

St Leonard's
May Fair
a fun day for all the family!

Saturday 12th May
 12 noon - 4 pm

BBQ
 Independent Craft Stalls
 Messy Church
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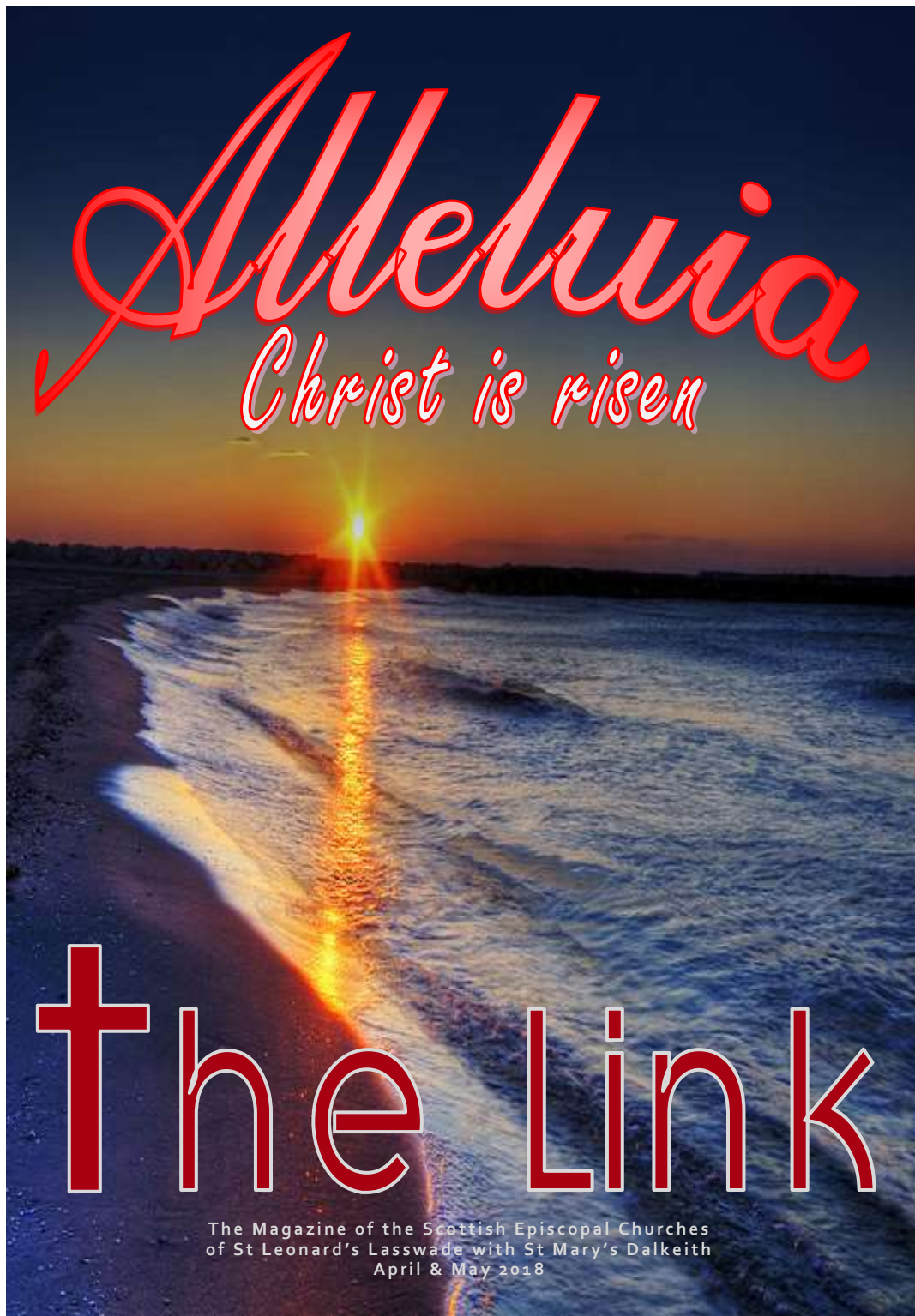






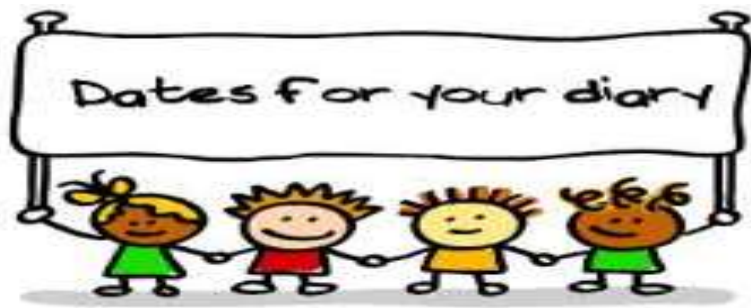
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Alleluia
 Christ is risen



the Link

The Magazine of the Scottish Episcopal Churches
 of St Leonard's Lasswade with St Mary's Dalkeith
 April & May 2018



some key dates and events to look out for

15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter

25th April Wednesday Messy Church at St Leonard's 4-6pm

28th April Diocesan Big Day Celebration come and join us from 10-2.30pm

28th April Saturday Messy Church at St Mary's 4-6pm

29th April 5th Sunday of Easter - Café Church

5th May Coffee at Mary's 10.30 - 12Noon

6th May 6th Sunday of Easter

10th May Footermuffers

12th May St Leonard's May Fair

13th May 7th Sunday after Ascension Day

20th May Pentecost

26th May Saturday Messy Church at St Mary's 4-6pm

27th May Trinity Sunday

30th May Wednesday Messy Church at St Leonard's 4-6pm

2nd June Coffee at Mary's 10.30 - 12Noon

3rd June 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

10th June 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

17th June 4th Sunday after Pentecost

24th June 5th Sunday after Pentecost

30th June Messy Church Big BBQ Garden Party at St Mary's

Your local Scottish Episcopal Church in Bonnyrigg & Dalkeith

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 why not visit the church Websites or

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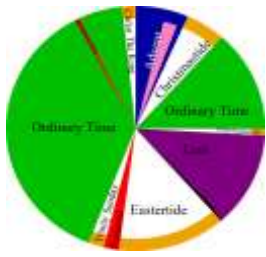
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Items for inclusion in the **June** edition of The Link should be passed to the office by **Sunday 20th May** for consideration. Thank you..

Editor's Note

Opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the editor or the Churches. Please note anyone submitting an article for inclusion within this magazine should ensure that the content is suitable for a church publication?



Readings for Sunday Services March - April

The list of readings as well as being provided for those reading during the Sunday services is provided for all of us to read and to reflect upon.

During Lent our readings do not follow the set Lectionary but reflect the study material that we are using in our Lent Study Groups.

29th April 5th Sunday of Easter

Café Church

6th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17

13th May 7th Sunday after Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53

20th May Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 John 14:15-27

27th May Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 John 3:1-17

3rd June 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2v23- 3v6

HELP - Intercessions

As well as individuals helping with reading the lessons in our services we are also on the look out for people to offer to help lead our prayers. We have a number of books to help you get started or have a chat with Peter who can help you access other prayer resources or help you construct your own prayers to be used in church.



*Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

At the heart of our faith is a declaration that Jesus Christ died and rose again from the grave. It is by faith that we hold onto the testimonies recorded in scripture. These testimonies reveal that Jesus

appeared physically on numerous occasions to the disciples and before he ascended to his Father he promised us a special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today we not only remember that God the father fulfilled that promise by sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost but that the Holy Spirit is still with us to guide and empower us today to be witnesses to the Gospel, the Good News.

This good news is that our sins are forgiven through Jesus dying on the cross for us, taking our place, he dies our death. But then Jesus defeated death, and victoriously rises from the grave to show that not only have our sins been dealt with but that we too can now have a new life, a resurrected life. This new life if we receive it brings us into a new a living relationship with God in which we are called to be disciples of Jesus. To help us in this task of being a disciple we are then blessed by receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit to journey with us.

I wonder if you have ever been a student? Have you ever committed yourself to a course or an apprenticeship. Then you will know that it takes time to be trained and to become skilled. In fact in some sense we should never stop learning. By accepting what Jesus has done for us, Jesus calls us into a new way of being it takes time and effort to learn this new way. The Gospel, the Good News invited us to become students of Christ. Apprentices of the Gospel. Or in other words we are called to sign up to be modern day disciples.

