

St Mary's Summer

Quiz

Teams of
4 Players



£8 p.p

£££

Cash prizes

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June 22nd 7pm

Dalkeith Rugby Club

+Buffet Supper + Bar + Raffle + Games

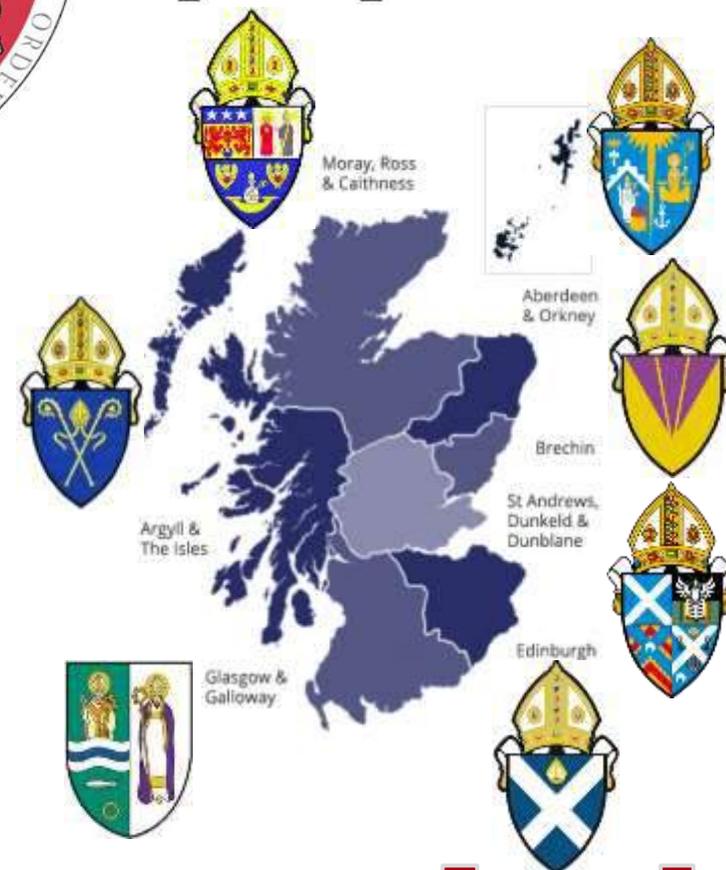
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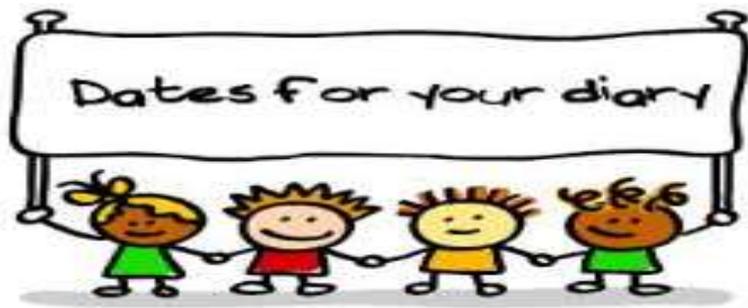


The Scottish Episcopal Church



The Link

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



some key dates and events to look out for

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

3rd June 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

4th June St Leonard's Hall Group Meeting 7.30pm

5th June Messy Church Planning Meeting 7.30pm

6th June Mid Week Communion St Leonard's 10am

7th June Cake Stall Pitcairn Centre 10am

7th-9th June General Synod

10th June 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

13th June Mid Week Communion St Leonard's 10am

13th June St Leonard's Vestry 7pm

17th June 4th Sunday after Pentecost

18th June Restoration Meeting 2pm

20th June Mid Week Communion St Leonard's 10am

21st June Clergy Team Meeting

22nd June Quiz Night Dalkeith Rugby Club 7 for 7.30pm

24th June 5th Sunday after Pentecost

27th June Mid Week Communion St Leonard's 10am

28th June Footermuffs Newbyres Nursing Home 10am

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

1st July 6th Sunday after Pentecost

4th July Mid Week Communion St Leonard's 10 am

5th July Cake Stall Pitcairn Centre 10am

Thursday 20th September
Ordination to the Priesthood of Jacqui du Rocher
at St Marys

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



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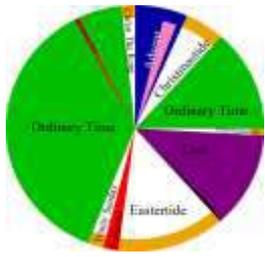
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Items for inclusion in the **July-August** edition of The Link should be passed to the office by **Sunday 17th June** for consideration. Thank you..

