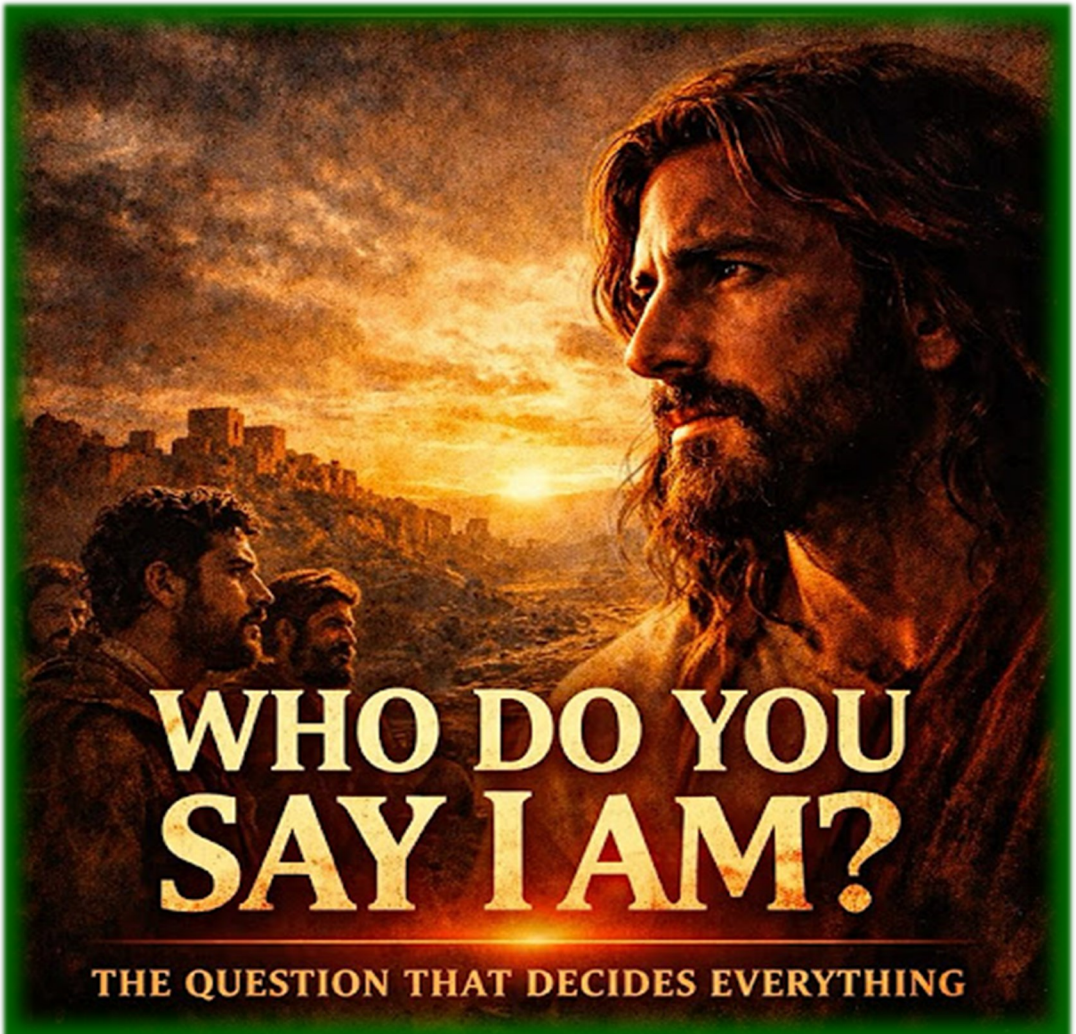

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The Scottish Episcopal Churches of

St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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.

This is the day that the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn **ALL HEAVEN DECLARES the glory of the risen Lord.**
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain
To reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship You alone.

AS WE ARE GATHERED Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.
Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Heavenly loving 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.

Collect of the day

We pray together

Almighty God, we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading from Romans 12.1-8

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Hymn **FOR I'M BUILDING A PEOPLE OF POWER,**
And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by My Spirit,
And will glorify My precious name.

Build Your church, Lord, make us strong, Lord,
Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son.
Make us one, Lord, in Your Body,
In the kingdom of Your Son.

THIS IS THE DAY, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

Gospel Matthew 16.13-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions

Peace

We meet in the name of the Prince of Peace

Let us share His peace.

Hymn **JESUS, STAND AMONG US**

At the meeting of our lives;
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering
Out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us
At the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body
As we worship You, our Head.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

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 I

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 him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
Father, in every place and at all times.
All power is yours.
You created the heavens
and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

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 his 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.

The 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 has taught us, so we pray:

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is welcomed at our table to receive the Bread and Wine
of God's love and invitation to us to come

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 **BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,**
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true child;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might;
Be my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's Son;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still bethou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal

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

Fellowship

Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments at the end of the service





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

St Leonard's Gardening Days

Our garden is looking beautiful once again and to keep it in a good condition the following garden days have been chosen

Saturday August 29th
Saturday September 19th
Saturday October 17th

We are planning to plant purple Crocuses in October and welcome your help and any donations.
yours with thanks the Garden Committee



AUGUST 22 Craigie Hotel

AFTERNOON TEA

The Craigie Hotel, Perthcur
Cost £26 or £32 with Prosecco. Sign up & pay £5 deposit to guarantee your space.

SEPT 19 St Leonard's

BEETLE DRIVE

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

OCT 03 St Leonard's

HARVEST SUPPER

An evening of food and entertainment. Bring and share supper with some homegrown entertainment.

NOV 14

TENPIN BOWLING

Details tbc nearer the time. watch out for the sign up sheet.

DEC 05 St Mary's

CHRISTMAS FAIR

10am with our usual mix of stalls and fun

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