How are your studies? How are you developing and growing as a disciple of Christ? Would a course on discipleship be helpful?

with love from Peter

Apologies and frustrations

You may have noticed that the April edition of the Magazine has now become an April & May edition. The run up to Holy Week and Easter was extremely busy this year and with a photocopier giving us a few frustrations so the Editorial Team decided to be kind to themselves and forgo the printing of the April edition we thank you for your patience. We hope normal order will resume for the rest of the year.

SPRING HARVEST (WOW)

Theme for the week - ONLY THE BRAVE
JAMES CHAPTERS 1 - 5.



After a very wet drive we arrived at Butlins Skegness about 4.30pm and the rain had stopped and for the rest of our stay the weather was very good. We had sunshine when you were having lots of snow and ice. Good weather was the icing on the cake for my first experience of Spring Harvest.

Our accommodation, was very comfortable and clean with everything we needed for a short stay. The whole site was just like a small village with sign posts everywhere helping you to get around. We were all given a booklet which had all the information we could possible need for our stay and on the last page was a map of the site - excellent planning. Don't forget there were 5000 people! Oh, one more thing which made me very happy was the fact that the beach stretched for miles so that was my walking taken care of and there were two huge tents stretching up into the sky so there was no way I could get lost!

As I have already said the theme was *Only the Brave* and the opening worship was at 6-45pm in the Big Top (blue tent). Peter was there early and had kept seats so we were all together and that was the start of a joyful and exhilarating 5 days of Worship and Praise. The band were from the Netherlands and the leader, Kees(Case) Kraayenoord was a Pastor from a church in the Netherlands and spoke very little English. They were marvellous and it would not have been the same without them. You should have heard the glorious sound of 5000 people singing, clapping, waving hands and jumping - I was suddenly twenty years younger and it felt marvellous! I cannot remember the titles but these are some of the choruses - Bless the Lord O My Soul, Overwhelming, Never Ending, Reckless Love of God, How Marvellous, How Wonderful, No Turning Back and I Am Going To Follow Jesus. I felt that the Holy Spirit was everywhere, so uplifting an experience. We all went to bed very tired but at peace.

If you could wake up early enough, you could go to the Prayer House for a quiet service at 8am - 8.45am every morning and then go on to Big Start at 9.30am. I managed to get to the Prayer House twice. Once again the singing was wonderful and there was a Theatre Group who had written a play about the King Who Had Lost His Crown which was based around the Theme. They were very hard working and did well. We also heard about the work of Mercy Ships, Open Doors, Elam and other Christian Charities which made us think rather more about things than we do normally. At 11.15am we had Bible Teaching

St Leonard's 11:15am Sunday Rota February

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
29th April				
<h1>Café Church</h1>				
6th May O: V Scott C: T Mooney R: Mary J I: J Godfrey M: E Stewart	A Cunningham N Whannell	J Mellon D Reid	P Johnson	M Kurian B Poulose
13th May O: V Clark C: A Bruce R: F Harris I: C Todd M: E Thomson	M Hall D Reid	R Simpson A Mckenzie B Poulose	P Johnson	T & J Mooney
20th May O: A Bruce C: T Mooney R: J Matthew I: M Jones M: E Stewart	B Poulose	J Strong A Bolan A Miller	R Simpson	A Mckenzie V Clark
27th May O: Peter C: T Mooney R: S Kemp I: Peter M: David/Peter	J Forsyth N Fyffe	N Whannell A Cunningham <i>A Mckenzie</i>	R Simpson	J & J Mellon

St Mary's 9.30am Sunday Rota December

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
29th April R: K Donald		Café Church Noreen & David Grieve	Mary McPhail	
6th May O: A MacKay C: J Fleming R: L Ashley-Emery I: P Willis M: E Stewart	Noreen & David Grieve	Barbara & Nigel Hallworth	Sue Blamire	
13th May O: J duRocher C: S Blamire R: A Mackay I: R Donald M: D & N Grieve	Andrew Watt Cheryl Prior	Sue & Phil Blamire	Sue Blamire	
20th May O: L McEwan C: R: I: M: D Law			Pat for Lynda	
27th May O: A Watt C: R: I: M: E Thomson			Pat for Lynda	

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

with Jeff Lucas who has a Pastoral Teaching position at Timberline Church, Colorado plus being an Author, Speaker and Broadcaster. He preached everyday about the Theme. Mon - James 1 - Face It, Tues- James 2 - Live It, Wed - James 3 - Tame It, Thur - James 4 - Lose It, Frid - James 5 - Finish It. He was an excellent speaker and spoke to us and not at us and he had a real sense of humour which made his time with us so enjoyable. Jennie pointed out to me that there is a big difference between talking to 5000 people than maybe 50 or 60! Then there were other seminars that enlarged on *Only the Brave Theme*. I chose to go to the other big tent where you could spend your money at the excellent stalls, jewellery, T shirts, puppets and an amazing selection of books.

After lunch I headed for the beach for my walk and I must say I was very tempted to paddle but my excuse is that I did not have a towel with me. We usually chose what we wanted to do from our guide book in the afternoon but it was not easy as there really was so much available and did you have the energy to do it? I went to listen to Krish Kandiah as we did his Lent Course and he was one of the many speakers. I also went to a concert with Jonathan Veira who has a super voice and attended a Dance Workshop as a spectator and last but not least a talk on how I could be an Effective, Empowered Senior. Watch out all of you! There was also an enormous Splash Pool where I could watch the children.

At 6.45 we make tracks for the blue tent for the Main Celebration where we all got carried away and sang, clapped and jumped again. A different speaker each night covered the theme and there was a time for prayer too. It was not all fun and we covered some pretty serious issues as well.

Friday morning and it was time to say Goodbye at the Final Celebration where we nearly brought the tent down (that's what crossed my mind but all was well), Krish Kandiah took the final service and for those who wished, Communion. It all went very smoothly, the organisation was really superb. Our group all met for lunch and then we were off home. I think everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did!!

I promise I'm nearly finished but from me to all of you who were with me – Thank you for keeping an eye on me. And many thanks to Peter & Fiona, especially Fiona as she did all the sorting out – we just had to turn up.

Next year the theme is "Unlimited" when we will look at prayer!

Betty Tinley





Paws for thought.....

Happy Easter everyone!

Can you believe it, I am now six months old! where do all those lazy dog days go? Dad says I have changed a lot from the young pup who sat on his shoulder when we first met, but I don't see it because I still like sitting on his shoulders.

Although I guess I must be getting bigger as I can now jump up on most of the furniture chasing the cats of the sofa or the bed. It does mean that I can now help Mum get everyone up in the

morning by jumping on them as they lie asleep in bed.

Since my last woof to you in the church magazine I have been away on Holiday. The Harris's went off collecting some springs for the harvest along with some other members of the church. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and came back howling some new tunes as we travelled home. Although to be honest I think Guinness and Honey's cat's choir sound more in tune than my Dad!

While they were away at this Spring Harvest thing I stayed with My Auntie Moira and my old dog friend Joe. Joe too is a cocker spaniel just like me? We could be twins but he is 13yrs old. We had great fun though running around his local park and meeting lots of new people. Moira and her friend Esther work as Youth workers for their church and so they took me along to their Youth Club. I did a great job being an assistant youth worker and even helped a few people who were nervous round dogs to realise that some of us are just playful. Although it is good to be cautious cause not all dogs are as cute as me.

I am also glad to see the weather is improving as it means I can spend more time outside exploring the garden or just curling up on top of my favourite plant. I occasionally get this feeling that I want to dig for something but Mum and Dad keep shouting NO! when I start digging up the lawn. I thought they would appreciate some gardening help?

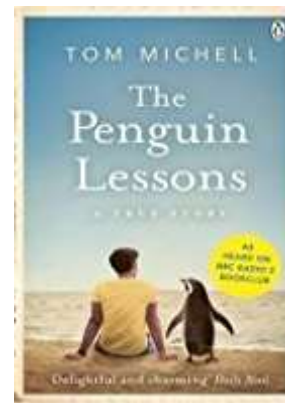
Well I hope you are all well and if its warm enough you too are getting out and about.

with barks and licks from Izzy at the Rectory



The Link Book Group

Our last book was *The Penguin Lessons* by Tom Michell and was based on a true story. On holiday in Uruguay the author rescues a penguin from an oil slick only to find that the bird then refuses to leave his side. Tom has little choice but to smuggle his new companion across the border, through customs and into Argentina, where he teaches in a boys' boarding school!



