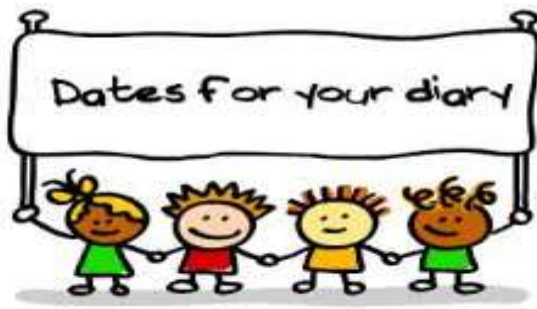


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October 2017



some key dates and events to look out for this Autumn

- 1st October Harvest Celebrations at both churches
- 5th Oct Bake Sale, Pitcairn Centre 10-1pm
- 7th Oct **Coffee at Mary's 10.30am - 12Noon at St Mary's**
- 23rd Oct **St Mary's AGM 6.30pm for tea, 7pm for business**
- 25th Oct **Messy Church at St Leonard's 4-6pm**
- 28th Oct **Messy Church at St Mary's 4-6pm**
- 2nd November Bake Sale, Pitcairn Centre 10-1pm
- 4th Nov **Coffee at Mary's 10.30am - 12Noon at St Mary's**
- 5th Nov **All Souls Memorial Service 4pm at St Leonard's**
- 12th Nov Remembrance Sunday
- 15th Nov **St Leonard's AGM 7pm**
- 25th Nov **Messy Church at St Mary's 4-6pm**
- 29th Nov **Messy Church at St Leonard's 4-6pm**
- 2nd December Coffee at Mary's 10.30am - 12Noon at St Mary's**
- 3rd Dec First Sunday of Advent
- 7th Dec Bake Sale, Pitcairn Centre 10-1pm
- 9th Dec **St Mary's Christmas Fair 10am-2pm**
- 17th Dec **Family Nativity and Carols at St Leonard's 6pm**
- 24th Dec Christingle Celebration 4pm
- Christmas Eve at St Mary's 11.30pm**
- 25th Dec **Christmas Morning at St Leonard's 10.30am**
- 28th Dec **Carol's at St Mary's 4pm**
- 31st Dec **Joint Café Church Service at St Mary's 10.30am**

A Reflection on the Seasons Change



One of the most stunning signs that Autumn has arrived is the changing colour of the leaves. . For me some of the most spectacular Autumn scenes are those on along the A9 as you head up into the Highlands through Pitlochry.

As the days shorten the trees begin to change their photosynthesis process which reduces the amount of chlorophyll they produce. This results in the leaves slowly changing from luscious green colour to the oranges and reds and yellows that we associate with autumn leaves. Of course we will all be looking out our winter clothes now as the days shorten even more and the world of colour turns to the starkness of winter.

Growing up in the Church of Scotland I was not consciously aware of the seasons of the church year. We of course celebrated Christmas and Easter and harvest but I don't remember there being any link between the seasons of the earth and the seasons of the church calendar.

Now however I appreciate more the cycle of our Lectionary readings and the movement of the Church seasons. As our "ordinary time" with its green colour to depict growth draws to a close we will of course celebrate the harvest and give thanks for the fruit of the year. This time is not just about the physical harvest but also about our own spiritual harvest. Have we grown and nurtured good fruit in this past year?

Ordinary time then ends with the crowning of Christ as King as the colour and season change once more to Advent and the colour purple. Advent for us in the northern hemisphere is linked with our Winter. The days are cold and become darker as we await the promise of the coming of Christ, the light that shines in the darkness and dawns upon us at Christmas. To mark this our church liturgical colour changes to white and gold in celebration. This leads us on into early Spring time and a period of waiting as new birth and new beginnings stir. This marks the season of Lent. Then as Spring takes off our world seems to awake from its slumber and be resurrected calling to us to celebrate life and the great Easter celebrations of life over death. We then settling back into a summer season of growth and learning. When we are invited again to lift high the cross and declare that Jesus is Lord and King. And so the cycle of our seasons both of creation and the church and go on.

I wonder do you have a favourite season and why?

with love & prayer from Peter



It's that time of the year again when we need to think ahead to our AGM's.

St Mary's AGM Monday 23rd October 6.30pm for 7pm

St Leonard's AGM Wednesday 15th November 7pm

If you are responsible for a group can you please do your reports and send them to Andrew Watt for St Mary's by the **8th October** and John Mellon or office.stlandm@gmail.com for St Leonard's by **29th October** please?

Do sign up for a fish and chip tea prior to the AGM at St Mary's it's good to spend time together. Sign up sheet and menu at back of church, menu choices by **15th October** please. Tea and Coffee will be served at both events.

The AGM is an opportunity to give thanks to those who have served the church over the last year in many different capacities as well as appoint new members to the Vestry. Both Churches require new Vestry members to help with the governance of the church. Vestry members spends a maximum of 3 years on the vestry before they have to stand down for a years rest. Please do pray about these important positions within the church and speak to Andrew Watt or John Mellon for more information and a nomination slip.



We all have a part to play in the family of the Church

We are looking for your help on Sunday

Sunday Club Leaders and Helpers: Its an exciting opportunity to learn and work with children and young people as they grow and learn and ask questions about faith and their place within the family of the church.

Sidespersons: The friendly face that welcomes you in and distributes the pew sheets and books as well as being there to help the service run smoothly

Readers: The reading of God's word takes a central part in our worship services. You could help us by reading out the weekly lesson three or four times a year.

Intercessors: What a privilege we have to bring our prayers and request before God. Public leading of the prayers need not be complicated as we have set prayers to help you get started and then we could help you personalise these and build up your confidence in leading prayers in worship. Again if we have enough people on the rota you may only be needed four or five times a year.

If you are interested in any of these task do please speak to Peter
remember to be bold and step out in faith.

A Special Thank You

"I would like to thank you all for being such an amazing source of encouragement and support throughout my training and at my ordination on Sunday at the cathedral. I was blown away by seeing so many very familiar faces smiling back at me during the service and all the hugs, cards, and well wishes I received afterwards. I feel so proud to belong to St Mary's and St Leonard's and look forward to the year ahead serving you all as deacon."

Thanks Jacqui
Rev J du Rocher



Annual Memorial & Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 5th November 2016 at 4pm
St Leonard's Church
Dobbies Rd Lasswade & Bonnyrigg



The service is open to all those who have been bereaved. We will gather for many different reasons. Some of us will be recently bereaved and still feel the sharpness of the loss of a loved one. Some gather to remember parents, friends or other family members while some may gather to remember children that they have lost or never even had the chance to hold.

We gather because we love and want to remember and give thanks for the loved ones we see no longer. Each one holds a special place in our hearts and this service offers the space and time to publicly and collectively worship and remember the souls of our dearly departed.

The service will be gently and sensitively led, giving an opportunity for us to write our loved ones names on a cross and to place them on our memorial tree. There will also be an opportunity to light candles and to ask for prayer or to talk with one of our Pastoral Team if requested.

This service is for you and all who may value this opportunity please do let your family and friends know it is there for them too.

Lectionary Readings October –November



The lectionary list of readings as well as being provided for those offering to read the weekly lessons in church is provided for all of us to read and to reflect upon.

As you wrestle with the passages ask yourself “What is the main theme of the reading and what is this passage calling you to do?” Remember to pray and jot down any questions you may have about the passages. Who knows the answer may arise in the sermon that week!

1st October 17th Sunday of Pentecost

Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

8th October 18th Sunday of Pentecost

Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46

15th October 19th Sunday of Pentecost

Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

22nd October 20th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22

5th November 21st Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 23. 1-12

12th November Remembrance Sunday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25.1-13

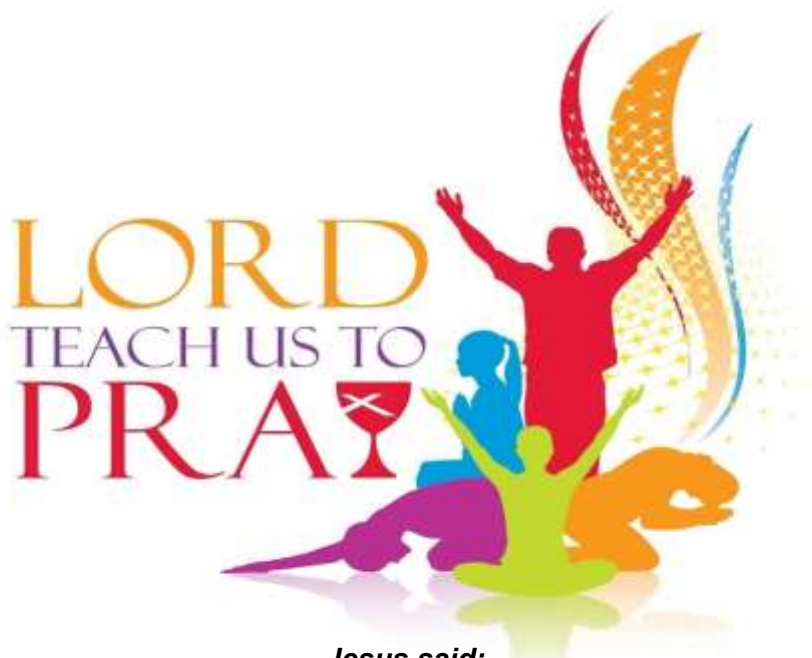
19th November 23rd Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians Matthew 25:14-30

26th November Christ the King

Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

St Leonard's and St Mary's Prayer Diary October 2017



Jesus said:

So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks,

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV)

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.

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

Lord, transform all my days with your life-giving spirit. Amen.

Specific things to pray for this month

Ask God to bless our regular Sunday worship and to show us how we can use our times of worship to honour him, to grow in spirituality and in the ways we reach out into the communities in which we live. Ask him to bless the Messy Church Team and all the families who come to our Messy church events. Pray for the Footermuff group and also for our fifth Sunday Cafe churches.

Pray that we will be encouraged to proclaim with joy the good news of the kingdom of God, that we will be strengthened to respond lovingly to the needs of others, that we will be inspired to do all that is necessary to transform injustices and that we will be lead to defend the natural world created by God. Do not be afraid, trusting that God will be by your side as you carry out the tasks he has called you to do.

Pray for Governments, leaders and all who hold positions of power throughout the world. Ask God to guide and inspire them that they will seek always to act with justice, fairness and compassion, dignity and integrity, striving for peace and guided by love for all people.

Pray for agricultural and horticultural workers and give thanks for our harvest.

Pray for all who work in prisons, for prisoners and their families and for those who have been affected by criminal actions.

Pray for all who are inadequately housed, who are homeless or who do not have secure accommodation.

Pray for all who have been affected by the recent terrorist atrocities and natural disasters, for those injured and traumatised and for all who are working to help and protect them, that they will come to know God's loving presence and be strengthened and encouraged by his guidance.



A prayer for peace

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.





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

Peter, Jennie, Elizabeth, Mike, Bill and Jacqui and all that they do for us. Also for their families. 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, servers, making refreshment

For all of us to grow in faith and service.

Pray for those who are to be married or baptised at this time and their families. 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. Those members of our church family who are not able to join with regular Sunday worship.

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

Pray that as you seek forgiveness for your own sins, God will help you to forgive those who have sinned against you.

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 nourish your relationship 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.

Pray for David and Shelley Stokes, our mission partners in Argentina. All who are being persecuted for their beliefs and stance for human rights, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ who face death for following Jesus..



