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

**Sunday 25th August 2024**

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- Ephesians 6:18



# Dalkeith BBQ

(Friday 30th and Saturday 31st 12-2pm)

**Thursday 29th Prayer and Preparation**  
7pm at St John's Church

**Friday & Saturday 10am Prayer and Preparation**  
St John's Church Hall.

**Sunday Praise & Thanksgiving**  
6pm St John's in thanks for the BBQ

## Upcoming EVENTS

Coming to church 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:

### September

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

### October

Saturday 5th October - Harvest Supper  
with entertainment at St Leonard's

Sunday 6th October Harvest Sunday Celebrations 10am  
Pet Blessing Service 3pm at St Mary's

### November

Sunday 3rd November Memorial Service  
a service to remember those we love but see no longer  
4pm at St Leonard's

Friday 15th November - Scots/Ukrainian Evening  
come and enjoy a night with our Ukrainian friends  
at St Leonard's, 7pm

### December

Saturday 7th December - Christmas Fair  
at St Mary's, 10am-2pm

## Welcome & A call to worship from Psalm 100

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

Sing to the Lord, all the world!

**Worship the Lord with joy; and come before him with happy songs!**

Acknowledge that the Lord is God.

**He made us, we are his people, we are his flock.**

Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving;

**Give thanks to him and praise him.**

The Lord is good, his love is eternal

**and his faithfulness lasts forever.**

### 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, he heals and strengthens us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect of the day

**Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## Reading from Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**Hymn**      **IN HEAVENLY ARMOUR we'll enter the land,**  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

And we sing glory, honour, power and strength to the Lord.  
We sing glory, honour, power and strength to the Lord.

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near.  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

**Gospel**      **John 6 v56-57 & v 65-69**

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. Jesus went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." From this time on many turned away and no longer followed him.

Jesus asked the Twelve. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Messiah, the Holy One of God."

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

## Sermon

### Hymn **I LOVE YOU LORD, OH YOUR MERCY NEVER FAILS ME**

All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire  
In darkest nights, You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

## Intercessions

### Peace

We meet in Christ name  
**Let us share His 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 V

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.

You made us, all the people of the world  
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.

Your Word lights up our minds.

Jesus was born among us  
to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us  
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.  
One day we will be with you in heaven,  
but already we laugh with the saints  
and angels and sing their song:

**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.**

Father you never forget us  
or turn away from us even when we fail you.  
You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.  
He healed those who were sick,  
cared for those who were poor  
and cried with those who were sad.  
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks  
in the way that Jesus showed us.

For on the night before he died,  
while he was having supper with his friends,  
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.'



**So, as we do what he told us,  
we open our hearts to him;  
we remember how he died  
and rose again to live now in us.**

Together with him we offer you these gifts:  
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine;  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your  
life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

**With all your people we give you thanks and praise  
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Breaking of Bread**

Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world.  
And the wine of heaven is poured out for the healing of the nations.

**The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Lord, unite us in this sign.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and 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.*

## Communion Songs

### **WHO AM I THAT THE HIGHEST KING would welcome me?**

I was lost but He brought me in  
O His love for me, O His love for me

Who the Son sets free O is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me O His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

### **THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

## **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.  
**And his mercy endures for ever.**

**Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.  
Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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**

**BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,**  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true child;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might;  
Be my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's Son;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Dismissal**

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

St Leonard's &  
St Mary's

Come and  
Join Us

# QUIZ *Night*



**ST DAVID'S  
CHURCH  
HALL**

**FRIDAY  
6TH SEPT  
7PM**

Cash prizes, have some fun, and show off your  
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