Editor's Note

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Readings for Sunday Services

June - July

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.

3rd June 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

10th June 3rd after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 15.1 Mark 3:20-35

17th June 4th after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 & 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

24th June 5th after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 mark 4:35-41

1st July 6th after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

8th July 7th after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

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.



A Rector's Ponderings

I can't believe we are now entering June! The year is passing fast, maybe its something to do with my age as I celebrated my 50th birthday just a few weeks ago. So my thanks for all the cards, gifts and best wishes I have received. However, I am more convinced than ever that age has nothing to do with maturity.

With a heavy thud of the post hitting the floor followed by a bark from Izzy I retrieved this years Synod papers just before the dog was tempted to take a bite.

The General Synod will take place over the 7th to 9th June. May I ask for your prayers for this important and special meeting as the delegates prepare, as well as for the discussions and decisions that will take place at this time.

Sometimes in our church life we can get so caught up in the local that we might not pay much attention to what is happening in the wider work of the church. As individual churches we are part of a greater network, members of the Diocese of Edinburgh and nationally part of the Episcopal Province of Scotland.

The General Synod acts as the Parliament of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It is the Church's legislative and deliberative body. A Standing Committee operates throughout the year but Synod members oversee and direct the work of the Church's various boards and committees. The General Synod meets once a year to vote on two broad types of motion: firstly on formal changes to Canon Law or internal church policy; and secondly on wider issues of national and international concern.

Under the first category, the General Synod could, for example, authorise a new baptism service or change the rite for the burial of the dead, or change clergy employment policy procedure as it is proposing to do this year. It is also looking at making changes to Canon 35 which governs the upkeep and changes made to our buildings and the grounds of our curtilage.

Subjects covered by the second, broader type of motion often cover major ethical issues and give the General Synod the power to speak out and call for action on behalf of the whole Church. This year the Media has already picked up on a statement in the Synod Paper regarding Brexit. However the main item from my perspective is to back and highlight the issue of Child Poverty in Scotland and to call on the Government to back the "give me five" campaign calling for £5 to be added to the weekly Child Benefit to lift families out of poverty. But it is not only the Governments responsibility as there is also that call to all of us to open our eyes to the real needs in our streets and towns where we are called to love and serve our neighbour in Christ name.

with love from Peter - preparing for Synod

Fellowship Annual Outing - Bowhill House

After a very chilly wait for our coach to arrive things just got better and better. We arrived at Bowhill House to find hot coffee and cake waiting for us.

The drive was also very comfortable as the coaches have been replaced and the seats are now cushioned which makes quite a difference to the passenger compared to previous journey's.

The countryside was looking beautiful with all the new leaves on the trees and all the young lambs grazing with their mums - I always think how lucky we are to be able to get to the countryside and the sea in such a short time!

When we were all suitably refreshed we were introduced to Mr. Bowman and his wife who were to show us around the house. They both proved to be very knowledgeable and made it a very interesting morning. The house is full of beautiful things from all over the world and also has a lot of things brought over from Dalkeith Palace when Wisconsin University took over the building for their students. We were able to ask questions and I think a couple of our group were able to tell Mr. Bowman snippets of information new to him. Looking after all the beautiful china and furniture must be a full time job and the cleaners must have a worrying time with their dusters, making sure they do not accidentally catch in the edges of ornaments. One of the Duke's sons is in residence at the moment and he has young children and I am sure that must be a bit of a headache sometimes.

Time passed very quickly and before we knew it we were returning to the restaurant where a delicious buffet lunch was waiting for us. It really was very good and we showed our appreciation by having second helpings. The staff were very helpful and really keen that we should enjoy the lunch they had prepared. We had time remaining before we needed to get the bus so we were able to visit the kitchen which was so very interesting. All the kitchen implements were named and you really got the feeling of life 'below stairs' and I immediately thought of "Upstairs, Downstairs". The Gift shop was open so we were able to have a quick look around it too before returning to Dalkeith. Without a doubt this had been a very enjoyable day for us all.

Our thanks to Anne and Bill for making this possible. Roll on our next outing!!

