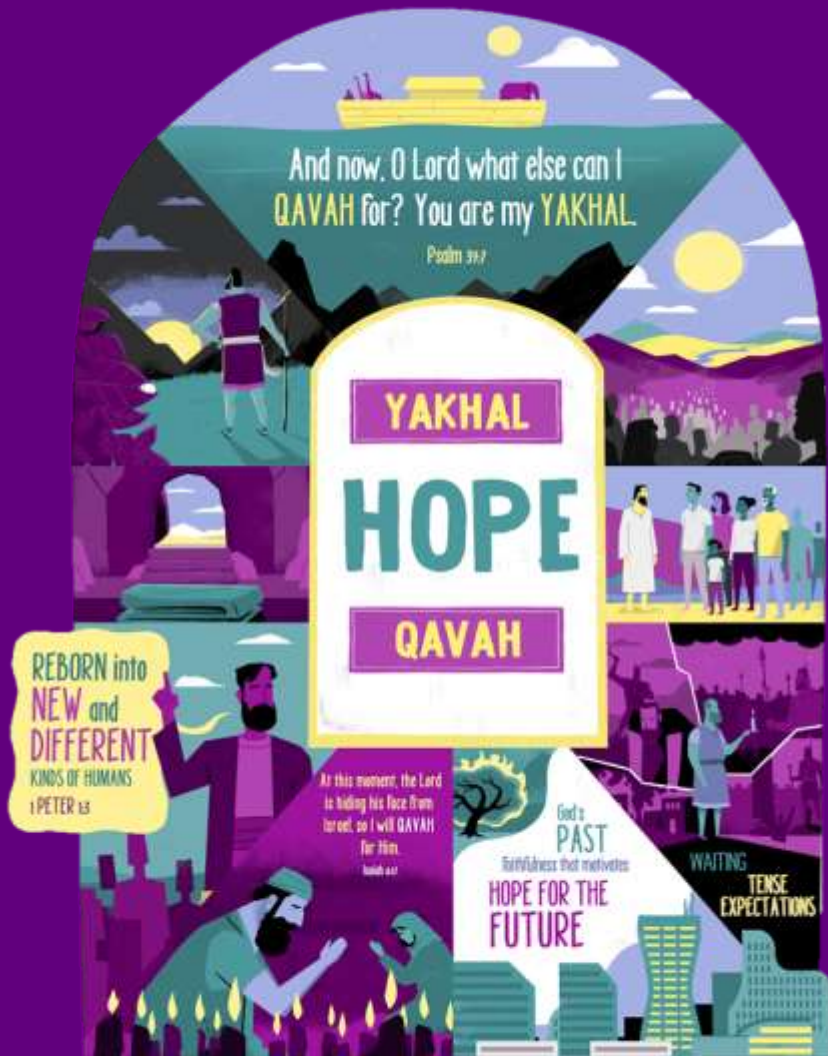


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St Leonard's and St Mary's

Advent Hope



Welcome

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

First Candle - The Candle of Hope

Let us celebrate this first week of Advent with HOPE as we remember the hope and promises we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour
Amen, Come Lord Jesus

(First Candle of Advent is lit)

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.
We light this light, in hope that Christ's light of love may dispel the darkness from our hearts and minds as we await his return
Amen, Come Lord Jesus

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.

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.

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

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and
put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which
your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last
day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, we may rise to
the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

A Reading from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you; Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
**But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope.
We wait for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning,
Put your hope in the Lord, for the Lord's unfailing love will redeem us .
Our hope is in the Lord who will redeem us from all our sins.

Hymn **HOLY WORDS LONG PRESERVED** for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of Hope, give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith, handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Gospel **Luke 2 v25-32**

Here the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. With hope he had been waiting for the consolation of Israel. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

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

ADVENT 1 HOPE / Yakhhal

The Hebrew and Biblical word for hope is Yakhhal which means “to wait” and more directly to wait for GOD, which makes it different from optimism. Optimism is about choosing to see, in any situation, how circumstances could work out for the best. But biblical hope isn’t focused on circumstances.

In fact, hopeful people in the Bible often recognize there’s no evidence things will get better, but they choose hope anyway. They choose to put their hope in God as they wait for God’s sovereign will and purpose to be fulfilled.

We can look back and see how God’s promises were faithfully fulfilled in the gift of Christ his Son. With this assurance that God is faithful we can also then look forward as we Yakhhal, wait in hope, for Christ return as his day draws near.

Chant **WAIT FOR THE LORD, WHOSE DAY IS NEAR**
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart

Intercessions

Peace We meet in the name of Jesus our Living Hope.
Let us share his peace.

Hymn **BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**
Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you; drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Lord of Lords, yours 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 II Anticipation

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, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,

and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined,

sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness
look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your
Son, we offer you our praise, 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, most loving Father.
In Jesus you showed us yourself.
Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one.
Obedient, even to accepting death, he opened the gate of glory
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come,
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 his 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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited and welcome to come and receive

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**God for whom we wait, as we celebrate your faithfulness and love
keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before your
Son when he comes again in his glory. Amen**

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Hymn GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Dismissal

Go in peace, go in hope, go in love to serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Storehouse. We continue to weekly send out parcels of support to a number of families and individuals in the local area. Although it is lovely to receive gifts of many different types of food many of our families struggle with basic cooking skills. Therefore, we encourage gifts of simple tinned goods or easy to cook packages along with biscuits or snacks.

If anyone would like to donate some items that we are always on the look out for ...

Tin spaghetti , Baked Beans
Hot dogs, Fray Bentos style pies, Macaroni, Pasta sauces
Tin fruit , Custard, Rice pudding
Biscuits plain or chocolate, Crisps or other snacks
Coffee, Tea, Hot chocolate (add water variety)

As we come to Christmas we also welcome donations of Selection Boxes. You can also make a financial donation to the work of Storehouse. If you wish to contribute please place your donation in an envelope marked Storehouse in your church collection plate or speak to Peter for details.

Thank You.



Your Support is Welcome

As we prepare for this years Christmas Fair we welcome your support of items for the Tombola, Hamper and on the day Baking.

We are also looking for volunteers to help staff the Refreshment Stall and assist with the baking stall as well as with tidying up.



Wednesday Morning Worship 10am

We meet at the Rectory 11 Peacock Parkway, Bonnyrigg for a time of worship in song, reflection and communion

We endeavour to live stream to our Church Facebook Page , so do feel free to join us online around 10am on a Wednesday



Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December

Christingle Family Service

4pm at St Mary's

Watchnight Services

11.pm at St Leonard's and at St Mary's

Christmas Day

Christmas Morning worship
10am at St Mary's joint service

Sunday 29th Dec
10am at St Leonard's
a joint Celebration for both church families

Sunday 5th Jan
10am at St Mary's
a joint Celebration for both church families

CHRISTMAS FAIR

ST MARY'S DALKEITH

7TH DECEMBER

10AM-2PM

Independent craft stalls.

Homebaking.

Tombola.

Refreshments.

Santa



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