

The Link

July & August 2019

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AND NOT *to* YOU
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TO GIVE YOU
hope & a future”
JEREMIAH 29:11

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Plans, Visions, hopes and Dreams - Rector's Muse

Proverbs 29 verse 18 in the King James Version of the Bible states that "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Likewise in the Prophecy of Jeremiah 29 verse 11 we read; "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Although there are many times I am impatient, and long to see round the next corner or over the hill, my faith and trust is that God is with me on the journey. He has a plan for me and for you and we are to trust in Him even in the unknown. In essence trusting God and leaning on his promises, should help us relax and not be fearful of the future and help us enjoy the moment and look forward to what comes next as we seek to live in step with God.

As a church family I wonder what are your plans, visions, hopes and dreams for today and the future of St Leonard's and St Mary's. At times we can become dismayed and wonder if it is worth it but I encourage you to hold on for I do not believe that God is finished with us yet.

Both Vestries over this past year have had much to contend with. At times this can be mundane business like maintenance and keeping on top of finance and various policies needed for the good management of a charity. Yet running alongside all these discussions is a vision, a hope, a dream to establish both churches as centres for their respective communities.

We seek to be Centres of welcome that people would come to for a variety of reasons. Halls for parties and other community activities, places for people to meet and socialise, to learn new skills, find support and friendship. Through offering good accessible facilities we plan to engage with the wider community as well as provide new space and possibilities for church events and outreach activities. There are many possibilities we need the vision and drive to make it happen for it needs to be Our Vision not just mine.

We are now looking forward and in the coming months hope to present to both congregations and communities the current plans and layouts of these proposed new centres.

We begin with St Leonard's Community Hall on Sunday 28th July and invite you to come and join us at St Leonard's to have a look at the plans and proposals over a cuppa and light lunch at 12.30pm followed by a presentation and Q&A session at 1pm with our Architects.

So please join with us for this event and come hear more about the plan and vision for St Leonard's and look out for details soon about a similar event for St Mary's.

St Leonard's Community Hall Information Day

Aiming to provide new facilities for the community & church
Come and hear of our Plans and how you can play apart.

12.30 pm Sunday 28th July at St Leonard's

A light lunch will be provided before a presentation at 1pm.



A Paws for thought.

WOOF - here comes the Sun!!!

What another busy Month!

Dad seemed to disappear for a while to some sort of Spanish Inquisition or Synodical meeting? From what I heard it was a bit hypocritical talking about clergy work life balance and expecting him to be up and into Edinburgh for gam and not letting him home until after 11pm one night.

There were no Daddy walkies that week!



Meanwhile Grace and Mum have been doing well at their Doggy Training and were awarded a Level 2 Star certificate of achievement. I do my best to help by sitting nicely or weaving in and out of cones. Of course to keep them happy I show my appreciation by taking all the treats they give me. I think it makes them feel like their in control but every so often I just go off and do my own thing and ignore the constant whine of my name being called.

Sam too has been sitting some very important exams in the past few weeks and its been great to have him at home for study leave and even more so now that he has finished school. Mum and Dad got all emotional when he got all dressed up and went of to have a ball. Humans do have some funny traditions to uphold but I much prefer chasing my ball than dancing with it.

I am also very annoyed with Dad! Samuel is now allowed to sit in the driving seat of the car and wobble the car down the road. However, when I try to jump on to Dads lap to drive the car I am not allowed and forced onto the other seat and belted in. Why can't I learn to drive? Dogs are good at driving just ask all my sheepdog friends.

Anyway the summer months have now arrived and I hear we are going to Yorkshire and visiting my good friend Joe and Aunty Moira. So I am looking forward to some new scents and will report more on my return. I pray that you too may have some summer plans, from lazing around in the garden, going for a walk or traveling take care. Woof woof



With love and licks from Izzy

The Link Book Group

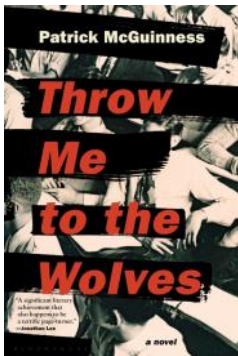
Our latest book was a non fiction account entitled *Lumberjills Britain's Forgotten Army* by Joanna Foat.

When war was declared in 1939, Britain was almost completely dependent on imported timber - but only had a few months of it stockpiled. Timber was crucial to the war effort and was needed for everything from aircraft and shipbuilders to communications and coal mining. The British timber trade was in serious trouble. So the Lumberjills (the subject of our new book) came to the rescue (ie the female equivalent to Lumberjacks!)



Because most of the male population was required to staff the armed forces, the Government was forced to open lumberwork for women to apply and apply they did. The women's Timber Corps had thousands of members who would prove themselves just as strong and as smart as any man. They felled and crosscut trees by hand, operated sawmills and ran whole forestry sites. In the midst of heavy labour and wartime, they lived their lives making friends and finding soulmates. In this book, researcher Joanna Foat recounts their story for the first time and helps to give them the recognition they so truly deserve. Our group found this account very interesting and informative. Each of the contributors gave fascinating stories of comradeship amidst adversity and there were many stories of candour, humour, trials and tragedies in each individual reminiscences.