Betty Tinley
Roving Reporter



St Leonard's 11:15am Sunday Rota February

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
3rd June O: A Bruce C: N Stewart R: I Bolan I: N Stewart M: E Stewart	A & I Bolan	R Simpson A McKenzie B Pouiose	Marion Lawson	P & M Johnson
10th June O: V Clark C: T Mooney R: V Clark I: M Jones M: E Thomson	J Shannon J Strong	J Strong A Bolan A Miller	Marion Lawson	J & T Mooney
17th June O: T Mooney C: V Scott R: P Johnson I: C Todd M: E Stewart		N Whannell A Cunningham	J Ferris	C Todd R Simpson
24th June O: Peter C: V Scott R: S Harris I: Peter M: David/Peter	M Hall D Reid	C Todd A Bruce A Thomson <i>A Mckenzie</i>	J Ferris	P & I Nicolson
1st July O: V Scott C: N Stewart R: C Todd I: N Stewart M: E Stewart	B Poulose	J Mellon D Reid M Hall	A Bruce	A Bruce
O = Officiant, C = Chalice, R = Reader, I = Intercessions & M = Music				

St Mary's 9.30am Sunday Rota December

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
3rd June O: C: J Fleming R: M McPhail I: L Ashley-Emery M: E Stewart	Mary McPhail Anne Mackay	Pat Elliot Cheryl Prior	Iris Toulouse	Noreen & David
10th June O: L AshleyEmery C: J Fleming R: L Maguire I: Anne Mackay M: N&D Grieve	Kathleen & Robin Donald	Barbara & Nigel Hallworth	Iris Toulouse	Noreen & David
17th June O: Anne Mackay C: J Fleming R: R Donald I: P Willis M: D Law	Andrew Watt Cheryl Prior	Noreen & David Grieve	Betty Tinley	Noreen & David
24th June O: R Donald C: J Fleming R: L McEwan I: K Donald M: E Thomson	Noreen & David Grieve	Pat Elliot Cheryl Prior	Betty Tinley	Noreen & David
1st July O: L McEwan C: S Blamire R: K Donald I: R Donald M: E Stewart	Phil Blamire John Fleming	Lynda Maguire Pat Willis	Sue Blamire	Betty & John

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May Fair Thanks

Our BIG thanks to all who helped to make the Mayfair the success it was. The weather was perfect and I think we had bigger footfall but that was just an impression and the fact that we sold more hamburgers than last year!

So our thanks to all those who contributed stuff and who helped on the night before and the day itself – the Mooneys with their Tombola, Chris and her bookstall, Beena and the bricabrac, the Mellons and the raffle, Alison B, Ruth, Karen and Anne who looked after the teas, Janina, Doreen and Margaret on the baking, Martin with his crazy golf, Fiona on the tattoos, Ian, Richard, Jamie and Michael on the burgers, Murray with his organ, Messy church and of course our beloved Rector for allowing us to soak him. Our thanks also to the guides, crafts, car model, plant and perfume stall holders. And Shorts garage for the loan of the van. And how could we forget the Irish dancers!

Our final total was **£1157**, a much needed injection to keep our little church afloat.

Vicki and Ian



edinburgh rape crisis centre
supporting survivors of sexual violence

St Leonard's have also sent
£475.27 to The Bishop's Lent Appeal
£369.39 to Christian Aid Week



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Paws for thought.....

Wow!! What a scorcher its been I've never panted so much in my life. Oh I do love the Sun though. It's amazing everyone seems to be so much more friendlier in the sunshine and when I am out and about there seems to be more and more people to meet.

I loved it too when Dad got the hose out and I chased the water all round the lawn snapping and barking with delight. I have also been helping with the mowing of the lawns, barking at Dad as he pushes the lawnmower, saying you missed this bit and that bit too. Sadly Samuel and Grace

seem to hide inside when the suns out. Samuel suffers from hay fever though, but I don't know what that is but he is usually ok after the lawn is cut.

We managed to get across to see Gran and Papa Harris and I am glad to report that they are both doing well and that Gran is a lot better. We took them out for the day and ended up at the beach. Although Gran stayed in the car with Mum, Papa, Dad, Sam and Grace and me went for a paddle and I had my first real swim in the sea. It was fun and refreshing too. Papa loved it too.

As a family there seems to have been some excitement in the air over Dad's birthday supposedly he hit 50 this year although I am sure he looks more like a 350 year old than the young pup he is claiming to be. Anyway it was great fun being part of his celebrations, I even managed to sneak the odd crumb of cake.

There is also talk about going away on a holiday and I have been promised more walks along the beach and hopefully the opportunity to swim in the sea again. They say there are dolphins where we are going so I will need to be on the look out for them and see if they can give me some swimming tips.

I hope you also like my new photo, my mum Fiona snapped it when I was sitting enjoying a break in the back garden. But you do have to be careful though in the sun especially as you can get hot really quickly, especially if your stuck in a car. So take care and enjoy this good weather.

with barks and licks from Izzy at the Rectory



The Link Book Group

Our latest book was an eco-chiller (excuse the pun) *The Ice* by Laline Paull. It was a fictional account of a not too distant future where the ice at the North Pole has gradually melted away to form a huge navigable waterway like the Baltic of Mediterranean.

A frozen corpse emerges from a melting glacier and after three years of uncertainty, Sean Cawson (the main character) hopes to put the past behind him. Tom Harding (the corpse), Sean's friend of thirty years was lost in a tragic accident and Sean was the last person to see him alive.

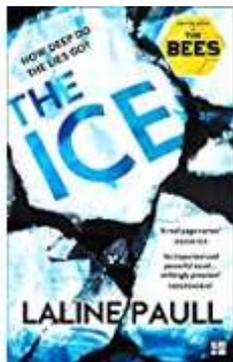
But Tom's body is not the only secret hidden in the Ice. As global businesses and global powers jostle for territory in this new and lawless frontier there are enormous opportunities for those with the courage or mendacity to seize them – and equally enormous risks.

We all found this a very gripping account of man's exploitation of natural resources and felt that it was frighteningly close to what's happening to the world today. We had read *The Bees* by the same author and found that it was totally different from the previous one, we found it completely riveting. The book finished with an open-ending (I wonder if the author is thinking of a sequel?)



Full marks for this one as it had us on the edge of our seats. We will be taking a summer break and resume on Friday 5th October when we shall have read *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson. Venue Chez Betty's at 7.30pm. All are most Welcome.

John A. Fleming
Book Bug –in-Christ



Join us at our last Messy Church this term!

Grand Messy BBQ
Saturday 30th June
12 noon-2pm

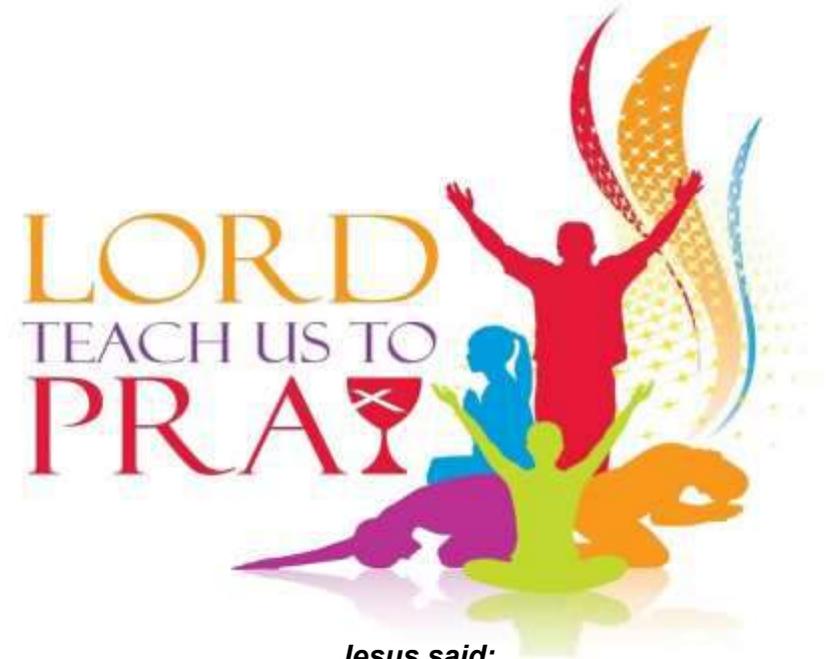
St Mary's the Church in the Park
Dalkeith Country Park

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 June 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. Help me to see other people as you see them, created in your image. May I, by your grace, value others above myself and treat them with love. Thank you for those whom I love and who love me. 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 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 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. 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 all who work in voluntary organisations.

Pray for those who work in the hospitality industry.

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 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 refreshments.

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 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 continue with their work 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.

