

Connect

Connecting people of faith together across our Church Community
of St Leonard's and St Mary's

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Sunday 23rd February 2025
Stewardship Week 4

The Gathering

Grace and Peace to you from God,
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn THE SUN COMES UP, IT'S A NEW DAY DAWNING

It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Confession and Absolution

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to draw near.
We are not fit to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation.
Therefore we confess our sins:

**Father God, 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,
forgives us and free us from our sins,
he heals and strengthens us by his Spirit,
and raises us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stewardship Collect

Let us pray

**God, from whom all good things come,
you shower us with many blessings
and make us stewards of all that we have been given.
Give us generous hearts, and make us cheerful givers,
filled with the desire to see the advancement
of the Kingdom of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

A reading from 2 Corinthians 9 v6-11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all
times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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.

The Gospel Matthew 22 v15-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus in his words.
So they sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

“Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and
that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t
swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

Tell us then, what is your opinion?

Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said to them “You hypocrites, why
are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.”

They brought him a denarius, and he asked them,

“Whose image is this? And whose inscription is it?” “Caesar’s,” they
replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is
Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers for Today

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God’s peace.

Hymn TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my work, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Offertory Prayer

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. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise.
Through Jesus Christ your Son,
you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.

**Through him you have taught us to enjoy the beauty of nature,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the beasts of the earth,
the lilies of the field, and the precious life-giving crops of the earth.**

**Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him up to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.**

**Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your love and righteousness dwells.**

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
who freely gave us the gift of life
through Christ your son
so that we might become holy
and reconciled to you.

We therefore give thanks,
and remember that on the night your Son was betrayed,
He took bread and gave you thanks;
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper He took the cup
and gave you thanks; He gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:**

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise,
Send the Holy Spirit on your people,
and be on this bread and wine,
that all who share this bread and drink this wine
may praise and glorify you for ever and ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
Amen

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Lord's Prayer

As good stewards of God's creation,
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.**

Communion

All are welcome to come and receive the gifts of God

Prayer after communion

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

Here at your table, loving God,
we have remembered your sacrifice and boundless generosity.
By your Spirit at work in us, liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may respond cheerfully to your gift of life and serve you
with generous hearts through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts and minds
with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you, now and always. **Amen**

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.

Sending out

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

Please do join with us for a cuppa and fellowship after the service

Save the dates 2025

MARCH
TBC

CINEMA TRIP

Bonhoeffer - Date and time to be confirmed once timetable released - release date 7th March

MARCH
28

EASTER BUNNY DRIVE

An evening of fun with homebaking 7pm St Leonard's Hall

APRIL
25

BLUEBELL WALK

Meet at St Mary's 11am. Lunch booked at Restoration Yard for 12.30pm

MAY
TBC

MENS NIGHT - CORN EXCHANGE TENPIN/MINI GOLF

Suggested dates either 2nd or 23rd whichever is more popular

JUNE
07

SUMMER FAIR

St Mary's 10am -2pm
More details to follow

JULY
19

STRAWBERRY TEA

St Leonard's Hall
details to follow

AUGUST
09

AFTERNOON TEA

Charlotte Rooms
Cost £22.50 or £28 with Prosecco. Sign up & pay £5 deposit to guarantee your space

Numbers limited to 34

AUGUST
22/23

DALKEITH BBQ

Churches together event

SEPT
19

QUIZ NIGHT

To be confirmed

OCT
04

HARVEST SUPPER

St Leonards hall

NOV
14

SILENT AUCTION

Details tbc

DEC
06

CHRISTMAS FAIR

St Mary's 10am-2pm

Church — more than just a Sunday Morning
do join in with us for a variety of events throughout the year

Newbyres Knitting Group

Our Knitting Group meets on Thursday 27th February at the Newbyres Nursing Home Gorebridge at 10.30am.



LENT 2025 On Purpose

Small group Lent Courses will be running from Monday 3rd of March and will meet weekly for seven weeks including Holy Week. If you would like to join a group please do speak to Andrew / Bill for Monday's or Fiona / Vicki for Tuesday's.



Please note that sadly there will be no Digital Connect meetings on Tuesday 25th of February. **We are next open on Tuesday 4th March at 2pm**

World Day of Prayer Meetings March 2025

This Years World Day of Prayer will take place on the following Days

Wednesday 5th March at 2pm in Dalkeith Baptist Church
and at **Bonnyrigg Parish Church 7pm on Friday 7th March**

A warm welcomes awaits you as we gather to pray for the world

Exploring Faith

An informal gathering and discussion exploring Christian Belief, Church and our journey of Faith. Begins Friday 14th March at 7pm at the Rectory

We are planning to meet and have a meal together and discuss our thoughts and questions about the Christian Faith. Interested? Contact Peter

Come along to St Mary's
Church, Dalkeith in the
Country Park

On Saturday 1st March
10.30am -12noon



For the monthly
Swap Shop and Coffee
Where we Swap not Shop
This month we ask you to
bring along anything
related to **hobbies and**
pastimes, indoor or
outdoor.

However, as a fun alternative
we are also looking to swap
scarves! All types of neck
attire, from ties, even shawls and fresh
light scarves to warm and woolly ones.

**NOTHING TO SWAP, JUST COME ALONG AND
BROWSE, YOU MIGHT FIND SOMETHING YOU NEED**



St Leonard's 10am

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