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The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

I have told you this so that
my joy may be in you
and that your joy
may be complete.

John 15 v12





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 for a 10am departure and plan to walk for about an hour before ending our walk at Restoration Yard. There we invite you to join with us for a Coffee.

Please sign up to let us know your coming



Tiger Lotus Lad's Night Out

Friday 17th May 7pm
at the Tiger Lotus Restaurant Dalkeith

Lads as we go to book our final numbers for the restaurant this week this is your last call to sign up and join us for a night of good food and fellowship.

Summer Fair 1st June

information on back page

Tea for two or twenty two



Ladies Afternoon Tea

Join with us for a scrumptious afternoon tea with the ladies of the congregation on Saturday 22nd June in the delightful setting of Melville Castle

Cost is £25 per person
sign up sheet available from today

Welcome

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

Collect for Purity

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 **SING TO GOD NEW SONGS of worship:**

All His deeds are marvellous;
He has brought salvation to us
With His hand and holy arm:
He has shown to all the nations
Righteousness and saving power;
He recalled His truth and mercy
To His people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship:
Earth has seen His victory;
Let the lands of earth be joyful
Praising Him with thankfulness:
Sound upon the harp His praises,
Play to Him with melody;
Let the trumpets sound His triumph,
Show your joy to God the King!

Sing to God new songs of worship:
Let the sea now make a noise;
All on earth and in the waters
Sound your praises to the Lord:
Let the hills be joyful together,
Let the rivers clap their hands,
For with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.

Confession and Absolution

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.

Silence

**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.**

Collect of the day

We pray together

**Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts
such love towards you that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Hymn **LOVE DIVINE, all loves excelling,**
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Reading from 1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel John 15.9-17

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

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

This is my command: love each other.

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

Sermon

Intercessions

*Prayer is offered for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,
for the church and its members.*

Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

Hymn THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved!
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

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 I

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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil

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

Distribution of Communion

*Everyone is welcomed at our table to receive the Bread and Wine
of communion reminding us of God's love and welcome to us.*

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death.

May we who received the elements of bread and wine

always be strengthened to do your will,

in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Blessing

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

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!

Dismissal

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

*Please do join with us for a cuppa and chat
served at the end of the service*



Dalkeith Churches Together News

At a recent meeting of the lead ministers from the Dalkeith Churches we agreed that we would once again offer a free BBQ to the people of the town. It was our hope to run this mid June but due to a clash of events in Kings Park we will now be planning to hold the Dalkeith Churches BBQ on 30th & 31st of August.

Please put the date in your diary, pray for the event and consider how you might take part in this years BBQ.

ST MARY'S CHURCH,
DALKEITH COUNTRY PARK

SUMMER FAIR & BBQ

SATURDAY

1st June 10am-2pm

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN INCLUDING
HOMEBAKING, TOMBOLA, CRAFT STALLS,
PLANTS, REFRESHMENTS,
114 KEY FAIRGROUND ORGAN
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday