

The Link

Magazine of St Leonard's & St Mary's June 2016



THINK PRAY

VOTE

A Rector's EU Muse or Maze

It is often said that you shouldn't mix Religion with Politics! Of course I disagree, for both are about our belief systems, and what we believe influences and shapes policy and the communities we live in and serve.

As Rector I will not tell you which way to vote for that is your right and hopefully your own conscious decision. However, as a Christian wanting to seek and know God's will I often do wonder what is the Christian response to this or that debate. The current debate on the European Union again flags up the difficulty or struggle we sometimes have in responding to what in effect actually maybe a decision between two good possibilities rather than a clear right or wrong situation.

One of the key areas of discussion is about "Sovereignty", however for the Christian we need to remember that our hope and trust is in a sovereign God. If we accept that God's power is universal then our starting concept of sovereignty should be one that transcends national borders. All other sovereignties exist under, and are subject to, the divine sovereignty Jesus Christ. One day every knee will bow.

But when should nations or individuals surrender a degree of self-determination in order to cooperate? And when should they preserve their individuality in order to meet their own needs more acutely? Certain passages within the Bible suggest that God wants us to live together in unity but our individual diversity is also valued, as we read in 1 Corinthians 12:19, "If all were a single member, where would the body be?" There are no easy answers so let us to pray, reflect and vote seeking that God's will be known. The prayer below maybe useful

*Loving God, In the referendum that lies before us,
in the challenge of seeking an answer,
in our differences of opinion, in our need to understand,
may you guide us in our decisions,
make us gracious in our disagreement,
and may we join you to work for the building of your kingdom
rather than our own. Amen*

Think, Pray, Vote: EU referendum resources for churches



<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/issues/eu-referendum/>

For a more fuller discussion on various EU in or out topics and our Christian response please do visit the "Joint Public Issues" web site. This site is a joint endeavour by Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed and the Church of Scotland. It is designed to help church members to be better informed and consider what a Biblical response or even responses may be to current public issues not just the EU debate.

Working for justice and peace and the integrity of creation, being a prophetic voice, and enabling people to be active disciples of Jesus Christ are vital elements of the life and mission of the church.

Through raising awareness of Political issues the site encourages us to pray and campaigning against legislative changes which will disproportionately harm the poorest in society, and campaigning against levels of inequality which harm all in society. These are some of the most important issues in society today where the Church's voice and energies need to be heard and felt.

As disciples of Jesus today we are not called to be silent and sit on the side-lines of society just waiting on the end. We are called to be people of the Sovereign King and ambassadors of the Kingdom. That means thoughtfully praying over issues and engaging with the community around us, whom we are called to love and serve in Christ name.

with love and prayer Peter



DISCOVER SPRING HARVEST 2017

Minehead wk1 4-8 April, Wk2 8-13 April or Skegness 10-14 April

What is Spring Harvest?: Spring Harvest aims to create space for all people of all ages to encounter God, to be confident in their faith and to see transformation in lives and communities. It's a mix of Festival, Conference and Holiday drawing together 100's of churches and thousands of people celebrating and learning together.

Bible truth and Holy Spirit power: Our twin priorities are to deliver excellent Bible teaching and seek God's presence through Spirit-led worship. Top Bible scholars will help us better understand God's word – and gifted lead worshippers will help us honour and draw near to our holy God.

From toddlers to seniors: All ages and abilities can learn in their own way, the event theme runs across the whole age spectrum and throughout the day. Offering top quality content in children's and youth programmes and provision for Seniors and people with disabilities and additional needs

Holiday time: Whether it's on the beach, in Splash Waterworld, at the fairground or an All-age Celebration, enjoy quality time with family and friends. Your Butlins accommodation will be clean and well-maintained - choose a simple low-cost room or a spacious apartment the choice is yours.

Interested - Find Out More

Sunday 26th June Spring Harvest Meeting 4pm
Open house at the Rectory come along and learn a little more about
Spring Harvest and our plans for 2017





Why Start a Messy Church?

- We want to share the love of God that is as accessible to families.
- We want to model who Jesus is and to share his story.
- We believe that although life can be messy, God wants to meet with us.
- We believe church is for all and so work to welcome people of all ages
- We want to get together for fun, storytelling, creativity and food.
- We want to offer a different kind of church alongside what we do already.

Churches traditionally focus on Sunday mornings as their main worship but in a busy week it is often difficult for families to commit to Sunday mornings. We warmly welcome them when they do come, but sadly at times our normal Sunday services struggles to accommodate a wide mix of needs without some form of Children's provision.

Our popular (Messy) Christmas Christingle at St Mary's illustrates that when we offer something different families do engage with the church. Messy Church could provide us with a new opportunity for families in the community to come and play and learn together as they explore a Bible theme or Gospel story and make a mess together.

It will be neither clean nor perfect – it WILL be messy but hopefully a joyful creative mess - as we learn together new ways to look at what God is doing and to join in.

How can you Help: We need a team of volunteers and at least 6 people willing to take on this new monthly venture starting we hope this autumn. If you feel you can help, then please let Vicki 660 6681 know and come along to our information and planning evening at Vicki Clark's (10 Glebe St., Dalkeith EH22 1JG) on Wednesday, June 29th at 7pm.



St Leonard's MAYFAIR THANK YOU

As in previous years, the congregation pulled out all the stops and we had a great day on May 14th! The sun shone and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We only received one complaint from Peter, our Rector, who noted that while everyone else

was enjoying the sun and fun he ended up soaked in a freak downpour!

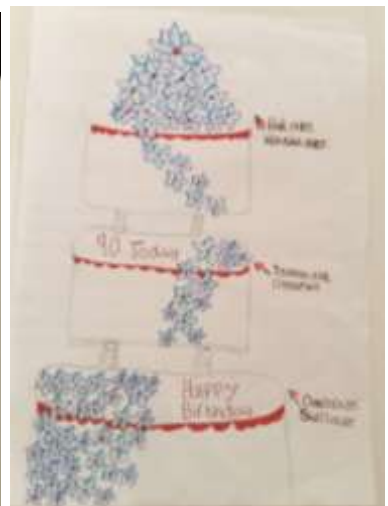
Our thanks go to all those who manned and wo-manned the stalls, served teas, pinned up and judged the posters, set up the night before and cleared away after, spent their pennies and counted the money (we made ~£1200)!

Special thanks to Short's garage for providing us with a van to help move BBQ's and Tables etc and a thankyou to Fiona for her wonderful administration and publishing skills. She made the advertising posters, and Art Competition flyers, ran around the schools with them, and collected the posters and delivered the prizes too. We had over 90 entries across the age ranges - well done to all.

The three winners are pictured here

Thank you from
Vicki and Ian

*(and thank you to
them too for a
wonderful day. ED)*





TWIDDLEMUFFS/ FOOTERMUFFS

Muffs may be a thing of the past but the older generation remember them as effective hand warmers for those snowy days and they were a great fashion accessory too!

A Twiddlemuff (or footermuff as Peter calls them to give them a Scottish twiddle) is a simple muff but with bits and bobs added e.g. buttons, bells, wool, lace, nuts and bolts, zips, ribbons, beads etc.

It has been found that many people with dementia like to twiddle or footer with their hands, touching and stroking material, fastening and unfastening zips and buttons etc. Having a Footermuff offers individuals a safe option to footer with. The muff helps calm them down and can keep them occupied for a while. People like the feel and sight of them, and so they are becoming very popular that there is a growing need and desire for them out there in the community.

We are hoping to start a Footermuff –making group or even groups. Not only will this result in providing some residents in local care-homes with a new tool to make them calmer and less anxious, it will also provide a fellowship for the members of the congregation (male and female), old and young, knitters of great or little experience. As you can see from the picture, the basic stitch is stocking stitch. What could be simpler? A cuppa and cake could be provided also! So go in the attic and find those needles, wool and bits and bobs! If you don't have wool or needles don't worry come along and we will provide some.

Vicki Clark

Wednesday, June 15th at 2pm
Elizabeth Jones' 255 Carnethie St Rosewell EH24 9DR
Please ask if you need a lift



Lectionary Readings June

The lectionary list is provided for those who are preparing to read and lead in church for the main Sunday Service. However, this list is also for all of us to be prepared for worship each Sunday.

We encourage you to use it and to consider what the passages may mean to us as we seek God and open ourselves to hear from him before we hear the sermon and what the preacher thinks.

Please note that from time to time as the preacher prepares they may take the opportunity to change the reading to reflect or underline a point in the sermon that they feel the Spirit of God is leading them too. We will try and let those who are reading know what changes have been made in advance of the Sunday.

