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

Sunday 27th October 2024

Baptism of Reuben James Venters



# Baptism, Confirmation & Affirmation



Faith can often be viewed as an adventurous journey through life. As the people of God journeyed they often set up cairns of stones to mark specific points in the journey. These markers were there to remind them of the path they had walked and their encounters with God.

In our church traditions we too continue to mark specific times on the journey of faith through the celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation and Affirmation. We would like to offer an opportunity for those who are exploring the Christian faith, or have recently joined the church, or have been renewed in faith journey to come together and to prepare to mark and celebrate the journey of faith.

If you would be interested in finding out more please do get in touch with Peter - [revpharris@gmail.com](mailto:revpharris@gmail.com). It is hope that we would hold a special service of celebration around Easter 2025.

## Upcoming EVENTS

**November** Sat 2nd Coffee at St Mary's 10.30am

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

Tue 5th Pet Food Bank at St Mary's 10am

Fri 15th - Scots/Ukrainian Evening

come and enjoy a night with our Ukrainian friends  
at St Leonard's, 7pm

Saturday 30th Messy Church at St Mary's 4-6pm

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

Sunday 15th December Christmas Lunch  
at Kings Acre Golf Club 12.30pm for 1pm.

## The Welcome

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

## Hymn

**O LORD MY GOD!** when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## Prayer of Confession

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved,  
as you would have us love.**

**We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,  
forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen**

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.**

## Hymn

### WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR IS JESUS,

What a wonderful friend is He,  
For He left all the glory of heaven,  
Came to earth to die at Calvary .

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

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah.  
And He lives never more to die.  
At the Father's right hand interceding,  
He will hear and heed our faintest cry.

He is coming some day to receive us,  
We'll be caught up to heaven above,  
What a joy it will be to behold Him,  
Sing forever of His grace and love.

## The Gospel Reading Mark 10.46-52

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

As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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

## Sermon

## Prayers for today

## Hymn

### ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD I GO,

one more step along the world I go;  
from the old things to the new  
keep me traveling along with you:

And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me traveling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know

## The Baptism

Saint Peter proclaims God's call to all of us to "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, for everyone who answers the call."

Acts 2:38-40

Jamie and Julie do you accept this call?

***We hear and accept God's call and ask for Reuben to be baptised.***

## Turning to Christ

The Christian life means turning away from evil and turning to Christ.

Jamie and Julie, do you renounce evil?

***We renounce evil.***

Do you repent of sin?

***We repent of sin.***

Do you turn to Christ?

***We turn to Christ.***

Will you follow Christ?

***We will follow Christ.***

## Profession of faith

With Jamie and Julie let us together profess the faith of the church  
**We believe in God the Father, who made the world**  
**We believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?**  
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to God's people?**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Commitment to the Christian way of life

Parents and Godparents, as those who will love and care for Reuben, will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the saying of prayers?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you work for justice and peace honouring God in all Creation?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

This is the task of the Church.

**This is our task: to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

## The Baptism and Anointing

*Reuben James Venters*

I baptise you in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

And we anoint you with the oil of blessing  
for you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

**May the Spirit of God be in you,  
wisdom and understanding keep you,  
the power of God encircle you,  
and God's truth lead you into freedom. Amen.**

## The giving of a light

*Reuben*, may the light of Christ scatter the darkness  
from your heart and mind

**Christ go before you to guide your steps**  
**Christ be within you to kindle your vision**  
**Christ shine from you to give joy to the world.**

## The Church Family Welcome

*Reuben*, God has received you  
by baptism into the family of the Church.

**We welcome you.**  
**We will care for you.**  
**We will share our faith with you.**

## The Peace

Renewed by the Spirit in baptism we meet in Christ's name;  
**Let us share his peace.**

## *Hymn* 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.

## The Eucharist

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

We give Jesus our thanks and praise for on the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, and gave thanks and then 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.”

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

Lord Jesus Christ as we proclaim your death and celebrate your rising in glory send your Holy Spirit on us and be upon this bread and this wine.

That they may be to us the symbols of your sacrificial love.

**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 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**



## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

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.**

## Welcome to the table

*The love of God is for all people everywhere  
and all are invited to come and take of bread and wine in memory of him*

## Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious  
and his mercy endures forever

**Loving God, as we have gathered at your table,  
help us to continue on the way,  
to grow in grace and love  
and to boldly proclaim Jesus is the way  
Amen**

## Hymn

### GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus is His name.

He possessed no riches,  
No home to lay his head;  
He saw the needs of others  
And cared for them instead

He reached out and touched them,  
the blind, the deaf, the lame;  
He spoke and listened gladly  
to anyone who came.

When I was a seeker  
I sought both night and day  
I asked my Lord to help me  
And He showed me the way.

He comes close to people,  
His Spirit guides our way;  
He uses us for speaking,  
and reaching out this day.

## The Blessing

May your life in this world be a happy one  
May the sun be warm and may the skies be blue  
May each storm that comes your way clear the air for a brighter day  
May the saints and saviour watch over you  
and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be with you and remain with you now and always.

**Amen**

## The Dismissal

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



## Annual Memorial Service

In memory of our loved ones who have passed away we invite you to a short service of thanksgiving within which you and your family are welcome to light a candle and write your loved ones name on a cross to be hung on our memorial tree.

**Sunday 3rd Nov 4pm at St Leonard's Dobbies Rd**

## 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.**

## 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.



## **DIGITAL CONNECT MEETINGS - Time Changes!!!**

**Just to say for the next three weeks Digital Connect will be on  
in St Mary's but from 3pm until 4:30pm.**

The dates are Tuesday 29th October 3pm -4:30pm

Tuesday 5th November 3pm -4:30pm

Tuesday 12th November 3pm - 4:30pm.

Then back to 2pm -3:30pm from Tuesday 19th November



**Saturday 2nd Nov 10.30 –12 Noon**

Join with us for Coffee, Cake and Chat at St Mary's for the last Coffee at Mary's of the year.

**SWAP SHOP - Getting ready for Christmas?**

Christmas jumpers, Christmas jigsaws, Christmas Plates, mugs, table linen; Christmas cushions, ornaments, baubles and decorations. Any unwanted gifts new or hardly used, Christmas cards. wrapping and gift bags. Everything that helps us get ready for Christmas

## Scots/Ukrainian Concert

**FREE  
EVENT**

**Friday 15th November  
7pm**

Doors open @6.30pm

**St Leonard's Church  
Dobbie's Rd**

We are aware that this will be a busy night with guest Ukrainian Choir, a dance group and piper as well as other musicians and singers taking part throughout the night.

We are making this a FREE EVENT with no buffet.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuit will be available at the interval



**St Leonard's Sunday 10am**

[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

**St Mary's Sunday 10am**

[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday