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

**Sunday 4th August 2024**

**Then Jesus declared  
I am the bread of life  
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty**

**John 6:35**



# Robin Donald

Robin sadly passed away peacefully at home on Thursday morning 1st August.

If ever there was a job needing doing Robin was often your first port of call. With his flat cap and overalls he would arrive with his trusty Land Rover and trailer, blowing a wee bit of ready rub from his well chewed pipe.



I dare say something must have been needing fixed in heaven? Maybe the pearly gates were squeaking and so the good Lord called Robin to his heavenly home. He enjoyed helping out with a 'can do attitude' whether that be at a village do in Cousland, singing with Dalkeith Singers or looking after St Mary's and assisting us with many an unseen but necessary task.

He will be sorely missed but in faith we rejoice that he is now at peace. I had the privilege of praying with him over these last few weeks and talking about the Good Shepherd who watches over us all and by whose rod and staff we are gathered in and welcomed home.

Kathleen has asked for us to organise a "Celebration of Life" service for friends and family to be able to gather and give thanks for Robin's life. When we get more details we will endeavour to let you know. For now though please hold Kathleen, Sarah, Xander and the family in your prayers.

Peter

## 23rd Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters. and restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil and my cup over flows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## 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      **HALLELUJAH! SING TO JESUS;**

His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Hallelujah! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.'

Hallelujah! not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Hallelujah! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the clouds from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
'I am with you ever more'?

Hallelujah! Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Hallelujah! here the sinful  
Flee to Thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Hallelujah! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
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## **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, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## Reading from Ephesians 4.1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Hymn**      **JESUS, STAND AMONG US at the meeting of our lives;**

Be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;

Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering out of each and every land;

Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;

Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us at the breaking of the bread;  
Join us as one body as we worship You, our Head.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

## **Gospel     John 6.24-35**

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

When the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **Sermon**

## Intercessions

### Peace

We meet in Christ name  
**Let us share His's peace.**

**Hymn**      **Bread is blessed and broken,**  
wine is blessed and poured:  
Take this and remember  
Christ the Lord.

Share the food of heaven  
earth can not afford.  
Here is grace in essence –  
Christ the Lord.

Know yourself forgiven,  
find yourself restored,  
meet a friend for ever -  
Christ the Lord.

God has kept his promise  
sealed by sign and word:  
Here for those who want him –  
Christ the Lord.

### 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.*

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the bread of heaven.  
May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever.  
We ask this in the name 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

### **GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH,**

Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and ever more,  
Feed me now and ever more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*If you are able please do stay for a cuppa  
and a time of fellowship together*

## Digital Connect Tuesdays at St Mary's

Please note there will be no Digital Connect Group this Tuesday 6th Aug.

Next meeting on the 13th August from 2pm when all enquiries about how to better use your Smartphones, Tablets etc can be asked.

Thank You



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