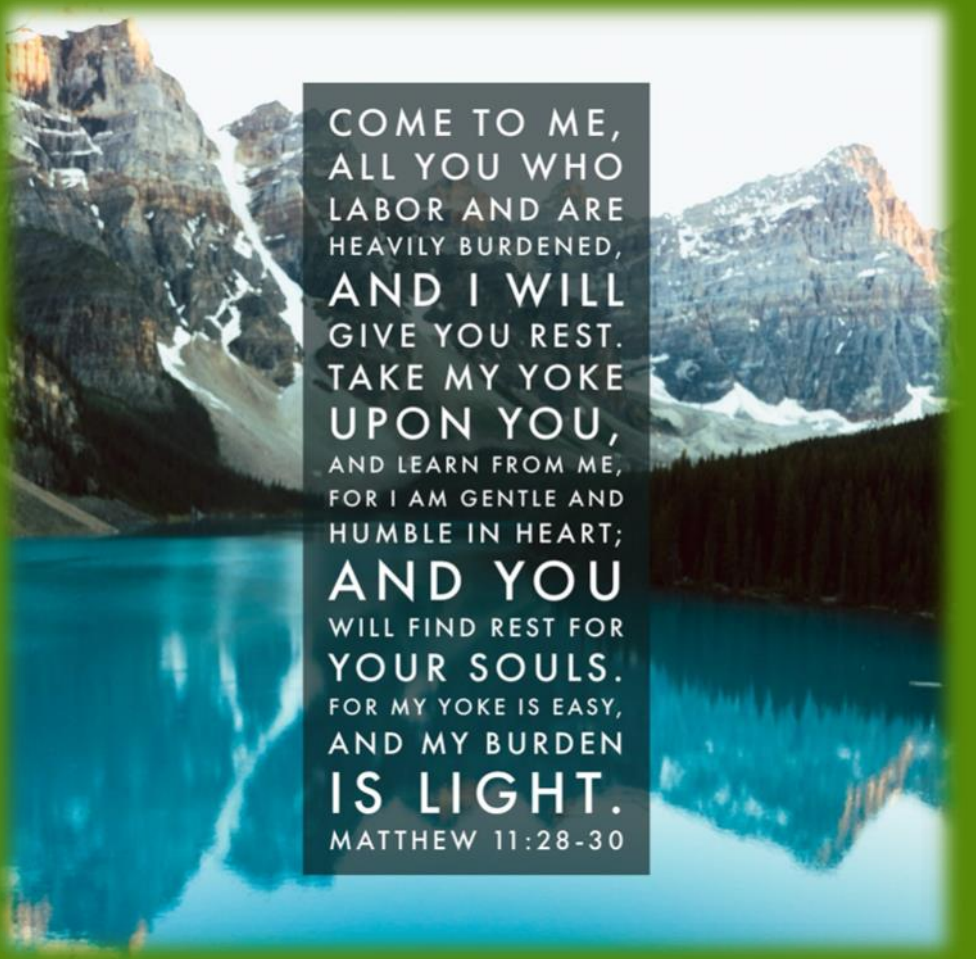

Connect

St Leonard's & St Mary's

Connecting with God, connecting with each other!

Sunday 5th July 2026

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God,
the Father and from his Son Christ Jesus, our Lord,
in whom we rejoice by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.
Amen

let us pray:

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 **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.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light!

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!

Prayer of Confession

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Therefore 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

The Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gloria **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo**
Gloria, gloria alleluia, alleluia!

Reading from Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing.

Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Hymn **I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY:**
'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done.

The Gospel We read from Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others: '"We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn **LORD OF LIFE WE COME TO YOU;**
Lord of all, our Saviour be;
come to bless and to heal
with the light of your love.

Through the days of doubt and toil,
in our joy and in our pain,
guide our steps in your way,
make us one in your love.

Intercessions for today

The Peace

We meet in the name of the prince of peace.
Let us share God's peace.

Peace be with you
and also with you

Hymn **JUDGE ETERNAL, THRONED IN SPLENDOUR,**
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things;
comfort all its wide dominion
with the healing of your wings.

Weary people still are longing
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clamour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the countryside and woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O Lord, your own endeavour,
cleave our darkness with your sword,
cheer the faint and feed the hungry
with the richness of your word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

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. Amen

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.

Worship and praise belong to you Father
in every place and at all times.
You made us, and all the people of the world
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

As citizens of heaven,
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.

Father you never forget us
or turn away from us even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us.
He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.
For on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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.'

So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died
and rose again for us.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on us
and upon this bread and wine;
that they may be the
Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company
to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing at this time.

Prayer after Communion

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

O God, may we who have shared in holy things
never fail to serve you in your world,
and so come to the fullness of joy,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn **I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES;**
what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Dismissal

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

Please do join with us in the hall
for refreshments
served at the close of the service

Next Sunday 12th July
Joint Service at St Mary's
10am
All Welcome



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A message from our Social Committee



Summer Celebration

Saturday 25th July
1-4pm at St Leonard's

The above event is being organised by the social committee partly in celebration of the recent reordering at St Leonard's, however it must be emphasised that this is still a joint venture between our two churches in lieu of the summer fair which was replaced this year by a very successful car boot sale.

We are delighted to welcome to the event Bishop Dagmar and it will be one of her first events within the diocese, we are asking therefore for each and every member of our congregations to dig deep in order to support the event and make it a success, and to extend to the bishop a warm welcome. She will open the event at one o'clock with a prayer of blessing for the two churches and then share in the fun of the day

Latterly the committee have tried not to impose too much in asking for donations and help as we appreciate this can sometimes become a bit tedious, however on this occasion it is just a little bit too much for us to embrace alone therefore we kindly request your support.

Listed below are some lists of what we need and we invite you add your name where you feel happy and able to contribute. The list is not exhaustive and suggestions or other ideas are welcome.

Sign up sheets will be made available at both churches for you to indicate your contribution and participation to this event :

Refreshments: We will be offering a finger food buffet with a charge of £5.00 so looking for things like quiche, sausage rolls, sandwiches, vol-au-vents, picky bits, Charcuterie boards, Home baking, Biscuits

Cake & Candy: All types of home baking, tablet, jams, chutneys etc

Plants: All and any types of plants or garden accoutrements

Tombola: Anything suitable for a tombola stall

Bottle Stall: Anything in a bottle

Volunteers: There is always lots of manual labour needed on the day to set up and clear up, please consider helping

Drinks Stall: Help with teas/coffees, help to man a stall,

Games: Help with organising games and children's activities

Entertainment: Don't hide your talent under a bushel if you can sing, play an instrument etc and willing to perform for approx 20 minutes please let us know!

Please Note:

We appreciate parking on the day might be an issue therefore we will cone off access at the church entrance to create a for drop off/collection point. We encourage you to use on-stree parking in the various side streets of Dobbies Rd or consider dropping of your passengers and then parking free at Lasswade High School which is about a 10 minute walk away, please as always be considerate of our neighbours when you park your vehicle!

We do pray for good weather, a good turn out and hope you will join us and the fellowship of our congregations in making the event the success it can be for both churches and the local community!

Thankyou,
on behalf of the social committee
Alison Bruce

For further information please speak to your committee members
St Leonard's Trisha, Liz, Alison.
St Mary's Anne, Rebecca B-H, Margaret

As with all our current social events funds raised will be split between the two churches general funds.



SEC 'incredibly valued' says Secretary General of Anglican Communion

The secretary-general of the Anglican Communion, the Rt Revd Anthony Poggo, attended the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, he said. "The SEC shows "the historic diversity of theAnglican tradition" and has "helped to break free of colonial ways of thinking".

Bishop Poggo became the first general secretary in 21 years to attend the Scottish Episcopal General Synod which was held on the 11-13th June. In his address on Saturday, he said that the SEC was "an incredibly valued" member of the Anglican Communion. "I see how you are living out the mission of Christ in your Province, and I commend the work that you are doing," he said. "You have contributed a different kind of Anglicanism to the Anglican Communion. One of the things I have found is that it is possible to be Anglican without being historically tied to the British establishment and to the British Empire. You show the historic diversity of the Anglican tradition, and have helped to break free of colonial ways of thinking.

"Anglicanism in the British Isles is stronger for having the diversity of traditions that you have, going back to ancient Celtic and Irish roots as well as to Augustine's mission to Kent in 597. Your role in consecrating the first American Episcopal bishop is an important historic contribution to the foundation of what is now the Episcopal Church, and, by extension, the Anglican Communion."

At the invitation of the Primus of the SEC, the Most Revd Mark Strange, Bishop Poggo, who is originally from South Sudan, attended the whole Synod, which began on Thursday at the Stirling Court Hotel. He was among delegates and members who had heard discussions about a new provincial strategy, liturgies, mission, net zero, and, on Friday, the Church's exploration of the legacy of slavery.

A slavery legacy working group had been established to look into the SEC's links to the transatlantic slave industry, and, in an update, the Primus told members that the Church should be able to ask questions "so that it could answer those questions asked of us" and take some responsibility for the legacy of slavery. "This is not a blame game," he said. "This is gaining knowledge to allow us to acknowledge our past, share these with our brothers and sisters across the Communion, and stand tall when we are called upon to stand alongside those persecuted because of the colour of their skin." The Revd Aaron Moffat-Jackman, who chairs the working group, gave a summary of the group's work, which included understanding the Church's historic connections to slavery; considering how relationships may be repaired; and discerning a "faithful" response. He explained that this involved researching evidence of the Church's links to slavery, and listening in conversations across the Anglican Church. The Synod then heard from Dr Simon Buck, who had been hired by the SEC for 12 months to research the history of the Church's links to the transatlantic slave trade. Dr Buck is five months into his work, and discussed his findings so far.

On Friday, the new Bishop of Edinburgh, the Rt Revd Dagmar Winter, led her first session at the Synod since her installation at the end of May. She began with a presentation from the provincial environment group, which indicated that the focus of their work would shift from concentrating on net zero carbon emissions, to the broader themes of carbon reduction biodiversity, pollution, and theological development on creation.

On Friday, Canon Sophia Marriage (Edinburgh) put forward a motion calling for the idea proposed by the Youth Committee to be taken forward that Youth representatives to synod should be allowed the dignity of having not only a voice at synod but a vote, and, on Saturday, members debated an amended motion that stated: "This Synod requests the Faith and Order Board to instruct the Committee on Canons in consultation with the Provincial Youth Committee to prepare proposals for the 2027 General Synod for the amendment of the Canons to admit elected youth members, as full members of the Synod representing each of the dioceses, and to design a mechanism for their election."

All in all it was a good and productive Synod attended on your behalf by Vicki Clark and Rev Peter Harris.

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