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The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Leonard's

Sunday 1st September 2024



Season of Creation 2024

Dalkeith BBQ

Sunday Praise & Thanksgiving

6pm St John's in thanks for the BBQ

Upcoming 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 1
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

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

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
And it was very good.

(Genesis 1:1, 31)

Ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

(Job 12:7-10)

Hymn **LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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, maker of heaven and earth, you created us in your own image and entrusted your creation into our human care: give us grace to serve you faithfully, that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from the book of James 1.17-25

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be the first fruits of all he created. My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it by not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it, they will be blessed in what they do.

Hymn **LORD, I COME TO YOU, Let my heart be changed, renewed,**
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day by the power of Your love.

Gospel **Mark 7.1-2,5-8**

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

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" Jesus replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules. You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

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 **SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART TODAY;**

Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfil thy Word, and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine;
Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost revival comes from thee
send a revival, start the work in me
Thy word declares Thou wilt supply our need
for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead

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, created the heavens and established the earth; you divided the sea from the dry land, and caused all life to come into being. You formed us in your own image, and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

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, with all your creatures throughout space and time 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,
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 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.

**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

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of his Creation,
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,
and seek justice for those who do not share in the bounty of the earth,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn **GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP, keep me burning.**

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart I pray
Give me joy in my heart keep me praising
Keep me praising till the break of day...

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting...

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving...

Dismissal

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



On the First Saturday of each month we come together for fellowship and a catch up with friends old and new at St Mary's from 10.30am to 12 Noon

Everybody is welcome to come and join in.

As part of our monthly Coffee at Mary's we also run a Swap Shop giving you an opportunity to pick up a new item or hand on an item that others may use.



Each Month we try and have a different theme
this month its **COLOUR.**

So bring your colourful bric-a-brac, mugs & plates, clothing, Jewellery or fabrics and swap them. You can then find something new to take home regardless of whether or not you bring something along. Come and find a bargain.



Wednesday Night Fellowship

Church Fellowship starts again on Wednesday 4th September at 7:30pm in St Mary's. It will just be a coffee and chat night and discussing our next outing later in the month.

All Welcome - that includes you.

PET FOOD BANK

Tuesday 3rd September
10-12 Noon at St Mary's.

If you know of anyone struggling with their bills and have a pet let them know that they can come and receive free pet food and have a cuppa and a chat. The door is open to all.



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
smarts! Bring your friends and your brain power for
an unforgettable night of quizzing. BYOB

**TEAMS OF 4 - £10 PER PERSON
INCLUDES STOVIES**

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Tickets for the quiz on sale now. Please purchase early so we
have an indication of numbers for catering - thank you



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St Mary's Sunday 10am

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday