



**St Mary's &
St Leonard's**

Welcome

to St Mary's

*the Church in the Park
Dalkeith Country Park*

Sunday 7th May

4th Sunday of Easter

Serving the community as we love and serve the Lord

We warmly welcome you as we gather here today for our service of worship and fellowship together.

I found it interesting this week while preparing for this service to discover that some of the earliest images used in Christian art are not that of Jesus sacrifice on the cross but the image of the "Good Shepherd". It was actually a few hundred years after the resurrection of Jesus that the church and Christian art began using the "Crucified One" as the main image of our faith. Nevertheless, the image of the Good Shepherd is still a powerful one full of meaning and depth for us today.

The image of Israel's leader as a shepherd is ancient. 2 Samuel 7.4-9 acknowledges that David was a shepherd. Isaiah 40.11 informs us that the Messiah, 'will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms.' However, the rulers of Israel are often described as bad or false shepherds as in Ezekiel 34.1-10. In response, God says that he himself will be their shepherd and later in that same passage that he will be our saviour (v.22), and will set a shepherd over us. All of this background reading feeds into today's Gospel.

Ultimately the Good Shepherd watches over the full life of His Sheep and brings lambs into life, gives them life and journeys with them through life. Even through the dark valley of death on into eternal life. Jesus comes to offer us life, a full life, a life with a purpose and meaning, to be lived out to the full. Will you accept his call to come and follow Him?

Peter



***I am the gate;
whoever enters through me will be saved.
I have come that you may have life.***

Welcome

Collect for Purity

Hymn 420 Praise Him, Praise Him!

Confession & Absolution

Gloria 161 Peruvian Gloria

Collect

**O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work
to do your will, and work in us that
which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Reading from Acts 2: 42-47

Hymn The Lord's my Shepherd

Gospel Reading John 10: 1-10

Sermon

Prayers for Today

Peace

Hymn 375 O let the Son of God enfold you

Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer after Communion

**God of steadfast love, watch over the
Church redeemed by the blood of your
Son. May we who share in these holy
mysteries come safely to your eternal
kingdom, where there is one flock and
one shepherd. We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

Blessing

*The God of peace, who brought again from
the dead our Lord Jesus, that great
shepherd of the sheep, through the blood
of the eternal covenant, make you perfect
in every good work to do his will, working in
you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.*

Hymn 40 Amazing Grace!

Dismissal

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.



Christian Aid Week 14-20 May

we will have a retiring collection at both Churches on Sunday's 14th & 21st of May and welcome your donations to this years Christian Aid Appeal.

If you are able we also encourage you to give by Gift Aid by filling in an envelope
find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk

Lyle Cornet - update



In the Church Magazine there is a page dedicated to Lyle and his struggle with cancer and the hope to raise £60,000 to help towards giving him a bedroom and wet-room. With thanks to all who have given Lyle's fund now stands at £40,000 so we are nearly there. Every little helps!!! Lyle was baptised at St Mary's and has connections with Janina Short and other members of both churches so there family are aware that we are holding them in our prayers.

If you can give a little or more if your able then please place your donations in the LYLE CORNET donations box at the welcome desk.

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St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151

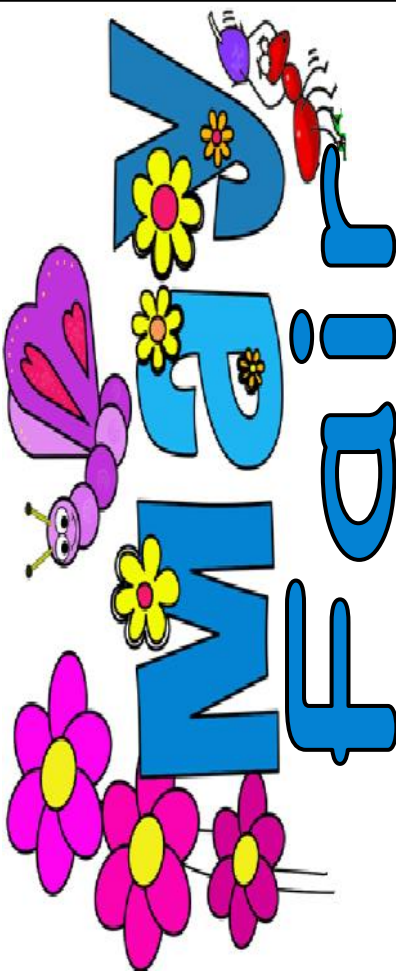
St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677



Confirmation Service
10am Sunday 21st May
at St Mary's

St Leonard's Church

Dobbies Rd, Bonnyrigg & Lasswade



Saturday 13th May 12 noon-4pm

Craft Stalls, Tombola, Home baking, Books,
Refreshments, Toys, Games, & BBQ



Dates for the Diary

Messy Mary's meets from 4pm- 6pm
on the **Saturday** May 27th

Messy Lennie's meets from 4pm - 6pm
on the **Wednesday** May 31st

*All Welcome - so sign up and find out more
by visiting the church Websites.*

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