Sometimes the stories were a bit repetitive but that did not detract from the book. Altogether a wonderful account about this "Forgotten Army" and a great example of female fortitude and tenacity. They certainly could not be regarded as "The Weaker Sex!"



The book club is taking a summer break and will be meeting again on Friday 4th October at chez Betty's at 7.30pm when we will have read our next book *Throw Me to the Wolves* by Patrick McGuinness. All are most welcome

John A. Fleming
Scrivener TSSF

Reflections Group

Picnic on the Grass (Chapter 2)

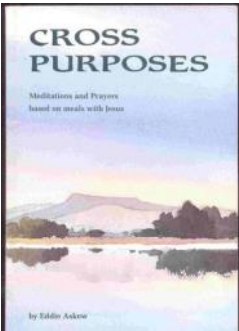
The recently reinstated Reflections' Group met on the 26th June.

We (Pat, Cheryl and Ruth), are reflecting on a beautiful book* suggested by Rosemary before she sadly passed away. We meet monthly in the afternoon and are hoping that more folks would like to join us.

Please speak to one of us or message or phone Margaret on 0778 3865 350 /0131 454 0793 for address and further details.

*Cross Purposes

Meditations and Prayers based on meals with Jesus by Eddie Askew



Our Homegroups are great places to Study the Scripture and learn more about our faith. The Reflections group although it meets like a homegroup offers more time for quiet meditation and prayer using scripture and poetry. If you would like to know more about a Home Group Study or the Reflections Group please do get in touch.

As well as these midweek opportunities for fellowship and study our Mid-Week Communion service takes place on a Wednesday at 10am in St Leonard's.



The work of our local food bank continues to help and support local families in times of crisis and need. Donations of tinned

food, dried food as well as toiletries and household cleaning material are always welcome. Collection boxes are available at both churches or an uplift can be arranged if you call the church office. 0131 663 7000

Travel Size Toiletries

We continue to collect Travel size toiletries for the Sick Kids Hospital. Currently they are short of face wipes and disposable razors blades. Items can be placed in the grey collection basket at church. Thank You



St Leonard's and St Mary's
Prayer Diary
Summer Time - Find Time to Pray



Pray for the world

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6 v18 (NIV)



With smells and bells and creative colours and materials along with a Tent we give thanks for the Prayer day that witnessed over 30+ people over the day joining in with the Global Prayer Initiative Thy Kingdom Come.

We raise a Hallelujah to God and say Amen to all the prayers that were spoken, unspoken, written or drawn

HOW SHOULD I PRAY?

There are no rules or limits to prayer but only what works best for you. Some people find it easiest in the morning before doing anything else. Others find it easier to have a coffee and pray during the day for others it may be the last thing you do at night. You can also do all three if you want.



Set aside a time that works for you and PRAY.

- P** — Pause be still, and acknowledge that God is with you even if you don't feel anything, God is close to you there. Trust in him.
We often rush on to asking, so take time to be still and know.
- R** - Rejoice and give thanks. Be grateful and rejoice for who Jesus is, for what he has done for us as our Lord and Saviour.
Be thankful too for answered prayers, family or other blessings
- A** - Ask, we pray for the world and its people, the Church and its witness and mission, for our family and friends and for ourselves. Be real in your prayers, speak from your heart.
- Y** - Yield to Christ's Lordship. Otherwise known as saying yes to Jesus.
We pray Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done.
Say Yes to what Jesus is calling you to do.
If it is to bless others then bless them, to give then give,
Say yes to Jesus and love one another.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

WHAT TO PRAY FOR?

Pray with thanksgiving for the impact of the Thy Kingdom Come Initiative as we hear of prayers being answered around the world.

Locally we give thanks for 30+ people who took part in the prayer day

Pray for our ongoing journey of faith as we follow Jesus, that God would lead us to the people and places where God is already at work.

Pray for the life of our Diocese, and individual churches that we may grow together in unity and love as we pray for, and encourage each other. For thankful hearts, praising God for all that God has done and for the friends we are blessed with. Pray especially for those churches seeking a new Rector that they be strengthened and guided by God.

Pray for wisdom and direction as we focus on our priorities of Serving our Communities, Enabling Ministry, Engaging All Generations, Developing Disciples and Sharing Faith. For forgiveness and humility as we acknowledge our need of God and trust our friends and family into God's care. Pray that they may come to know Jesus.

Pray for our link dioceses of Espoo in Finland, Dunedin in New Zealand and Cape Coast in Ghana. Pray for courage to share God's saving love in word and deed, that God's light might shine in us and through us. Pray to for our friends David and Shelly and for the work of Scripture Union.

Pray for the work across our diocese with children and young people, that each one may grow in knowledge and love of Jesus. Pray locally for Messy Church and those that come that they may draw closer to God.

Pray for our young people awaiting results from their exams that whatever the outcome they may find good and positive ways forward for their future lives.

Pray for positive, collaborative relationships with all other churches and other faith groups, nationally, regionally and locally. For opportunities to talk naturally about our Christian faith with our friends and family.

Pray for God to stir us up to do all we can to care for our planet, joining with others to honour his creation. Pray also for perseverance to keep believing and praying for those who seem so far from God.

Pray for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to anoint, equip and guide us as we pray for people to come and join us in worship, to renew Christ's Church as we declare Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

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

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... **and they were constantly devoting themselves to prayer**... When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added." from *Acts 1, 2*

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

Please remember that you can also 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.

Readings for Sunday Services July — September

The list of Lectionary readings as well as being provided for those preparing to read at Sunday services are also provided for all of us to read and to reflect upon as we prepare to meet together week by week.

July

7th July	Galatians 6: 7-16	Luke 10 1-11 & 16-20
14th July	Colossians 1: 1-14	Luke 10:25-37
21st July	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
28th July	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13

August

4th August	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
11th August	Hebrews 11:1-3 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
18th August	Hebrews 11:29 - 12v2	Luke 12:49-56
25th August	Hebrews 12 18-29	Luke 13:10-17

September

1st Sept	Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1,7-14
8th Sept	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
15th Sept	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
22nd Sept	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
29th Sept	Café Church	

SPRING HARVEST 2020

April 13th to 17th Skegness

If you are interested in joining us for next years Spring Harvest please do speak to Fiona as booking is now open for next year.

There is also a group booking discount so if we can get 15 or more signed up it will reduce the overall cost for all of us.

Phone Fiona on 663 7000

St Mary's 9.30 am Sunday Rota February

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
7th July O: L McEwan C: J Fleming R: B Tinley I: V Cameron M: E Stewart	M McMeekin M McPhail	K & R Donald	B Tinley	N & D Grieve
14th July O: A Mackay C: J Fleming R: L Maguire I: R Donald M: N & D Grieve	K & R Donald	P Elliot C Prior	B Tinley	N & D Grieve
21st July O: A Watt C: J Fleming R: R Donald I: K Donald M: D Law	E & M Thomson	N & D Grieve	A Mackay	N & D Grieve
28th July O: R Donald C: J Short R: J Fleming I: P Willis M: E Thomson	A Watt C Prior	B Tinley M McMeekin	A Mackay	N & D Grieve
4th August O: L McEwan C: J Fleming R: V Cameron I: A Mackay M: E Stewart	A Mackay M McMeekin	P Willis L Maguire	J Fleming	

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18th August O: A Watt C: J Fleming R: A Mackay I: K Donald M: D Law	N & D Grieve	K & R Donald	N Grieve	
25th August O: R Donald C: J Short R: K Donald I: J Fleming M: E Thomson	M McPhail A Watt	P Elliot C Prior	N Grieve	
1st September O: C: J Fleming R: I: M: E Stewart				
8th September O: C: J Fleming R: I: M: N & D Grieve				

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St Leonard's 11.15am Sunday Rota

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7th July O: T Mooney C: A Bruce R: P Johnson I: N Stewart M: E Thomson	J Shannon J Strong	N Whannell A Cunningham	Joy Mooney	C Todd R Simpson
14th July O: A Bruce C: V Clark R: Mary J I: C Todd M: E Stewart	A Cunningham N Whannell	C Todd A Bruce A Thomson	Jean Mellon	P & I Nicolson
21st July O: N Stewart C: T Mooney R: T Mooney I: V Clark M: E Stewart	N Fyffe	J Mellon D Reid M Hall	Jean Mellon	A Bruce
28th July O: Peter C: A Bruce R: Fiona I: Clergy M: Peter/David	M Hall D Reid	R Simpson A McKenzie B Poulouse	B Poulouse	M Kurian B Poulouse
4th August O: V Clark C: T Mooney R: I Bolan I: N Stewart M: E Stewart	A & I Bolan	J Strong A Bolan A Miller	B Poulouse	T & J Mooney

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11th August O: T Mooney C: A Bruce R: M Johnson I: C Todd M: E Thomson	J Shannon J Strong	N Whannell A Cunningham	J Ferris	A McKenzie V Clark
18th August O: A Bruce C: N Stewart R: C Todd I: M Jones M: E Stewart	A Cunningham N Whannell	C Todd A Bruce A Thomson	J Ferris	J & J Mellon
25th August O: Peter C: T Mooney R: Mary J I: Clergy M: Peter/David	N Fyffe	J Mellon D Reid M Hall <i>Soup</i> <i>A McKenzie</i>	R Simpson	P & M Johnson
1st September O: N Stewart C: V Clark R: P Johnson I: V Clark M: E Stewart	M Hall D Reid	R Simpson A McKenzie B Poulouse	M Hall	J & T Mooney
8th September O: T Mooney C: N Stewart R: I Bolan I: C Todd M: E Thomson	A & I Bolan	J Strong A Bolan A Miller	M Hall	C Todd R Simpson

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He's on His way

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RS
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Beat the Christmas rush
and join with us this Sunday

St Mary's

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

Sunday 9.30am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's

Dobbies Rd
Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

Sunday at 11.15am

stleonardslasswade.org.uk

Find us on  **@StLandM**

You can also contact the Church Office on



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