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*The Scottish Episcopal Churches of  
St Leonard's & St Mary's*

Sunday 14th July 2024

May God  
our Father  
and the  
Lord Jesus  
Christ give  
you grace  
and peace.

Eph1:2



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# Upcoming EVENTS

Being part of St Leonard's and St Mary's is more than just turning up on a Sunday its about being part of a great church family as well as having opportunities to fellowship and fun together. We invite you to take part in some or all of the following events:

## July

Sunday July 28th July - Strawberry Tea  
at St Leonard's- 2-4pm. £4 Adult, £2 Child

## August

Sunday 18th St Mary's Church Lunch 11.30 –1pm  
Sunday 25th St Leonard's Church Lunch 11.30-1pm

## September

Friday 6th September - Quiz Night  
at St David's Church Hall, Dalkeith 7pm



Come and help us Tidy Up  
**St Leonard's Hall.**

Clearing out Cupboards, tackling the  
cobwebs and cleaning the windows.

**Friday 19th July from 10am**

## 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.**

## 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 fulfil 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 power 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.

## 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.  
Therefore 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.**

## Collect of the day

We pray together

**Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service,  
and in the world to come, see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## Reading from Ephesians 1 v3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment; to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession; to the praise of his glory.

### Hymn **FATHER GOD, I WONDER how I managed to exist**

Without the knowledge of Your parenthood and Your loving care.  
But now I am Your child, I am adopted in Your family,  
And I can never be alone,  
'Cause Father God, You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises,  
Forever more.

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Forever more.

## **Gospel     Mark 6 v14-29**

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

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, 'John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.' Others said, 'He is Elijah.' And still others claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.'

But when Herod heard this, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!' For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, 'Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.' And he promised her with an oath, 'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask for?' 'The head of John the Baptist,' she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king and said: 'I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a dish.'

The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a dish. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

## 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 name

**Let us share His's peace.**

## Hymn

**BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**

Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made  
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,  
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you — drink and remember, He drained death's cup  
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond  
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

## 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,  
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.**

**Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

**Hymn**      **THERE IS A REDEEMER,**  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit—  
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.

### **Dismissal**

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

# Strawberry Tea



Sunday 28th July 2-4pm

in St Leonard's Hall

All Welcome

Adults £4 Children £2

come along and enjoy an afternoon of treats and friendship



We warmly invite everyone to stay  
for a special church lunch on the  
following dates.

Sunday 18th August

St Mary's Church Lunch

11.30 – 1pm

Sunday 25th August

St Leonard's Church Lunch

11.30-1pm

**St Leonard's Sunday 10am**

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

**St Mary's Sunday 10am**

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

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday