


# Connect

*St Leonard's & St Mary's*

*Connecting with God, connecting with each other!*

***Sunday 12th July 2026***

**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.*

**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** **AND CAN IT BE that I should gain**
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

**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. Amen**

**Reading from** Romans 8.1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

**Hymn** **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 fulfill 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 pow'r 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.

**The Gospel** We read from Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop, a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

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

**Sermon**

**A declaration of faith**

As the body of Christ we declare our faith together

**We believe in God the Father,**
**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named**
**We believe in God the Son,**
**who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love**
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**
**who strengthens us with power from on high**
**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
**Amen.**

**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** **HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,**
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

**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**

**Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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** **GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH,**
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

**Dismissal**

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

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

*Sunday 19th July 2026*
*Services resume at both churches 10am*
*All Welcome*



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# 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."

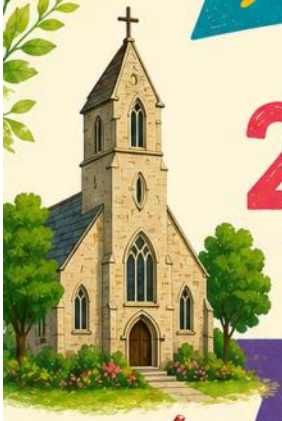
All in all it was a good and productive Synod attended on your behalf by Vicki Clark and Rev Peter Harris.

# A SUMMER celebration

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

## SATURDAY 25TH JULY

## 1-4PM



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AND MORE!

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