

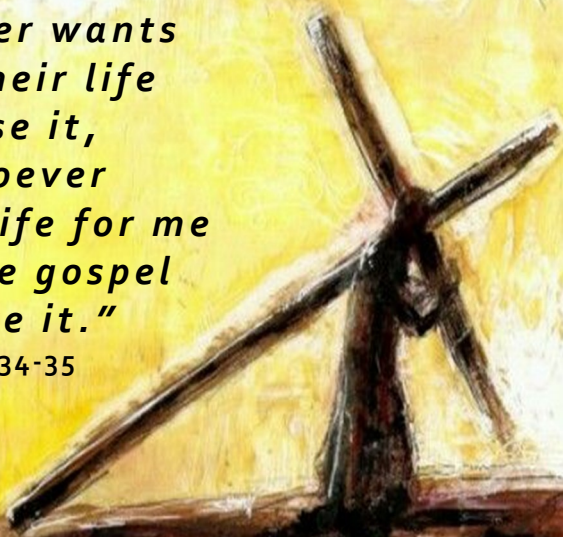
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*The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 15th September 2024*

*"Whoever wants to be
my disciple
must deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.*

*For whoever wants
to save their life
will lose it,
but whoever
loses their life for me
and for the gospel
will save it."*

Mark 8 v34-35





September Messy Church

Saturday 28th Sept 4-6pm

Come and join us for a variety of crafts and activities as we explore this months theme
"So what is God like?"

We will then have some songs and story followed by a meal together.

All provided free of charge - donations are welcome

Season of Creation - Celebrating Harvest



Harvest Celebrations this year shall take place on Sunday 6th October at both churches.

Donations of Tinned or Dried foods will be most welcome and will be donated to our local Storehouse Foodbank. Financial offerings are also welcome.

HARVEST SUPPER

join with us on Saturday 5th October at 7pm for this years bring & share Harvest Supper.

Please use the Sign up Sheet at the Welcome Desk and let us know whether you are able to bringing a savoury or sweet dish.



Welcome

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

Praise the Lord O my Soul

Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord their God

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them.

**He remains faithful forever,
and forever the Lord our God reigns.**

verses from Ps 146

Hymn **CHRIST TRIUMPHANT**, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:

Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned forever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing, this shall be our song:

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.**

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading from James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Hymn **I'M NOT ASHAMED TO OWN MY LORD**, or to defend his cause;
maintain the honour of his word, the glory of his cross.

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away,
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

Jesus, my Lord! I know his name, his name is all my trust,
nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

Firm as his throne, his promise stands, and he can well secure
what I've committed to his hands, till the decisive hour.

Then will he own my worthless name before his Father's face;
and in the new Jerusalem, appoint my soul a place.

Gospel **Mark 8.27-38**

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

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" and Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus then warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, so Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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 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 for the Season of Creation

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
by your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.
you divided light from darkness
and caused all life to come into being.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,
took our human form, lived among us,
and, through dying on the cross,
overcame sin and death,
that creation might be restored in him.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
we offer you our praise,
together 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,
God our creator,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
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.
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 the Spirit's 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.

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

*This is the table not of any one church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him
and for those who want to love him.
So come you who have much faith and you who have little
Come you who have tried to follow,
and you who have failed
Come, not because I invite you
but because the Lord invites you to come to his table.*

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**God of peace, help us to live peaceful lives being reconciled to you
and to each other through the bonds of peace. Amen**

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of his Creation, to be people of faith, hope and love and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM! JESUS, OUR BLESSÈD REDEEMER;

Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him, hail Him! highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honour give to His holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long;

Praise Him, Praise Him! tell of his excellent greatness
Praise Him, Praise Him! ever in joyful song

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessèd Redeemer;
For our sins He suffered and bled and died.
He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound his praises – Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessèd Redeemer;
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever,
Crown Him, crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming over the world victorious
Power and glory unto the Lord belong.

Dismissal

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



Fellowship Outing

Our Autumn Fellowship Outing will take place on Thursday 26th September leaving from St Mary's at 9:30am, arriving back no later than 4:30pm.

We are visiting the Jim Clark Motor Museum at Duns (entry £8 concession), arriving in Duns for a coffee break first. The Museum visit will be followed by lunch at a restaurant locally. The coach cost is £5 per head. There are a few seats available on the coach. If you are interested in joining in with this fun and friendly activity please speak to Bill Elliot on 663 1369.



Storehouse Update

With harvest festivals taking place at various churches Philip from the Storehouse has been in touch to remind us of some of the regular items that are most requested by the foodbank users.

The items include

Pot noodles, Tins of ravioli, Tins of Soup, Cup a soups,
Tins of macaroni cheese Tubs of hot chocolate (add water type)
Bags of sugar, Laundry liquid, washing up liquid,
Multi pack kit Kats or other biscuits, Multi packs of crisps

Once again, thank you so much for your ongoing support.
We really appreciate it so much! - Philip



Upcoming EVENTS

October

Saturday 5th October - Harvest Supper 7pm
with entertainment at St Leonard's

Sunday 6th October Harvest 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



St Leonard's Sunday 10am

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday