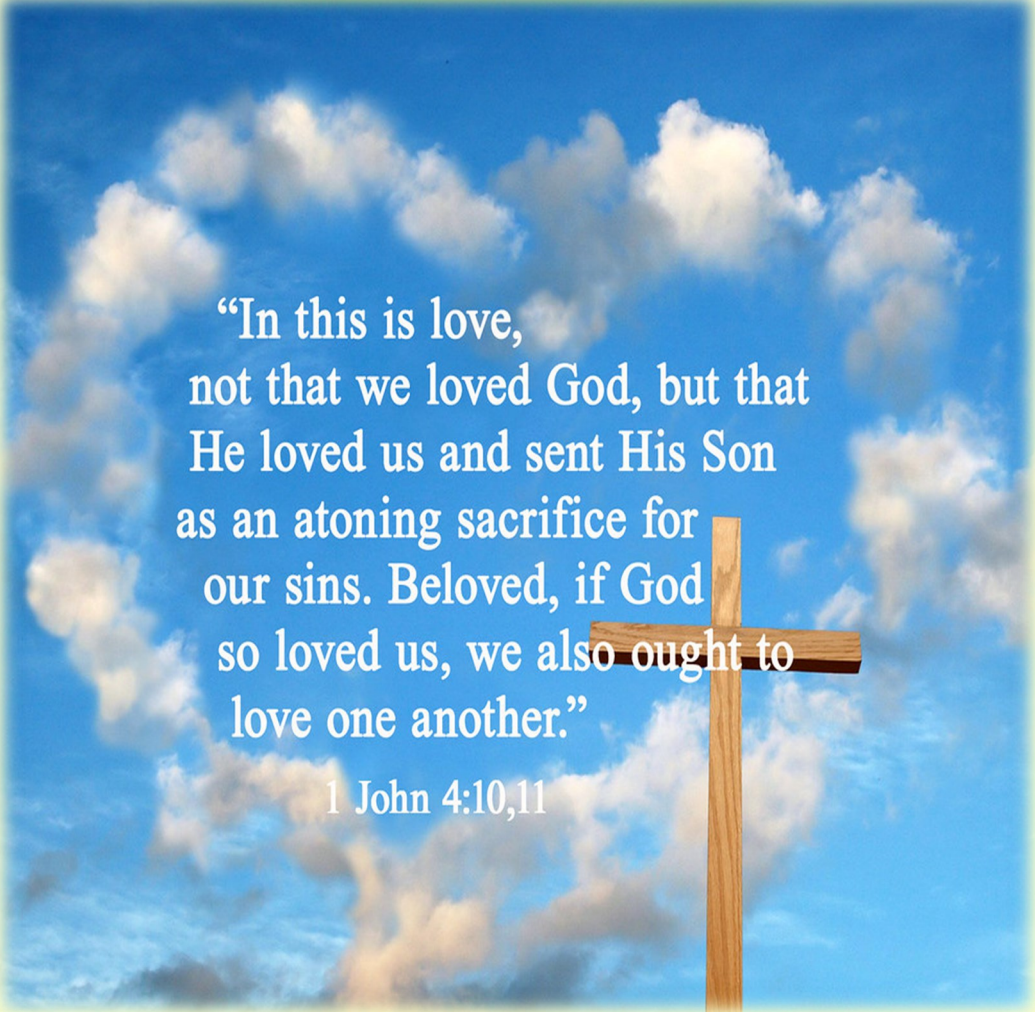


# Connect

*St Leonard's*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

28th April 24



“In this is love,  
not that we loved God, but that  
He loved us and sent His Son  
as an atoning sacrifice for  
our sins. Beloved, if God  
so loved us, we also ought to  
love one another.”

1 John 4:10,11

## The Easter acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Hymn      **Amazing grace how sweet the sound**

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm 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

My chains are gone, I've been set free

My God, my Saviour has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love

Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God who called me here below

Will be forever mine, will be forever mine

You are forever mine

## Confession & Absolution

God's Amazing Love has saved us and redeemed us,  
and calls us into a new and living relationship with Christ His Son.  
Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and with faith:

**Risen Lord Jesus we confess that we have sinned  
and not loved, as you would have us love.**

**Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins,  
as we seek again your unending love and amazing grace.**

God who has raised Christ from the dead,  
Forgives us and frees us from our sin,  
he heals and restores us by His Spirit,  
and raises us in to new life with Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Gloria**      **Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo**  
**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia**

### **The Collect**

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ  
is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### **Reading from    1 John 4:7-16**

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

Hymn

**HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,**

Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord,  
Come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

**The Gospel John 15: 1-8**

Alleluia, hear the Good News of our risen saviour  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour, hallelujah**

"I am the vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel*

***We give praise to Christ our Lord.***

## Sermon

## Prayers of Intercessions

## The Peace

As the risen Lord stood amongst his disciples  
he shared his peace with them and said, "Peace be with you."

May the peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Hymn      **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

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

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

## 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, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope, He lives in us that we may walk in light.

**Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.**

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, 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**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory.

**In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for evermore.**

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishers on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence, and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the great Passover feast our Lord took bread and gave 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, they may be to us the body and blood of your redeeming love, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love 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 the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## Lord's Prayer

As Christ has 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## Distribution of Communion

*Everyone is invited to 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**

**Father of all, strengthen our faith, that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other; through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Amen**

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you 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. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

*Do please join with us for refreshments  
and fellowship at the end of our service.*



# Coffee at Mary's & Summer Time Swap Shop

**Saturday 4th may 10.30am to 12noon**

This months theme helps us get ready for the summer so bring along Summer items such as Sun Hats, Beach Bags, Sunglasses, Picnic Ware, Summer Cushions or clothes, BBQ utensils, buckets and spades or even some Summer Reading material.

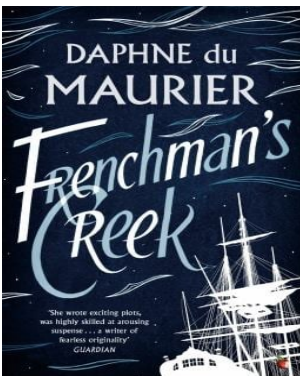
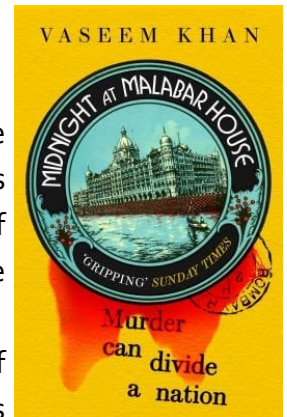
**Come and join us for a cuppa and chat - Everybody's Welcome**

## THE LINK BOOK CLUB

MIDNIGHT AT MALABAR HOUSE By Vaseem Khan

A brash young female detective is sent to investigate the murder of a prominent English diplomat a few years following Partition. The writing presents vivid scenes of India at that time and especially paints a picture of the horrendous effects of colonialism and the three million deaths as a result of incompetent handling of the political and religious divisions. The plot is

convoluted and the ending foxed most of us. The detective character was unpleasant, impatient, rude, unsympathetic and headstrong - but she was persistent in her pursuit of the truth in the face of a false confession.



Our next read is Frenchman's Creek  
by Daphne Du Maurier  
and we meet to discuss on Friday May 24th  
at St Mary's 7.30pm

Vicki Clark



# Bluebell Walk

Dalkeith Country Park  
Friday 10th May 10am from St Mary's  
followed by Coffee and Cake  
in the Restoration Yard

Enjoy a walk with us as we walk through the Bluebell carpeted woods of Dalkeith Country Park. We gather at St Mary's and plan to walk for about an hour before heading towards the Restoration Yard. There we invite you to join with us for a Coffee. Please sign up to let us know your coming

## Helping our Friends and Ukrainian Families

We give thanks to everyone who has helped support our Ukrainian Families over the past couple of years. The Raichev family were our first family group that we sponsored and helped settle here in Scotland and they have appreciated all that we have done for them.

Initially they stayed with Vicki Clark and then with our support were able to move into a small Flat in Dalkeith. The flat in the heart of Dalkeith enabled the family to feel secure and helped the children settle into their new community especially as King's Park Primary was on their doorstep. Now as a family they are about to move from the flat into a house allowing each of the children to have their own room and to have the enjoyment of a garden.

To aid this move the family have requested our help as they are on the look out for some second hand household items that will help them feel more at home in their new house. So we are on the look out for:

- Double Bed Frame or Divan Base (they have a mattress)
- Folding Table and Chairs
- Office Chair or chair for Desk
- Wardrobes (3)
- Microwave, Kettle , and bathroom mirror.

On a separate note we would also be interested to hear from anyone who may have a Washing Machine in good working order to help out a request that we have had to support a friend of the church.

*Thank You - Peter*



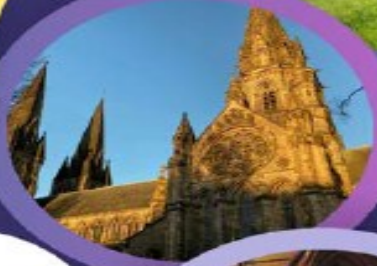
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# THE BIG DAY

*Let Us Pray!*



**SATURDAY  
11 MAY  
10:30-3:30**



Worship and Song



Prayer Workshops



Individual Prayer Stations



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St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh



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