




The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Leonard's

Sunday 29th September 2024



**Wherever
we are**

licc. Frontline Sundays

Everyone has a Frontline
a place where we 'do' life and work.
These can be places where God is at work with us.
We don't need to go looking,
we just need to see these places with fresh eyes

Celebrating Harvest

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. The following popular items are often requested.



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. Financial donations are also welcome.



HARVEST SUPPER

Join with us on Saturday 5th October at 7pm for this year's bring & share Harvest Supper. Please use the Sign up Sheet at the Welcome Desk and let us know whether you are able to bring a savoury or sweet dish.

Coffee at Mary's

Join with us on the first Saturday of the month for Coffee & Chat at St Mary's 10.30am to 12 Noon. All Welcome

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER



Swap Shop

The Swap Shop runs alongside Coffee at Mary's. This month's theme is, "Pets and things to keep us warm". So if you have items for your pets or items that will help keep us warm please consider bringing them along to offer or if in need to take away.

Pet Blessing Service

Sunday 6th October
3pm at St Mary's

All pets and well behaved owners welcome



Welcome

Surely, the Lord is in this place
We offer you our thanks and praise

Prayers for the world and ourselves

Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Frontlines 1 Video "All the difference in the world"

Hymn: **BEST OF ALL IS GOD IS WITH US,**

God will hold and never fail.
Keep that truth when storms are raging,
God remains though faith is frail.

Best of all is God is with us,
life goes on and needs are met,
God is strongest in our weakness.
Love renews, will not forget.

Best of all is God is with us,
hearts are challenged, strangely warmed,
faith is deepened, courage strengthened,
grace received and hope reformed.

Best of all is God is with us,
in our joy and through our pain,
till that final acclamation:
'life is Christ, and death is gain'.

Best of all is God is with us
as we scale eternal heights,
love grows stronger, undiminished;
earth grows dim by heaven's lights.

Reading **Genesis 28: 10-17** Jacob's Dream at Bethel

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

Reflection on passage

‘Surely the Lord was in this place, and I was not aware of it.’

Frontlines Video 2 "Wherever we are"

Interview

Group Activity THIS TIME TOMORROW (TTT)

- 1 Tell us about where you’ll be ‘This Time Tomorrow.’
- 2 What do you like about it there?
- 3 What is a pressure point there for you?
- 4 What might be God’s purpose for you there right now?
- 5 How can we pray for you?

Prayer Lord God of heaven and earth,
thank you that you are with us
where we are day by day:
may we be aware of you in our everyday lives,
knowing that you care for us and for those we meet.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Amen

Hymn **HERE IS LOVE, VAST AS THE OCEAN,**
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is Love that conquered evil
Christ the firstborn from the grave
Death has failed to be found equal
to the life of him who saves
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has replaced death's hellish night

That same love beyond all measure
Mocked and slain by hateful men
Lives and reigns in resurrection
And can never die again
Here is love for all the ages
Radiant Sun of Heaven He stands
Calling home His Father's children
Holding forth His wounded hands

Here is love, vast as the heavens
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that he has ransomed
Precious daughters, treasured sons
We are called to feast forever
On a love beyond our time
Glorious Father Son and Spirit
Now with us are intertwined

Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God our loving creator

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you,

God of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**Jesus opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**We do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins
do this in remembrance of me.

**We do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim Jesus' death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and on this bread and this wine
that they may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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**

Breaking of the Bread

As we break this bread and drink this wine
Our Lord Jesus stands before us,
with arms outstretched
He invites us to receive his gifts
and to remember him

Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to receive bread and wine
as it is passed around the tables*

Give Thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
And his mercy endures for ever

Blessing

In every moment of this week
May you know the embrace of God's love
May you hear the whisper of God's voice
May you feel the presence of God's Spirit
May you share the knowledge of God's grace
in every moment of this week
And may the blessing of our loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you
and all whom you love, now and for ever
Amen

Hymn: WE SEEK YOUR KINGDOM THROUGHOUT EVERY SPHERE

We long for heaven's demonstration here
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive, and heal society

Before all things, in him were all things made
Inspiring culture, media, and trade
May all our work serve your economy
Transform, revive, and heal society

Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere
With us be present in our public square
Fill all who lead with your integrity
Transform, revive, and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page
Make us again what we were made to be
Transform, revive, and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be
Selfless in service, loving constantly
In everything may your authority
Transform, revive, and heal society

Closing Prayer

**Lord, would you open doors of opportunity for us this week
as we learn to live for you.**

**May we have the courage to walk into opportunities
to speak words of encouragement,**

do acts of kindness, be a listening ear, be a witness to you.

Make a difference through us wherever we are this week.

**Most of all, may we be aware of your presence
in the places we find ourselves.**

Amen.

SHOE BOX APPEAL



By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas



Bring a message of hope to those in need this Christmas by filling a shoebox.

Shoe box kits can be found at the welcome desk for you to build then fill with appropriate items as per the leaflet. Filled wrapped Shoeboxes should be returned to the church by the end of October. Do remember to keep the box lid openable so that contents can be checked before shipping.

On Monday 30th Sept, 7th & 14th October there will be an opportunity to join with us at St Leonard's Church from 10am to help wrap and fill some of the boxes.

www.shooboxappeal.org

Annual General Meetings

Our Annual Meetings will take place on the following days after the Sunday Service

St Leonard's Sunday 24th November
St Mary's Sunday 1st December

Reports for the AGM Booklet should be submitted by November 3rd.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Christmas

LUNCH

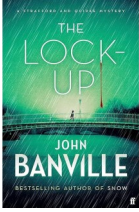
Sunday 15th December

Christmas Lunch

Peter and Fiona warmly invite you to join with them for a Christmas Lunch Celebration on Sunday 15th Dec 12.30 for 1pm at the Kings Acre Golf Club.

Sign up today at the Welcome desk and pick up a Menu to order your choices for the lunch.

Link Book Group

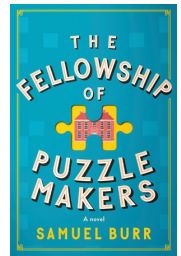


Our last venture was a crime novel set in Ireland in the early 1950's "**The Lock-up**" by **John Banville**. The body of a young woman is found in a lock-up garage (hence the title) an apparent suicide. However, pathologist Dr Quirke and Detective Inspector Strafford soon suspect foul play. The victim's sister, a newspaper reporter from London, returns to Dublin to join the two men in their quest to uncover the truth. With relations between the two men increasingly strained, and their investigation taking them back to the final days of the Second World War, can they join the pieces of a hidden puzzle?

We found reading this novel as much of a study of two troubled men as it was a cunning murder mystery. This is the third in a series of Strafford and Quirke novels and I found it best to have read the other two beforehand. (No1 "Snow" which introduced DI Strafford and No2 "April in Spain" which features Dr Quirke.). We all enjoyed the book with the usual mix of "red herrings" and plot twists.

"The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers" by **Samuel Burr**. is our next book and we meet at **St Mary's on Fri 25th Oct 7.30pm.**

All are welcome to join us, perhaps for just a taster session whether you have read the book or not. yours J.F



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There will be no Digital Connect Meetings until Tuesday 15th October



St Leonard's Sunday 10am

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St Mary's Sunday 10am

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday