

# Welcome to St Mary's

Sunday 22nd April 2018 - The 4th Sunday of Easter



We warmly welcome you as we gather together for our Sunday worship.

As we gather it is my prayer that through our worship in song, liturgy and from reading and hearing from God's word that we all in some way encounter Jesus who watches over us.

Today our scripture readings take us back to a familiar theme of the Good Shepherd as found in John chapter 10. Both the much-loved Psalm 23 and John 20 also use the image of a shepherd who offers pastoral and practical care to his flock. In the psalm, God is the shepherd; in the Gospel, Jesus claims that he is the Shepherd. I am the Good Shepherd, it is one of those claims that challenges us not only to think of Jesus as Lord but also to know him as our God.

Shepherds are lowly figures but their protection and care is sacrificial. Even read pre-crucifixion, it is clear that Jesus is speaking in terms of giving something up for the sake of his 'flock'. Read post-Easter, the full truth of his sacrifice is resoundingly evident; and were it not for Jesus' promise of help, the challenge for us to follow in his footsteps would be almost too much to bear. But to trust the Shepherd and follow is the call for all of us to do.

*with love from Peter*



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Welcome

Collect for Purity

**Hymn      Speak O Lord**

Confession & Absolution

Kyrie

**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.**

A reading from Acts 4:5-12

**Hymn      117 Faithful Shepherd**

A reading from the Gospel of John 10:11-18

Sermon      *375 O Let the Son of God*

Prayers

The Peace:

**Hymn      484 The King of Love**

The Eucharist

**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. **Amen**

**Hymn      277 Jesus shall reign**

**Dismissal**

Please do join with us for refreshments and fellowship after the service

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You**  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

**The Dalkeith Singers**

Invite you to  
**COME AND SING**  
**SONGS from the SHOWS**  
At  
**St Mary's Church, Dalkeith**  
On  
**13th May**  
**Rehearsal 2 to 5pm**  
**Concert 6pm**  
Tickets **£10 (singers) £5 (audience)**  
On the door or phone **07739091913**  
Wine & nibbles  
**SC032339**

### Bishop's Lent Appeal Boxes

please return any box or boxes you may have  
so that we can forward the collection to the Bishop

# Messy Church

Wednesday 25th at St Leonard's Bonnyrigg 4-6pm  
Saturday 28th at St Mary's Dalkeith 4-6pm



Join us for an evening of  
Story, Song and Crafts  
open to everyone of all ages

The evening closes with a  
shared meal for all of us to enjoy,

Details can be found on the churches Websites



## St Leonard's Church

Dobbies Rd, Lasswade

**Saturday 12th May**

**12 noon-4pm**

If you are able to help with the running of this years May Fair please do speak to Ian Nicolson or Vicki Clark.

As in previous years we hope to run a variety of stalls making the event a fun day for all ages; with stalls like Independent Craft Stalls, Tombola, Home baking, Books, Refreshments, Games, & BBQ etc  
*all in aid of church funds*



Saturday 28th April 10am -2.30pm

Please sign up to let the organisers know and cater for you coming. Please also consider coming along to help support your church stall and visit other church stalls as we celebrate as members of the Diocese together.