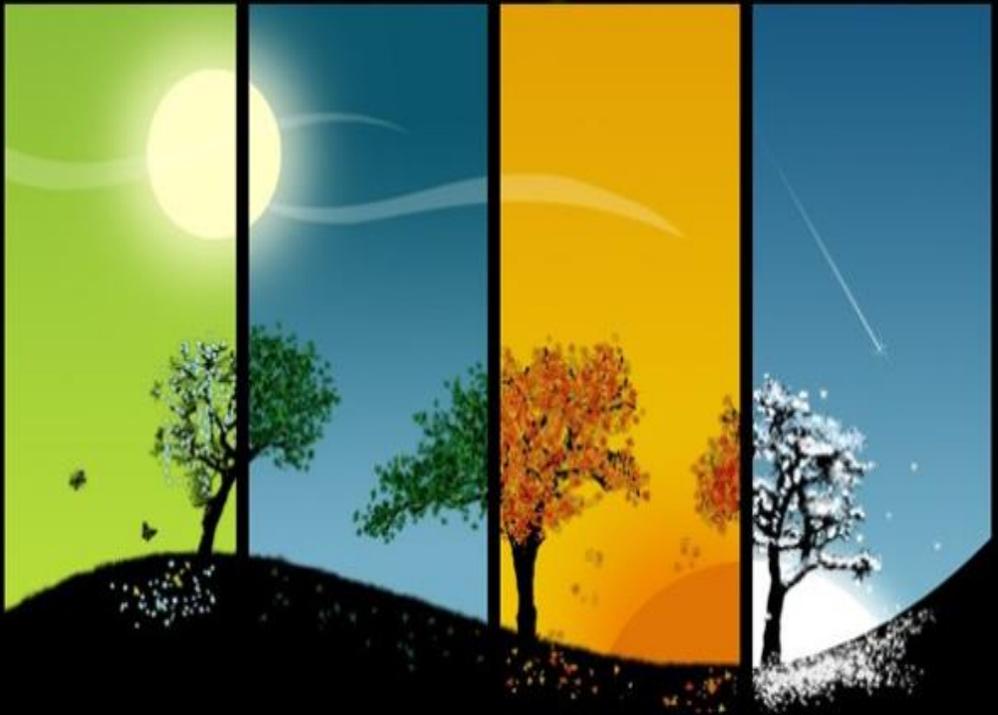


The Link

September 2019

No matter what the season



Yesterday, today, forever Jesus is the same.

Hebrews 13 v8

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

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St Mary's

The church in the park

Dalkeith Country Park

High St, Dalkeith

Sunday Worship 9.30am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk



St Leonard's

Dobbies Rd

Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

Sunday Worship 11.15am

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We warmly invite and welcome you to come and be part of the Church family of St Leonard's and St Mary's.

Although we are known as a Scottish Episcopal Church we are a mix of individuals and families from many different backgrounds who seek to know Jesus as our Lord, Saviour and friend while supporting one another as we live, journey and explore the Christian faith together .

We look forward to seeing you.

Items for inclusion in the **October** Magazine of The Link should be passed to the office by **Sunday 21st September** 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?

A Rector's Muse

"You put your left leg in, your left leg out, in, out, in, out, shake it all about!"

This fun party favourite song and dance seems to sum up the political state of our country as we endeavour to navigate the foggy sea of life. The good ship UK with its various decks of nations is being steered toward a great Brexit iceberg with Captain Boris at the helm and regardless of any collateral damage he is aiming for us to hit this specific Iceberg come what may.

In many ways I respect and am grateful for our political system of government. It may not be perfect but compared to some other systems of governance we could mention (but won't just in case their listening) I do feel more at ease within a Nation that endeavours to have democracy and to hold its leaders to account. Sadly though I feel more and more that my faith in the system is being abused and eroded as I am left wondering where do we go from here. Its as though rather than building on a strong foundation parliament, local and national, seems to be building on shifting sands. There is a feeling that Politicians say one thing and then do another. In effect I am concerned that we are losing our trust in the system and if this breaks down as we collide with Brexit we will be left a drift in unknown waters. It wouldn't surprise me if Captain Boris abandoned ship in the first weeks of November leaving many of the vulnerable in our society even more worse off than they are struggling to find a lifeboat to keep themselves afloat.