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

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

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.



Tanzania 2018



Hi my name is Molly Short and I am doing a world challenge to Southern Tanzania to help children who are not so lucky as I am. I have to raise a lot of money to go to do this experience.

My Granny, Dad, Mum (Janina, Marek and Paula) and I are having a Soup and filled roll lunch to help me raise funds for this.

Please take this as an invitation to you all. Details below:

Soup & Roll Lunch

11th November 12.30pm–3.30pm

2 Grove End, Broomieknowe



Join with us for coffee
and catch up with friends
at **Coffee at Mary's** meeting on the
First Saturday of each Month.

Next Coffee Dates

7th October

4th November

Fundraising Baking stall

at the Pitcairn Centre Bonnyrigg

Here are the next dates for the bake stall

Thursday 5th October & 2nd November

If you want to know more or are available to help please speak to Fiona.

Fiona Harris

St Mary's 9.30am Sunday Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
1st October O: Peter C: Sue Blamire R: Robin Donald I: Pat Willis M: E Stewart	Harvest Celebrations			
	Phil Blamire John Fleming	Pat Elliot Cheryl Prior	Harvest	Robin & Kathleen Donald
8th October O: Anne Mackay C: John Fleming R: J du Rocher I: Andrew Watt M: N & D Grieve	Mary McPhail Ann MacKay	Kathleen & Robin Donald	Harvest	Robin & Kathleen Donald
15th October O: Andrew Watt C: Sue Blamire R: John Fleming I: J du Rocher M: D Law	Kathleen & Robin Donald	Mary McPhail John Fleming	Pat Willis	Robin & Kathleen Donald
22nd October O: Anne MacKay C: John Fleming R: Andrew Watt I: S Blamire M: E Thomson	Noreen & David Grieve	Sue & Phil Blamire	Ann Mackay	Robin & Kathleen Donald
29th October R: Robin Donald	Café Church			
	Andrew Watt Cheryl Prior	Betty Tinley Pat Willis	Pat Willis	Robin & Kathleen Donald

O = Officiant, C = Chalice, R = Reader, I = Intercessions & M = Music

St Leonard's 11:15 Sunday Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
1st October O: V Clark C: T Mooney R: C Todd I: N Stewart M: E Stewart	Harvest Celebrations			
	M Hall D Reid	R Simpson A McKenzie B Poulose	HARVEST	P & I Nicolson
8th October O: T Mooney C: V Scott R: V Scott I: C Todd M: E Thomson	J Forsyth N Fyffe	J Strong A Bolan A Miller	Harvest	A Bruce
15th October O: V Scott C: A Bruce R: Mary J I: N Stewart M: E Stewart	A & I Bolan	N Whannell A Cunningham	N Duthie	J & T Mooney
22nd October O: Peter C: T Mooney R: Fiona I: Peter M: Peter/David	A Cunningham N Whannell	C Todd A Bruce A Thomson <i>J Strong</i>	NDuthie	M Kurian B Poulose
29th October	Café Church			
	B Poulose	J Mellon D Reid J Connor	J Ferris	A Mckenzie V Clark

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	Reverend Jennie Godfrey	660 6145
	Reverend Bill Elliot	663 1369
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Where to find us



St Mary 's Church

The church in the park
Dalkeith Country Park High St, Dalkeith

Sunday 9.30am

www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk



St Leonard's Church

Dobbies Rd Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

Sunday at 11.15am

with Children's Sunday Club

www.stleonardslasswade.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 **facebook under "St Leonard's & St Mary's"** or to contact the Church Office on



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Items for inclusion in the **November** edition of The Link should be passed to Fiona by **Sunday 15th October** for consideration. Thank you..

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(find out more on page 5)



Join us at Messy Church on
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Sat 28th Oct at St Mary's 4-6pm

Visit the church websites for more information
www.stleonardslasswade.org.uk
www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk