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*The Magazine of the Scottish Episcopal Churches
of St Leonard's Lasswade & St Mary's Dalkeith*

Your local Scottish Episcopal Church
in Bonnyrigg & Dalkeith
Invites and Welcomes You to join us



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
www.stleonardslasswade.org.uk

More Information and Enquiries:

For more information why not visit the church Websites or

Find us on  @StLandM

You can also contact the Church Office on

 0131 663 7000 or email  office.stlandm@gmail.com

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Editor's Note

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St Leonard's 11:15am Sunday Rota February

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
7th April O: A Bruce C: T Mooney R: Mary J I: V Clark M: E Stewart	J Forsyth N Fyffe	J Mellon D Reid M Hall <i>J Strong</i>	LENT	Spring Clean
14th April O: T Mooney C: A Bruce R: V Scott I: C Todd M: E Thomson	M Hall D Reid	R Simpson A McKenzie B Poulouse <i>R Simpson</i>	PALM SUNDAY	J & J Mellon
21st April O: A Bruce C: N Stewart R: M Johnson I: V Clark M: E Stewart	A & I Bolan	J Strong A Bolan A Miller	EASTER	P & M Johnson
28th April O: Peter C: V Clark R: T Mooney I: Peter M: Peter et al	J Shannon J Strong	N Whannell A Cunningham <i>V Clark</i>	EASTER	J & T Mooney
5th May O: N Stewart C: A Bruce R: I Bolan I: V Clark M: E Stewart	A Cunningham N Whannell	C Todd A Bruce A Thomson	M Lawson	C Todd R Simpson

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St Mary's 9.30 am Sunday Rota February

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

Jesus said
 "I am the resurrection and the life.
 Anyone who believes in me will live,
 even though they die"
 John 11:25

You will be familiar with the modern proverb "the only sure or certain thing in life is death and taxes!" The origins of the phrase is a refashioning of a sentence attributed to Benjamin Franklin, who wrote in 1789 that

"Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

However, the Good News of Easter challenges even the permanency of death. We all face death and have been touched by the sadness and grief of losing a loved one. Although grief and separation can be painful, our faith in the resurrected Christ offers us however, a real future and present hope. That by Christ's death and sacrifice for us, we too can be forgiven and raised once more by the Creator and giver of life from the dust of death.

In John's Gospel we read of the events of Lazarus death and of how Jesus wept at his tomb. Moments before arriving at the tomb he comforted Lazarus sister Martha and declared "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die!" Then he challenged her with a question "Do you believe this?"

Then in a wonderful precursor to his own death and resurrection he called out to Lazarus to come out from the tomb, to rise up from the grave, to breathe and live again. This man Jesus had turned water into wine, healed the blind and lame, released those in torment, feed the crowds, restored the lepers and now raises the dead. With a declaration and a promise he asks us do we believe? Do we believe that he is the resurrection, he is the life giver, the one who has defeated sin and death so that we too can be raised to new life, resurrected life, through our faith and hope in Christ. Do you believe?

So although taxes may continue to be a certainty let us rejoice that death itself is not a permanent state but has been defeated by Christ.

With love at Easter from Peter



As we look forward over the next few months we want to highlight a number of events and activities you may be interested in.

Saturday 6th April DAFFODIL TEA
 Hosted at St Mary's
 2.30– 4.30pm



Holy Week A list of the Ecumenical Services can be found on the next page of the Magazine

Saturday 4th May CAR BOOT SALE
 at St Mary's 10am-3pm

Thursday 9th May Knitting Group
 Newbyres Nursing Home 10am

Saturday 11th May CAR TREASURE HUNT
 Starting at St Leonard's
 ending somewhere along the A68



May 30th.-June 9th THY KINGDOM COME
 A call to pray from Ascension to Pentecost

Saturday 8th June DAY OF PRAYER



St Leonard's host a 12hour, 10am to 10pm Creative prayer event. There will be various prayer stations to guide how we pray or just sit in the stillness of the church. Come for a time, an hour or longer.

Saturday June 15th – FAMILY FUN DAY
 Hosted at St Leonard's
 with barbeque, games, teas, scavenger hunt



Readings for Sunday Services April-May

The list of Lectionary readings as well as being provided for those preparing to read during worship 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.

Please note that during Lent although the set Lectionary readings are mentioned below we will be reflecting on the Lent Study material within our Sunday worship so the readings will most likely be different to those set below. But it is also good to keep on reading through Lent

April

7th 5th Sun of Lent Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8

14th Palm Sunday Luke 19.28-40

Passion Reading Luke 22.14-23.56

21st Easter Sunday Luke 24.1-12 Acts 10.34-43

28th April 2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 5.27-32 John 20.19-31

May

5th May 3rd Sun of Easter Acts 9.1-6(7-20) John 21.1-19

12th May 4th Sun of Easter Acts 9.36-43 John 10.22-30

19th May 5th Sun of Easter Acts 11.1-18 John 13.31-35

26th May 6th Sun of Easter Acts 16.9-15 John 14.23-29 (or John 5.1-9)

Can you help?

As a church we believe that we are all members of the body, the family of God. All of us have a part to play and we thank you for what you already do in the life of the Church. On a Sunday there are a variety of ways that you too could help us in our worship. Do speak to one of the Clergy if you would like to help. We are happy to help prepare and guided you if you would like help with planning for intercessions or reading.



Easter Flowers

Week by week (apart from Lent) various members of the congregation provide flowers to decorate and enhance our sanctuary and worship with colour and beauty of nature.

So we give thanks to everyone involved.

Now with Easter on the horizon there are various plans afoot to mark this great celebration with an array of colour and life as we move from the bleakness and sorrow of Lent into the Joy and life of Easter.

So if you would like to help with decorating the churches or donating towards the cost of the Easter flowers please do speak to

Pat Willis at St Mary's or Ruth Simpson & Janina Short at St Leonard's

Thank You

Travel Size Toiletries

What a wonderful collection of Travel Toiletries we have passed on to the Hospital for distribution. Lilly and the King Family thank you for your generosity. The items are gifted to families who find themselves often being admitted to hospital quickly and find themselves in need of the little things they need to see them through the initial stay on the ward. Please do feel free to keep donating these items as there is always a need. Currently they are short of face wipes and disposable razors blades. Please place items in the grey basket at church. Thank You



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

2019 Holy Week Ecumenical Services



Sunday 14th

Palm Sunday Songs of Praise
Lasswade Parish Church 5 pm

Weekday services are all at 7.30pm

Monday 15th

St David's Dalkeith
Our Lady's Bonnyrigg

Tuesday 16th

St Nicholas Buccleuch
Bonnyrigg Parish

Wednesday 17th

Full Gospel
Rosewell Parish

Maundy Thu 18th St Mary's

St Leonard's

Good Friday

Walk of Witness 10am from St Mary's

Friday Eve

Dalkeith Baptist
Cockpen & Carrington Church

Easter Morning

Kings Park Dalkeith 7.30am



A Paws for thought.

They're up and out again, and then their back for a few minutes and off they go again. So occasionally I have to bark and say "hello I am still here!"

Its not nice you know being thrown out into the back yard and told to quickly do my business so that they can get on with their next task, the next item on the to do list. Sometimes I think my owners get so busy they forget that I am part of the family and that I am here for them.

If that's how they treat me I wonder sometimes about how God must feel. Does God feel left out, sitting in the corner waiting to be included in what is going on. Then when people do engage with God do they do so oh so quickly because they have a list of other important things to get on with? I dare say like me we should all be thankful that God is patient with us and forgives us when we do the wrong thing in the wrong place. But like me and my owners I am sure God would welcome a closer relationship with all of us. Ok I know I can't go everywhere with the family but God has promised us that he will be with us always. So I do hope you too remember in the business of the day to stop and chat with God.

With licks and love from Izzy 

Paschal Candle Motif Competition

With Easter on the horizon its time to think again about this years Paschal Candle design. If you would like to design a motif for the candle then please get drawing and submit your entries to the Church Office by Sunday 7th April.

Last years winners were Jean Mellon and Isla McKenzie



GDPR — a reminder

Whether we are In or Out of the EU in the future we still need to remain compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations. A copy of our Data Protection Policy for St Mary's and St Leonard's can be obtained from the Church Office if requested. The basic data we hold is often used to aid internal communications between members and adherents of the churches. It is not sold or distributed to third parties.

We would encourage all members and adherents of the church to complete a GDPR form and return these as soon as possible so that we have your current details and your permission to hold this information about you. Thank You.



Bishops Lent Appeal 2019

The Bishop's Lent appeal for this year is focusing in on the work of two charities helping people in their time of need.

Set up in 2008 by the Selkirk Council of Churches assisted by the Scottish Churches Housing Action, FRESH START BORDERS, provides starter packs of household goods and essentials to people moving from homelessness into a permanent tenancy. www.freshstartborders.org.uk

MERCY SHIPS runs the world's largest Hospital Ship the Africa Mercy. The ship is staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. It travels to some of the poorest nations and ports in the world to provide free surgery and medical attention. Our own Vicki Clark at St Leonard's has served on the Africa Mercy. www.mercyships.org.uk

Please collect a lent box from the welcome desk to help support these 2 charities , also St Leonard's will be serving soup & rolls each Sunday during Lent (except on Mothering Sunday) the proceeds of which will go to the Lent Appeal. Thank You



Christian Aid Week: 'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

Stand with mums

This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May,



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 April 2019



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)

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.

Prayers for those In Mozambique, In Malawi, In Zimbabwe

Shelter in the storm
Light in the darkness
Hope even in a living hell
God be with our sisters and brothers
In Mozambique, In Malawi, In Zimbabwe
Behind the numbing numbers are names
Behind the statistics are life stories

God, help us be with our sisters and brothers, gather us close so we open our heart and share with those in need.
They are our neighbours so help us to weather the storms together as we support one another in your name.
Amen

Prayer for Fair Trade

God of all, you seek justice and righteousness in all our ways, help us not just to seek the best deal for ourselves without considering its impact on others. Help us even as we choose our weekly shopping to hold farmers and producers in our prayers and to make choices that benefit individual and communities who work in partnership with Fairtrade seeking a living wage.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

We pray for Fresh Start Borders and for Mercy Ships and the work they do to bring relief to people in need locally and around the world

Prayers for our own government and those in positions of influence

God of reconciling hope, as you guided your people in the past guide us through the political turmoil of this present time and bring us to that place of flourishing where our unity can be restored, the common good served and all shall be made well. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

In the midst of uncertainty and despair we pray for a new vision and pathway for our Nation. A vision that would call us to care for justice and peace, a pathway that would lead us to work together to make a better today for a better tomorrow in Jesus name. Amen



Pray for our Mission Partners David and Shelly

David and Shelly Stokes are based in Juárez, a small town in the remote north of Argentina, but a relatively central location for visiting the 150 or so small Anglican churches scattered across the area known as the Chaco. David's duties are to visit and encourage church leaders and to help develop sustainable patterns of training for new leaders. Shelley works mainly with Wichí women, encouraging them to love the Lord.



Pray for the local churches and our Ecumenical witness.

We pray Lord for our brothers and sisters in our area who worship in different houses and in different ways. We thank you for them and ask you to bless and encourage them.

We pray for the Ecumenical Services that take place in Holy Week that these would be well attended and be times of encouragement as we journey together towards Easter.

We pray for the work that we commit to together and especially the work of the Storehouse. Bless those who use these food banks and may they through the love that is shown by your people draw them closer to you. We continue to pray too for Bonnyrigg Parish as they look for a new Minister. May we all know that we are one family, in and through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pray for Scripture Union and our work with Young people



We pray Lord, for the work of SU in the schools and locally for those who lead groups in our local Primary and High Schools. We pray to for our Messy Church activities that through what we do in your name individuals and families will be drawn closer to You. We pray to for the local Youth Fellowship group and give thanks for its leaders. We pray to for Uniformed organizations like the Boys and Girls Brigades who offer opportunities for young lives to encounter Good News

Prayer for the Pastoral work of the Church

We pray for individuals seeking Baptism and for couples preparing for their Wedding day in the coming months. As well as celebration we remember those who mourn and give thanks for loved ones now departed from us and for those whose anniversary falls at this time..