



Welcome

to St Mary's

the church in the park - Dalkeith Country Park

Sunday 8th October

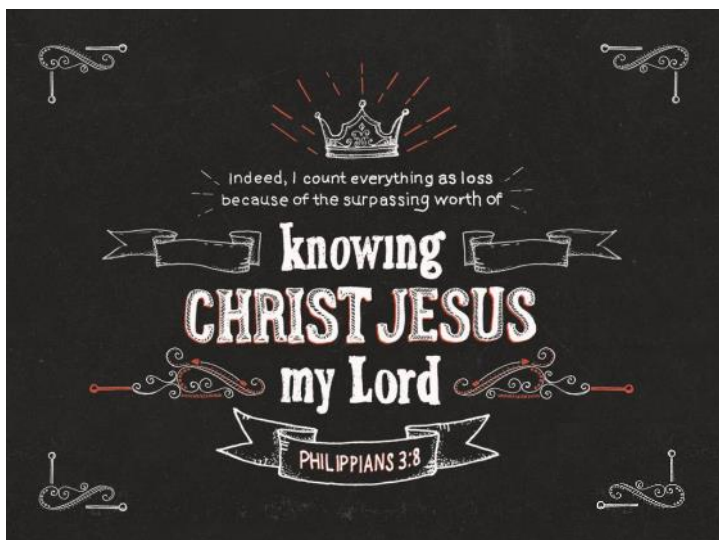
We warmly welcome you to St Mary's

Occasionally with the Youth Fellowship or with groups of young people in school I use the following questions as away to open up a conversation. I wonder what your response might be?

*"If your house suddenly caught on fire, what would you grab hold of as you fled out the door?" or
"If you were allowed to take five things to heaven with you what would you take with you?"*

Of course there are essentially no right or wrong answers to the questions but the answers often intrigue me as to why a person answers in the way they do. Does it reveal their true heart and priorities? Sometimes it reveals the influence and power of culture or social norms or even highlight the changes to those norms. For instance 15 years ago the last thing I would grab would have been a phone! Where as today it may indeed be one of the things that I would hold onto as I escape the fire.

Today Paul in our reading from Philippians presents us with another challenge. What would we be willing to give up, or lose, so that we could hold onto Jesus? In coming to know Jesus, and what he has accomplished for us Paul realises that he no longer needs to hold onto anything. In fact he is willing to leave it all behind and press on towards the goal of receiving our heavenly inheritance. This is given to all of us who by faith come to know Christ. The question is do we know Jesus today?



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Hymn 255a It is a thing most wonderful

Prayer of Confession

Gloria 157 Taize Gloria

Collect

Almighty God, you have built your Church with Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of the Spirit, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Reading Philippians 3: 4b-14

Hymn All I once held dear

Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 33-46

Sermon

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn 549 When I survey the wondrous cross

Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
may we who have received your mercy and grace forget that which lies behind us and press on in faith, towards the goal that you have set before us in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hymn In Christ alone

The 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**

The Dismissal

*please do join with us for refreshments
served at the end of the service*

ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus,
Knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.

IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND

He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Annual General Meeting



St Mary's AGM

Monday 23rd October 6.30pm for 7pm

St Leonard's AGM

Wednesday 15th November 7pm

As another Church year draws to a close we give thanks for all who have been involved and the work undertaken. Please remember that all members are encouraged to attend the AGM of their Congregation. Only registered members have a vote at the AGM so please check with your church secretary that you have signed up.

If you are responsible for a group associated with the church can you please submit a brief annual report for your group to your church secretaries. Thank You.

Andrew Watt for St Mary's by the **8th October**

John Mellon for St Leonard's by **29th October**.

Submissions can also be made through the office email
office.stlandm@gmail.com



Our Fellowship group meets this Wednesday at 7.30pm in St Mary's with guest speaker Bill Elliot. All Welcome

Exploring Jazz with Bill Elliot.

Information and Enquiries:

For more information about the church please visit the Website stmarysdalkeith.org.uk or stleonardslawade.org.uk or contact the Church Office on



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