

connect

30th August 2026, St Leonard's

a celebration of Communion,
adapted from the Iona Community

WELCOME

We will light a light in the name of the Maker,
Who lit the world and breathed the breath of life into us.

We will light a light in the name of the Son,
Who saved the world and stretched out his hand in love to us.

We will light a light in the name of the Spirit,
Who encompasses the world and blesses our souls with yearning.

We will light three lights for the Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us:
The Beginning, the End, the Everlasting One,
The One God who journeys with us
Through all the seasons of life. Amen.

SONG: 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.

Confession and Gathering Prayer

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, assured of your great love for us,
we confess that we have often wandered
from the path we are called to follow.

And so, we ask you to gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching,
the young and the old, the stranger and the friend.

Forgive us and heal us, strengthen and renew us
For we are one family with Christ Jesus as our head.

Collect

Author and Giver of all good things,
renew in our hearts the love of your name,
increase our faith, nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A reading from Romans 12.9-18

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
Live in harmony with one another.
Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil.
Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.
If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

SONG: SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Gospel reading: Matthew 16.21-28

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

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'

Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

Sermon

Intercessions

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you
Let us share his peace

SONG: **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

Invitation to table

This is the table not of the church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him
and for those who want to love him more.
So come you who have much faith and you who have little
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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

It is right to praise you, faithful God!
You answer sin with grace and mercy;
you guide our wayward steps toward our heavenly home.

You offer healing for the broken, safety for the poor,
belonging for the outcast,
strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in times of sorrow,
your mercy even in death.
All your people see your works;
and join with the angels and saints in your praise

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord Jesus we remember your journey to the cross
And the night on which you were betrayed
While at supper with your friends
You took bread and gave thanks
You broke the bread and gave it to them saying

"**This is my body broken for you**
Do this in remembrance of me"

Later at that same meal you took wine
and having given thanks for the wine
you passed it to your friends and said

"**This cup is the cup of the new covenant**
sealed with my blood, drink this in memory of me."

So now following your example Lord
we take this bread and this wine,
the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.

As you gave thanks
we too offer our prayer of thanksgiving.

For this time and this place
We thank you Lord

For those who gather with us
We thank you Lord

For this bread and this wine
We thank you Lord

For your life and teaching
We thank you Lord

For your passion and crucifixion
We thank you Lord

For your death and glorious resurrection
We thank you Lord

Lord Jesus Christ by your Spirit,
present with us now.
rekindle in us the fire of your love
and be on these gifts of bread and wine.
That they may be to us your body and blood,
healing, forgiving and making us whole.
So that we may be your witnesses,
your living body loving and serving you
through loving and serving those around us.

The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread and Wine

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.

All are welcome to receive God's gift of his bread and wine
as they are brought round to your table.

Closing response

The bread
We have eaten in memory of you

The wine
We have drunk for the forgiveness of our sins

The cross
We shall carry until our journey's end

The pain
We shall bear with you by our side

The joy
We shall share with those we journey with

The Gospel
We shall live to the glory of your name

Your love
We shall cherish and freely share to show that we are yours

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord go with you, wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
And the blessing of God almighty.
The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Be upon you and those you love, now and forever,
Amen.

SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND

He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Dismissal

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

We invite you to join with us
for a time of fellowship and refreshments

Coffee at Mary`s

Swap Shop and Coffee

Swap not Shop

St Mary's Dalkeith in Country Park

Saturday 5th September 10.30am -12noon

This month's theme: Swapper's choice



For this swap bring along to the table anything in good condition that you no longer need but someone else may be able to use.



Unfortunately, we cannot accept any electrical items, books or large items.



Hope you can manage along for some swapping fun and enjoy some conversation with other swappers over a coffee. There is no obligation to bring anything simply come along and give swapping a try.



MESSY CHURCH - we are looking forward to exploring and starting the Autumn term of our Messy Church Adventure.

We are holding a planning meeting on **Tuesday 1st September 7.30pm at the Rectory**.

All who are interested in helping us launch the Autumn term are welcome as we reflect on the past years and look forward to what's next.



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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