymn **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise,**
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

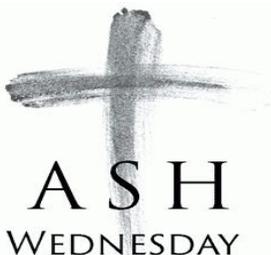
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

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



There will be two opportunities to observe the Ash Wednesday tradition of marking the beginning of Lent with confession and receiving the sign of the cross in Ash on Wednesday 14th.

St Leonard's 10am & St Mary's at 7.30pm

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is in aid of the Jerusalem Princes Basma Centre, located under the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.



The centre provides rehabilitative services to children with disabilities from Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza and operates under the umbrella of the Arab Anglican Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. It serves as a place of hope, healing and inclusivity for all. Our Dean, the Very Revd Frances Burberry, has visited the centre

Dean Frances writes,

It was February last year when I visited the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC) which is located on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives and operates under the umbrella of the Arab Anglican Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East – under the supervision of the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Bishop Hosam Naoum – in the fields of health, disability and inclusive education. The JPBC is also a part of the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network and like its near neighbour the Augusta Victoria Hospital, it plays a vital role in the Palestinian Healthcare system.

First established in 1961, when there was a need for physiotherapy services for children with disabilities as a result of polio becoming widespread amongst the Palestinian population, the Centre took its name from Princess Basma of Jordan (sister of King Hussein of Jordan) who inaugurated the building during her visit there in 1966.

The JPBC is an inclusive school, and is also a child rehabilitation centre for disabled children and their families from the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem. The school has children from ages 5 to 18, one third of whom are disabled.

The rehabilitation centre provides inpatient and outpatient support for children (from birth to age 15) with a range of congenital and neuromuscular conditions including such as autism and cerebral palsy.

Both inpatients and outpatients can receive speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, hydrotherapy, music therapy and psychosocial support. Rehabilitative treatments often involve more than three-week stays at the centre.

Children receive individualised rehabilitation programmes and their parents and/ or grandparents are trained as 'shadow therapists' to continue the programmes at home, supported by follow-up appointments as needed and/ or telephone consultations with staff at the JPBC.



The JPBC was scheduled to open a new centre inside the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem's Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza in November 2023. At the war's conclusion, that new centre's services will be more necessary than ever. For not only will thousands of newly maimed children need physical therapy, nearly all of Gaza's children will also be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and in need of psychological counselling.

On my visit in February 2023, I saw a place which grows hope by offering a lifeline of support, education and rehabilitation; transforming the lives of children with disabilities and empowering their families to care for them. The JPBC receives financial support for the care of children with disabilities. It is also dependent upon international fundraising to sustain the Centre's vital and inspiring programmes.

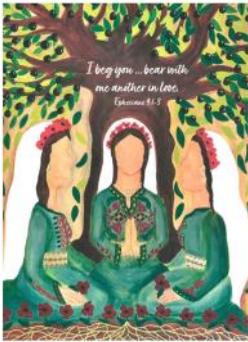
Dean Frances



Walking with Snowdrops

As we move into spring the Snowdrops are beginning to appear as darkness gives way to light. Join our next Fellowship Walk together on **Saturday 17th February** from 10am departing from **Newbattle Abbey College**. The walk will end with a meal at Cavaliere at 12.30pm for those who wish to enjoy a lunch time meal.

Please sign up if you are interested in the walk or even if you would just like to join us for the lunch time meal together.



World Day Of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2024

Prayers written by Christian women of Palestine

St Mary's Dalkeith 7pm

Our Lady's Church Hall Lasswade 7pm

St Mary's Sunday at 10am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

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