"Juan Salvador" as the author names the penguin soon becomes the school rugby team's mascot, 'the housekeeper's confidant, the host of the author's parties and the most remarkable swimming coach ever. This plucky penguin transforms the lives of everyone he meets-in particular one young homesick schoolboy. As for Tom he discovers a true friend like no other.



The group thoroughly enjoyed this non-fiction book about two unlikely characters encountering each other by a chance event and they were struck by the similarities of a previous book we had read *A Street Cat named Bob*.

A book to be greatly recommended and well worth a read. Good show indeed. Our next book is *The Ice* by Laline Paull (author of *The Bees*) and we shall be meeting at The Melville for a meal @ 6.30pm on Friday 18th May to which all are most welcome.

John A. Fleming
3rd TSSF (1st Class Nuisance!)



Join us at our next Messy Church Events
Wednesday's 25th April and 30th May at St Leonard's 4-6pm
Saturdays 28th April and 26th May at St Mary's 4-6pm

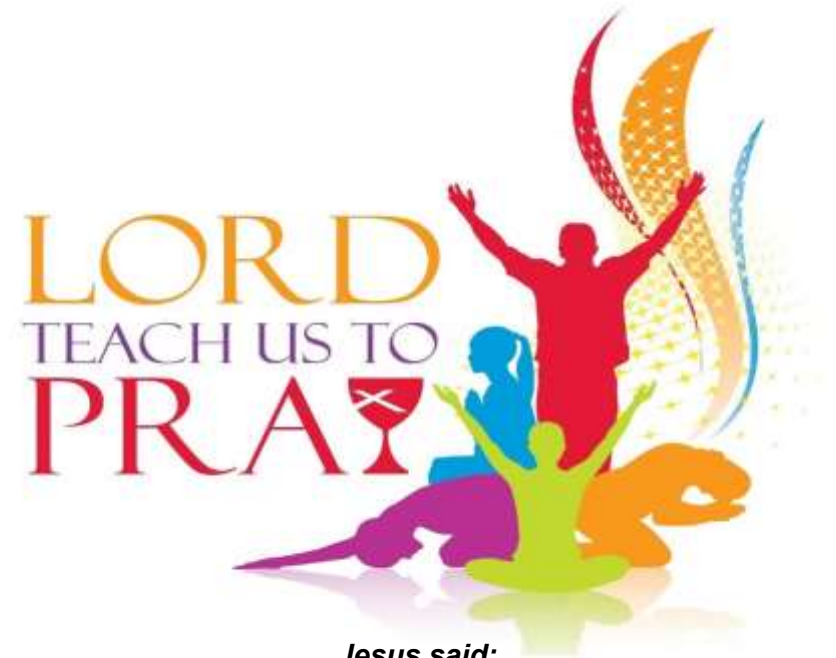
ALL WELCOME

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

St Leonard's and St Mary's Prayer Diary May 18



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.

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.

A prayer to start the day

Lord, thank you for your unending patience and unconditional love. Thank you for being by my side through all that comes my way in life. Please transform all my days with your life-giving spirit. I long to encounter you, please help me to know you better. 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 for the Lent Groups as they explore Jesus' words on the cross.

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 led 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 especially for our young people as the exam season begins on the 1st May. Pray for a sense of peace as they prepare for these exams that impact on their future. Remind them they are more than their exam results!

Pray for those folk who are facing major new, sometimes unwelcome challenges in their lives. Ask God to give them the inward resources to surmount difficulties and find ways of moving forward. Ask him to alert you to ways in which you can offer comfort and help to those around you who are in particular need at this time.

Pray for Governments, leaders and all who hold positions of power throughout the world, that they will exercise their power wisely, without prejudice against those who have little influence. Pray for all who are involved in the Brexit negotiations. 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 and respect for all people.

Pray for all who work in health services, those in the 'front line' and those who support them. For all working in areas of research.. Pray for carers, paid and unpaid.

Pray for the perpetrators of violence that their hearts will be changed, that they will turn away from violent actions and seek to follow in Jesus' footsteps, showing care and compassion to those whom they encounter. Pray for all who have been affected by violence, for those injured and traumatised, those who have lost loved ones and for all who are working to help and protect them, that they will come to know God's loving and unchanging 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

As the busy time of Easter approaches, pray and give thanks for 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, organising fund raising events. 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 as they return to their work in Argentina. Give thanks for the time we have been able to spend with them recently.. 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..