As a Christian however, I have come to know and realise that my future hope is not based on this government or the next. My day to day, month by month trust is invested in Jesus. Unlike the shifting sands of government trusting in Jesus is like building on a sure and steady foundation. One of my favourite Sunday school songs is based on Hebrews 13 verse 8;

*Yesterday, today, forever Jesus is the same
all may change but Jesus never
Glory to his name*

Take heart and trust in God when all around us seems to be in chaos and remember that Jesus love for you never changes, it never gives up. Like the Good Shepherd seeking the lost, he longs to be with us and to bring us safely home, into his Kingdom of mercy and grace, where the least are as important as the greatest and all are welcome at His table.

with love from Peter

HARVEST CELEBRATION SUNDAY

St Leonard's Sunday 6th October 11.15am

St Mary's Sunday 13th October 9.30am

Due to a couple of Weddings taking place over the first weekend in October we have decided to move St Mary's Harvest Sunday to the 13th October

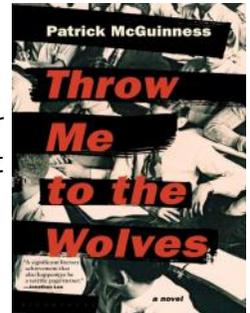
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The Link Book Group

The book club 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

See John A. Fleming for more information if required



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



A Paws for thought.

Hi Everyone,

I hope you like our family holiday photo from Summer 2019. We had a wonderful time away on the North Yorkshire Moors. We were staying near Bedale which is a lovely little Market Town and while we were there the weather was lovely for walks and exploring.



Sadly after returning home the rain came a tumbling down and places we had visited just a week earlier became flooded. My heart went out to all the animals and humans who lived in the area as it was and is a very picturesque place to visit. While there we visited Whitby and splashed about in the sea as well as enjoying some lovely yummy fish and chips at the harbours edge.

We also managed to visit the lovely City of York and ran around chasing after a Harry Potter tour guide Wizard. There seems to be more about this famous Wizard in York than there is in J.K Rowling's home town of Edinburgh. To be honest York was a bit of a Shambles of a place. I was told there were some tasty bones to be dug up under our feet that revealed a thriving community of life had existed there way before my Dad's Dad was born. However, I wasn't allowed into the Jorvick Centre to see my Viking ancestors or to look at the bones of the past. I would have so loved to dig my teeth in to an ancient bone or two. We did however, wherever we went find many local pubs offer a great doggie welcome to us dogs and our earthly companions. Some even brought you sausages or treats to chew on.

Back at home life became a little quiet as Sam and Grace headed of on a Youth Camp in Wales. I could have gone too but needed to stay to keep Mum and Dad company. After that Sam headed off to South Africa and sadly as I don't have a passport was definitely not allowed to go. We miss him and look forward to hearing about his adventures when he returns. It was great nevertheless to catch up with my friends from Felixstowe who came to stay and to meet some new doggy friends whose owners Mum and Dad also knew from their days living in Suffolk. All in all it has been a good summer and I look forward to seeing you all when I can get to Church or when you come a visiting the Rectory.

With love and licks from Izzy



Val & Steve Cameron

Over the past year it has been a pleasure to get to know Val and Steve Cameron who moved into the area to be closer to their family in Edinburgh. They have both settled well into St Mary's and enjoy our mix of worship as both of them have a love for music and regularly sung in Church Choirs as well as other groups.

The photo shows them both at Wells Cathedral ready to take their place as Choir members on a recent visit to the Cathedral. They very much enjoyed meeting up with old friends and singing within this wonderful Cathedral setting.



Where is Val? Might be a question you may ask over the coming weeks. Well the answer is that we are delighted to report that she has been accepted to both continue her training as a Lay Reader and at the same time explore her calling to the "Permanent Diaconate Ministry." If her calling is affirmed then she along with a few others will be part of a new wave of Diaconate Ministers being introduced to the church.

Diaconate Ministers as well as being on hand to help out with the traditional tasks of worship and ministry within a Church are also charged to have a missional focus looking outward into the community and to engage with the wider community on behalf of the Church. Val especially has sensed a calling to work on behalf of the Church especially with the marginalised and those who are Homeless or in need of support within the community.

Sadly one of the policies that we are asked to adhere to as she begins her new role is that during her training time she be released from local church duties so that she can be sent out on placement to experience different approaches to Ministry and Outreach elsewhere. Over the next few weeks she will be based at St Margaret's Easter Road and work alongside the Soul Food Project that is run from there.

We of course hope and plan to still see Steve on a regular basis and Val when she can make it. So please hold them both in your prayers as they adjust to this new season in their lives and the challenges that Ministry will bring.

St Leonard's and St Mary's Prayer Diary September 2019



*“For HE
HIMSELF
is our
PEACE...”*

EPHESIANS 2:14

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P - Pause, be still, rest

R - Rejoice, remember what is good and give thanks

A - Ask, intercede for others and yourself

Y - Yield and say Yes to God's will to be done

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? - Some suggestions for September.

As a new Autumn Term begins pray for the work of St Leonard's and St Mary's. Pray for the Vestry and the Ministry Team as they make decisions governing the Spiritual and Physical matters of the Church. Pray for the activities of the Church for our Home Groups and Reflections Group, the Book Club and Fellowship. Pray also for the Pastoral Team and those who meet for Worship on a Wednesday morning. Pray too for our Messy Church services as we begin a new Term that families and individuals will draw closer to God.