If you would like to try Reading or Leading Prayers in Church please do speak one of the Clergy. We are happy to support and guide you.

Sunday 5th June Third Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 1.11-24 Luke 7.11-17

Sun 12th June Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 2.15–end Luke 7.36—8.3

Sun 19th June Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 3.23–end Luke 8.26–39

Sun 26th June Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

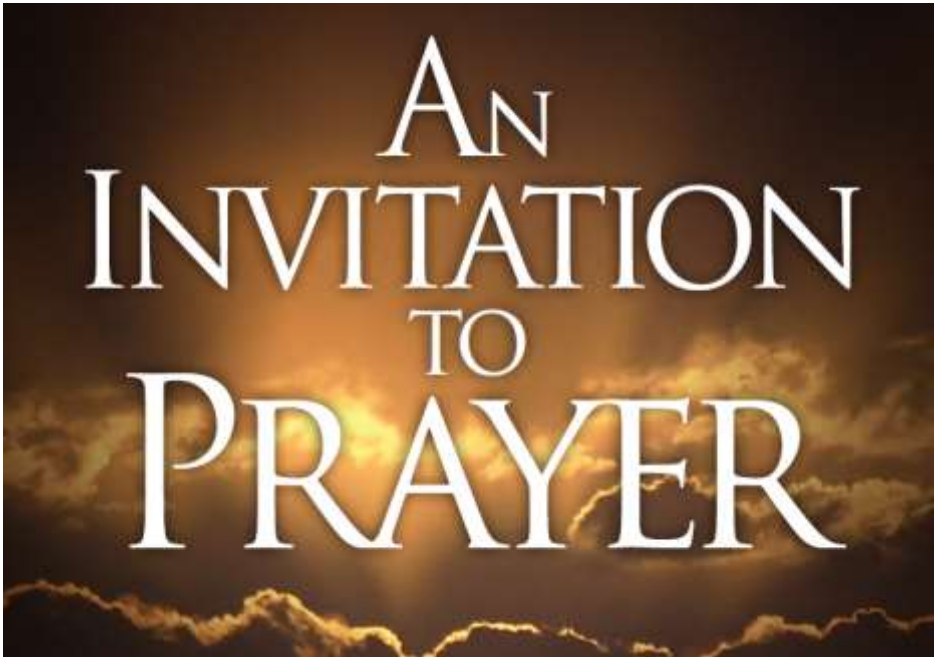
Galatians 5.1, 13–25 Luke 9.51–end

Sunday 3rd July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 6.[1–6] 7–16 Luke 10.1–11, 16–20

St Leonard's and St Mary's
Prayer Diary

June 2016



We hope you will find this prayer sheet a helpful addition to your own prayer life. You can pull it out from the Magazine if that would help too.

Please also let us know how you use the Prayer Diary and if there is anything you would like us to add or change or prayers answered that you would like to share.

A prayer to start the day



O Lord, you are in charge of everything that will happen to me today, the good and the bad, the happy and the sad, the positive and the negative. Please make me thankful for everything that happens in my life today. Amen.

Specific things to pray for this month

Some prayers from the faith in action pages on the Scottish Episcopal Church website. In June, we are asked to pray for peace and justice.

Give us, Lord God, a vision of our world as your love would make it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different ethnic groups, nations and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love; And give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



You continue to call us to work for peace. Our world is broken and wounded by injustice, violence and indifference. Alone, we would be overwhelmed by the challenges that face us. But together, supported by your Spirit, we can do more than any one of us can dream or imagine.

Love of Jesus, fill me, Joy of Jesus, surprise me, Peace of Jesus, flood me, Light of Jesus, transform me, Touch of Jesus, warm me, Strength of Jesus, encourage me. O Saviour, in your agony, forgive me, in your wounds, hide me, and in your risen life take me with you, for love of you and of your world.

You may also wish to pray for the work of organisations such as Amnesty International and the Trade Justice Movement

'Standing Orders' – things you may want to pray for and/or give thanks for all the time

Peter, Jennie, Elizabeth and Bill and all that they do for us. Also for their families. Jacqui and all others currently training for ordination. Ask God to continue to bless and encourage them. Members of the Vestries.

