Connect

6th September 2026
Creationtide, a celebration of creation



'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Love does no harm to a neighbour.
Therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law.

WELCOME

We meet in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn **YE SERVANTS OF GOD, your Master proclaim,**
and publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, Almighty to save;
and still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

Confession & Absolution

We say sorry for the wrong we have done against God,
the whole world, and our neighbor.
Let us call to mind our sins
and the sins of our society in the misuse of God's creation.

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Minister declares God's forgiveness

May the God of Love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Collect for Creationtide

We pray together

God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,
you created humankind in your own image
and entrusted the whole world to human care:
give us grace to serve you faithfully,
that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READING Romans 13.8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Hymn **SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God**
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Gospel reading: Matthew 18.15-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour

'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."

If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.
For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We stand to affirm our faith together:

We believe and trust
in God the Father
who made the world.

We believe and trust
in his Son, Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world.

We believe and trust
in the Holy Spirit who gives life
to the people of God.
Amen

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYERS FOR TODAY

PEACE

Please stand as we share together

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

People of God walk in the Spirit

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn **LOVE DIVINE, all loves excelling,**
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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

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,
Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Source of life and immortality,
Whom the heavens praise,
the sun and moon and all the stars,
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

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 all creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit
Who first moved over the waters,
you renew your creation,
and call us to new birth,
in a world restored by love.

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,
existing beyond time, present at creation.

Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world,
and bring your saving work to its completion.
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.

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited to the table to receive
God's gift of love in bread and wine

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all that is,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence
for all that you give us, making us generous
and wise stewards of your creation. Amen.

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful disciples of Christ,
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,
and seeking justice and peace for all of creation,
go with the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
Amen

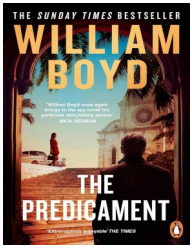
Hymn **GOD FORGAVE MY SIN in Jesus' name,**
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.

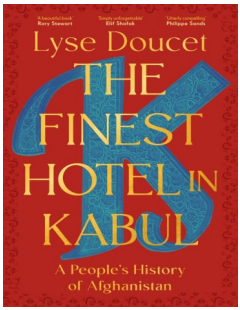
Dismissal

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



BOOK CLUB AUGUST 2026

We have just finished "The Predicament" by William Boyd. This was the second instalment of a trilogy (last instalment out this Autumn) of the reluctant spy Gabriel Dax. He is a travel writer who is drawn into the world of MI5 through his on/off affair with its female chief but he has to pretend to be a double agent for the Russians as well. Through a rather convoluted story, he goes from London to the Cotswolds, Guatemala to Berlin. He has to learn to defend himself physically, to lose himself from stalkers, as well as to cope with his own psychological issues, all the while gathering information for his next book on rivers. However, this is a page turner as you rush to find out, like Dax, where all the pieces fit and the climax is thrilling!



We change pace somewhat for our next book –
"The finest hotel in Kabul" by Lyse Doucet
who was a war correspondent in Afghanistan for the BBC.

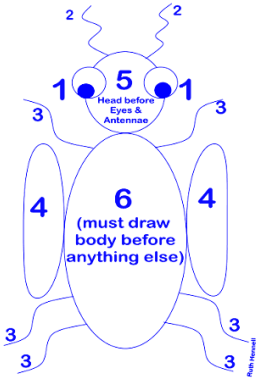
We meet next on Friday 30th October
at 7.30 in St. Mary's. All are welcome.

VICKI CLARK

PS. The first part of Gabriel Dax's story is called Gabriel's Moon for those wishing to meet him before "The Predicament".

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

Just a wee reminder to ask you to consider donating to this years appeal. You can fill your own shoe box or donate goods to fill a box. We will be organising a few "Packing Days" in October. A leaflet of suggested items to include in a Shoebox can be found at the Welcome Desk.



Beetle Drive

Saturday 19th September
7pm at St Leonard's

Join us for an evening of fun, frustration & fellowship
with Home baking and Refreshments
ALL WELCOME



MESSY CHURCH

We are looking forward to our next Messy
on Saturday 26th September
4-6pm at St Mary's

Messy Church is open to everyone to come along and explore a biblical story or theme through crafts, story and song.

Ending with the offer a free meal for us all to enjoy together.



Wednesday Worship 10am

An oasis in the middle of the week for prayer, song, reflection and communion with God and one another.

Join us at St Leonard's from 10am

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