Pray with thanksgiving for Lilly and Taylor as they respond to their various treatments and although they are still ill they have shown good signs of improvement. Pray for Taylor that he may be strong enough to return to Jamaica for a visit home.

Pray for members of our Church Family and our ongoing journey of faith as we seek to 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. Pray especially for those churches seeking a new Rector that they be strengthened and guided by God to find the right person who will encourage and inspire the mission of the various churches.

Pray for positive, collaborative relationships with all other churches and other faith groups, nationally, regionally and locally. For opportunities to learn about other faiths and to talk openly and honestly about our Christian faith with our friends and family and those we meet.

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.

We Pray for the local Schools and for Scripture Union groups within those schools that they may be places where Young People encounter the good news and love of God.

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 September — October

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.

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 15:5-10
22nd Sept	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
29th Sept	Café Church	

October

6th Oct*	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
13th Oct*	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17: 11-19
20th Oct	2 Timothy 3:14-to 4:5	Luke 18:1-8
27th Oct	2 Timothy 4:6-8 & 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14

**Harvest Readings Psalm 104 Matthew 13:1-23*

Harvest St Leonard's Sun 6th Oct

Harvest St Mary's Sun 13th Oct

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

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
1st September O: L McEwan C: J Fleming R: R Bartlett I: A Mackay M: E Stewart	K & R Donald	N & D Grieve	B Tinley	John Fleming
8th September O: A Mackay C: J Fleming R: K Donald I: V Cameron M: N & D Grieve	C Prior M McMeekin	B Tinley M McMeekin	B Tinley	John Fleming
15th September O: A Watt C: J Fleming R: M McPhail I: R Donald M: D Law	A Mackay M McPhail	B & N Hallworth	M McPhail	John Fleming
22nd September O: R Donald C: J Short R: J Fleming I: K Donald M:	N & D Grieve	P Elliot C Prior	M McPhail	John Fleming
29th September Café Church	A Mackay M McMeekin	P Willis L Maguire	M McPhail	John Fleming

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

St Leonard's 11.15am Sunday Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
1st September O: N Stewart C: V Clark R: M Johnson I: V Clark M: E Stewart	M Hall D Reid	R Simpson A Mckenzie B Poulose	M Hall	J & T Mooney
8th September O: T Mooney C: N Stewart R: I Bolan I: N Stewart M: E Thomson	A & I Bolan	J Strong A Bolan A Miller	M Hall	C Todd R Simpson
15th September O: V Scott C: A Bruce R: Fiona I: C Todd M:	J Shannon J Strong	N Whannell A Cunningham	A Bruce	P & I Nicolson
22nd September O: Peter C: A Bruce R: C Todd I: Peter M: Peter/David	A Cunningham N Whannell	C Todd A Bruce A Thomson <i>R Simpson</i>	A Bruce	A Bruce
29th September Café Church C: V Clark	N Fyffe B Poulose	J Mellon D Reid M Hall	R Simpson	M Kurian B Poulose

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St Mary's Church,

Dalkeith Country Park



Saturday 14th September
10am-2pm

Sellers set up from 9am

Book you space NOW!

Contact Church office on

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

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The Tom Campbell Memorial Concert

is proud to present

Newtongrange Junior Silver Band



& Can't Help Singing

St Mary's Church, Dalkeith Country Park

Friday 13th September, 7.30pm

Tickets £6 available in advance

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MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church Autumn 2019

- September** **Space and God**
Build space craft and eat stars
Wednesday 25th at St Leonard's 4pm—6pm
Saturday 28th at St Mary's 4pm—6pm
- October** **Harvest Thanksgiving**
Come and bring a gift to say thank you for the Harvest
Saturday 26th at St Mary's 4pm—6pm
Wednesday 30th at St Leonard's 4pm-6pm
- November** **The Gift, getting ready for Christmas**
Make gifts for your friends or family
Wednesday 27th at St Leonard's 4-6pm
Saturday 30th at St Mary's 4-6pm
- December** **Christingle and Interactive Nativity**
Tuesday 24th Dec 4pm at St Mary's



An Evening of
Autumn
Music & Verse

St Leonard's Church
Dobbies Road, Lasswade

Saturday 5th October 7pm

Tickets £7 available at door.
(includes light refreshments)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7th Sept Coffee at Mary's** 10.30am at St Mary's
- 12th Sept Knitting Group** Newbyres Nursing Home 10am
- 13th Sep Tom Campbell Memorial Concert**
Brass Band & "Can't help Singing" Choir
at St Mary's
- 14th Sept Midlothian Doors Open**
CAR BOOT SALE at St Mary's 10am
- 25th Sept Messy Church** at St Leonard's 4-6pm
- 28th Sept Messy Church** at St Mary's 4-6pm
- 5th Oct Coffee at Mary's** 10.30am at St Mary's
- 5th Oct Autumn Music & Verse**
A night of musical pieces, poetry and fellowship.
at St Leonard's 7pm

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