Your family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours and also St Leonard's

and St Mary's church family and all the groups associated with our two churches. Give thanks for the folk who carry out so many tasks in our churches – cleaning, flower-arranging, hosting coffee mornings, running and provisioning the baking stall. Also all who help each Sunday - musicians, readers, intercessors, sidesfolk, running Sunday School, making coffee and tea.

For all Christians to grow in faith.

Those who are to be married or baptised at this time and their families.

David and Shelley Stokes, our mission partners in Argentina.

The work of Scripture Union locally.

Young folk and all who work with them, in education or other places.

Those you know who have short or long term illness or disability

Those whom you know about to undergo surgery and all who are recovering from illness or surgical procedures.

Older people discouraged by their increasing frailty

Those who are anxious. The lonely and the bereaved.

All who are struggling with mental illness, battling addictions or incurable illnesses. Those in great pain.

Those coming to the end of their earthly lives.

All who are suffering persecution, exploitation and abuse.

All who are finding life tough just now, including all who are facing major changes in their circumstances and all who are struggling with personal relationships that they may find resolution and healing.

All who are being persecuted for their Christian faith.

Pray that as you seek forgiveness for your own sins, God will help you to forgive those who have sinned against you. Give thanks for the world and all its riches and all that God has blessed us with.

Pray that the fruits of the Holy Spirit will grow within us: gentleness, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control.. Ask God to help you stand firm in faith with him, and to show you how you can work for his kingdom and how you can grow in faith and the way you honour him in every aspect of your life.



Prayers Answered

Give thanks for prayers answered and for all the good things that have happened for you, your family, friends and neighbours.

This space is for you to write your own prayers and concerns

Please remember that you can add your prayer requests to the Prayer Diary at St Mary's or add them to the Prayer Tree at St Leonard's. Please also update us on answered prayer as we believe God is at work through us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. **Amen**



Join with us on the Last Saturday of each Month for Coffee at St Mary's a time for fellowship and refreshment and the occasional bake stall too.

**Next Meet Sat 25th June
10.30am to 12 Noon**

Help us Host the Russian Choir

We are once again in the planning stages and very much looking forward to our friends from Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir joining us on the 19th of November. To be able to welcome them we need Hosts to put up a choir member for 1 night B&B. There are nine singers so we are on the look out for nine beds for the evening of 19 Nov.

If you are able to help then please speak to David Grieve or another member of the Restoration Committee. Thank You



Fundraising Baking stall

at the Pitcairn Centre Bonnyrigg

Dates for the next stall are as follows: **2nd June & 7th July**

Takings from the bake stall is now in excess of £5668

Happy Baking

Fiona Harris

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However, to help offset the cost of printing we do welcome your Magazine Subscription if you are able. To contribute please place £5 or what you can afford in an envelope and mark it for the Magazine and place in the offering or send to the Church Office. Subscription envelope are also available at the church welcome desk. Thank You - happy reading.



Dalkeith Singers Mozarts Requiem

To a packed St Nicholas Buccleuch Church the Dalkeith Singers performed Mozart's Requiem conducted by Cole Bendall and what a success it was for them. This was the first time they had sung Mozart's Requiem and they really put their hearts into it. A good number of Choir members are also church members so it was good to see them in fine voice.

The visiting soloists. Jillian Bain Christie - soprano, Emily Harrison - mezzo soprano, Joshua Baxter - tenor and Andrew McNeill - baritone were very good but I thought the Dalkeith Singers excelled themselves. I had a very good seat and could see everyone and there were two or three singers who kept drawing me back to watch them - they seemed to be enjoying singing so much. I must also mention the organist who really made the organ almost come alive and I am sure helped the choir make this an evening we shall all remember.

One more thing I must comment on is how smart the choir looked as they walked down the centre aisle of the church. The men in black/grey trousers and crisp white shirts and black bow ties and the ladies in skirts and blouses with new tartan scarves donated by Mr. Kenny Laird.

We all look forward to their next concert, "A Summer Serenade" on June 4th at 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Buccleuch Church, Dalkeith.

St Mary's Spring Fling



We were all looking forward to the Restoration Committees second Spring Fling and we were not disappointed! Our resident Emcee David started the evening off in the time honoured way by telling a few jokes - not bad David and then told us how the evening would proceed.

The first on was Brian McGrail. and his band the "Jazz Romantics" and it was so nice to see Brian as he used to be a member of the congregation before moving house.

I cannot remember the lady singers name but she reminded me very much of Cleo Laine and she sang "I Got Music, Summertime, Love Letters Straight from Your Heart and One Fine Day" plus others.

It was then on to the serious part of the evening - the Buffet! Last year it was good but the Restoration Committee excelled themselves this time and it was superb. Beef, Ham, Turkey. Trout and Salmon and every salad you could think of plus crusty bread and a glass of wine or a soft drink to help wash it down.



To give us time to digest this we had the pleasure of listening to a Ladies Barber Shop Quartet - "Serenity" and they were so good and sang so many songs which took me back to my youth when Saturday Night was always spent dancing at the Youth Club or other venue.

Do you remember, "Don't Take Your Love Away From Me, Breaking Up is Hard To Do, Walking With my Baby, Mr. Sandman, Bring Me a Dream" they sang them all and more.

Now we were ready to tuck in to the desserts which were waiting for us. Pavlova, Cheesecake, Mary Berry's Meringue Tranche, Trifle, Tiramisu, Lemon Meringue Pie". It was difficult to pick which to have but we all managed and there was not a lot left on the table.

We are not quite finished as David then tells us we are going to have a "Sing-a-Long" of Beatles hits with Elizabeth Thomson leading us on the piano and as we all know some, if not all the words of their music, we were able to raise the roof with the sound of our singing.

This was a really enjoyable evening from start to finish and we say a big THANK YOU to the committee for their hard work. See you next year!!!

by Betty Tinley our music and food loving reporter.

St Mary's Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
5th June O: R Donald C: S Blamire R: K Donald I: A Watt M: N Grieve	P Blamire J Fleming	P Elliot C Prior	B Tinley	J Fleming + 1
12th June O: L McEwan C: J Fleming R: S Blamire I: R Donald M: E Stewart	M Thomson E Thomson	Barbara & Nigel Hallworth	B Tinley	J Fleming + 1
19th June O: A Watt C: S Blamire R: P Willis I: J Fleming M: D Law	N & D Grieve	Robin & Kathleen Donald	S Blamire	J Fleming + 1
26th June O: R Donald C: J Fleming R: L McEwan I: C McEwan M:	A Watt C prior	Noreen & David Grieve	S Blamire	J Fleming + 1
3rd July O: A Mackay C: S Blamire R: R Donald I: K Donald M: N Grieve	J Fleming P Blamire	B Tinley J Davis	K Donald	S Blamire P Blamire

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5th June O: N Stewart C: A Bruce R: Mary J I: R Garrod M: V Scott	R Garrod B Poulouse	A Bolan J Strong N Duthie	Marion Lawson	J & T Mooney
12th June O: A Bruce C: V Scott R: P Johnson I: V Clark M: E Stewart	N Fyffe J Forsyth	N Whannell A Cunningham	Marion Lawson	M Kurian B Poulouse
19th June O: T Mooney C: N Stewart R: I Bolan I: N Stewart M: V Scott	A & I Bolan	C Todd A Bruce A Thompson	Jean Mellon	A Mckenzie V Clark
26th June O: V Scott C: V Clark R: Sunday Club I: C Todd M:	J Shannon J Strong	R Simpson A McKenzie B Poulouse	Jean Mellon	J & J Mellon
3rd July O: V Clark C: T Mooney R: S Kemp I: R Garrod M: E Thomson	R Garrod B Poulouse	J Mellon D Reid J Connor	Lesley King	P & M Johnson

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Dobbies Rd Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

Sunday at 11.15am

with Children's Sunday Club

www.stleonardslasswade.org.uk

St Mary 's Church

The church in the park

Dalkeith Country Park High St, Dalkeith

Sunday 9.30am

www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk



More Information and Enquiries:

For more information about each of the churches we invite you to visit the websites of each church, you can also find us on

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GLEN '16

at Glenalmond College, Perthshire



Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Week

24th - 30th July 2016

Glenalmond College,
Perthshire

Want to do something different this summer? Come & join the fun! The Youth Week is open to anyone in secondary education.

Enjoy a week filled with fun, fellowship, learning, and sharing - not to mention the great activities and workshops!

Download an application form, which includes full details, and to read more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/secpyc>

(final deadline 1st June - for early bird and regular prices, see application form)

For more details, please contact your Diocesan Youth Officer, or e-mail The Revd

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