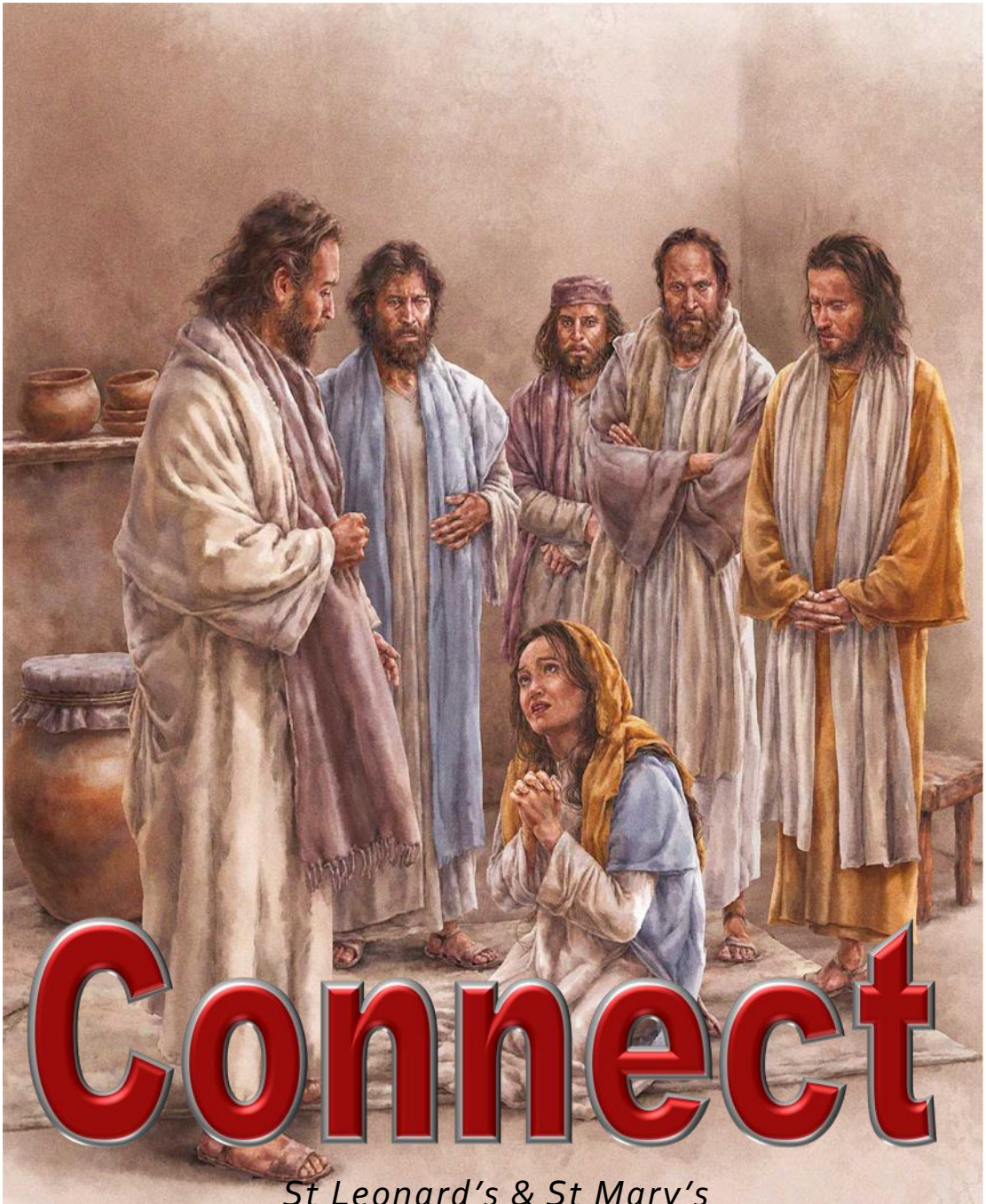

Connect

St Leonard's & St Mary's

Connecting with God, connecting with each other!

Sunday 16th August 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 **THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil, and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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 broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 11,29-32

God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.
Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God, you have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Hymn **I CANNOT TELL why He, whom angels worship,**
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross wasbroken,
The crown of pain to three-and-thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurkingfear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy-laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour,
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

The Gospel Matthew 15.21-28

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

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said. He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

Sermon

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 **LORD JESUS CHRIST, You have come to us,**
You are one with us, Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring Your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for You we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of You:
Into our lives Your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, we would come to You,
Live our lives for You, Son of God.
All Your commands we know are true,
Your many gifts will make us new,
Into our lives Your power breaks through,
Living 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 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.
You made us, all the people of the world and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds.
Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.
Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.
One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we laugh with the saints and angels
who sing their joyful song:

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 to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this 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

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,
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 TELL OUT, MY SOUL, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name—the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

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

Fellowship



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

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



Shoe Box Appeal 2026

getting ready for November

Now is the time to start planning your box for this year Shoe Box Appeal. Empty flat packet shoeboxes are available at both churches.

We are also planning to have a couple of Box Packing Days later in the year. If you are not able to fill a shoebox yourself, you can still bring warmth, joy and hope this Christmas by sponsoring a shoebox or help by providing items like toiletries, stationery, and clothing like hats and gloves or even wrapping paper then please bring these to church and place them in the Shoebox Donations Box. An information items list is also available.

Thank You.

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