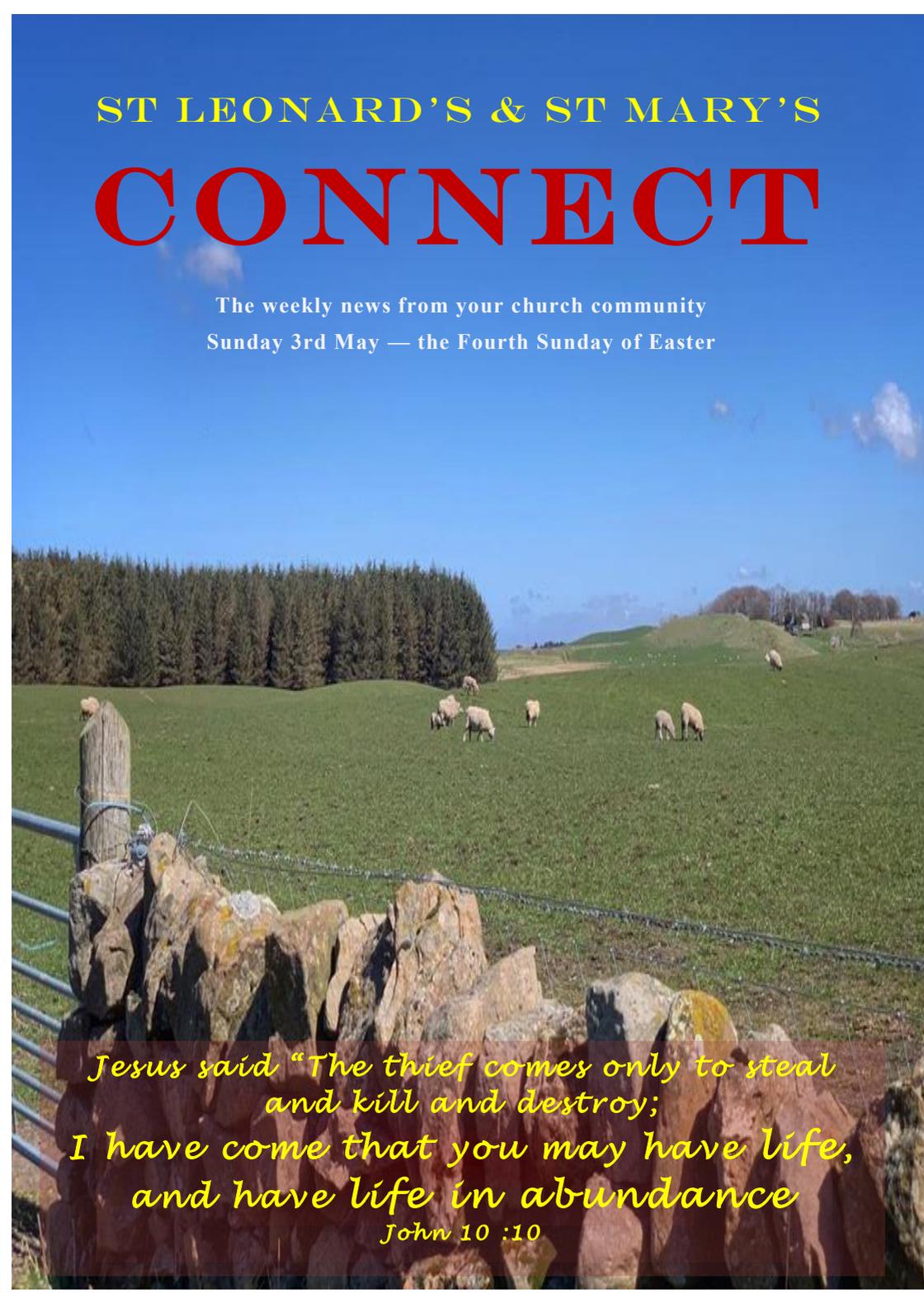


ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

CONNECT

The weekly news from your church community
Sunday 3rd May — the Fourth Sunday of Easter



*Jesus said "The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy;
I have come that you may have life,
and have life in abundance
John 10 :10*

Easter 2020 Week 4

The imagery of our Gospel today from John 10 is of the Shepherd caring for his sheep. A Shepherd who knows his sheep and protects them by being the very gate by which they are kept safe. The passage leads into the statement that Jesus is the Good Shepherd which we are familiar with.

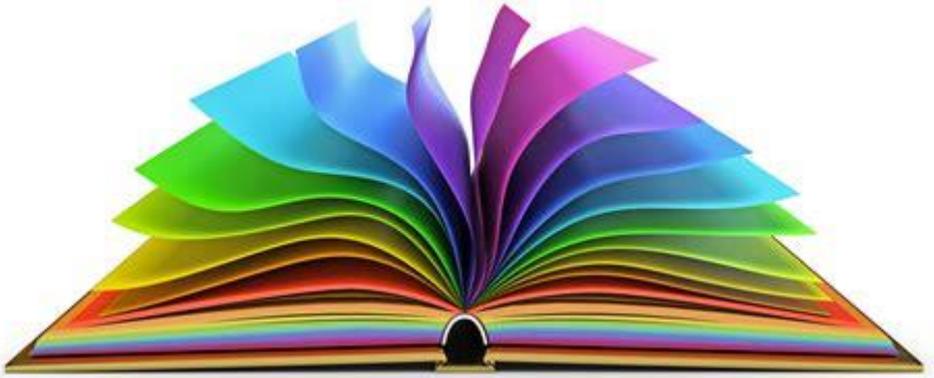
However before that Jesus declares that he is gate! As a child I only had a vague understanding of this statement. Yes I knew what a gate was! As a paper boy I had tackled a lot of different gates entering and leaving the properties receiving their Sunday Posts. So was Jesus trying to say he was like an old, rusty and creaky gate! Or was he like the one further down the road held up by a worn piece of string with broken slats that always seemed to fall to the ground every time I came close. Or maybe he was referring to the strong side gate that kept the barking Doberman at bay as I quickly ran up the path. These were my childhood images of gates and my reference points to what I thought Jesus was trying to say to me through this passage.

Modern day Shepherding looks nothing like the Shepherding in Jesus day and this is one of our difficulties we face when trying to understand and interpret scripture. However, when you grasp and understand the culture of the day a deeper meaning and understanding can open up a passage to a deeper fuller meaning. In Jesus' day to keep sheep safe at night the Shepherd would round them up in the sheepfold. This was often a circular wall of stones with an opening for the sheep to enter or exit by. But there was no gate just an opening! The caring Shepherd would lie down and become the very gate that would protect the sheep. Now I read John 10 in a much deeper way than before and now am amazed that I have life, and life abundantly, life eternal, because Jesus laid down his life for me. He becomes my protection and watches over my coming in and going out.

With love from Peter and the family



St. Leonard's and St. Mary's Lockdown Project



We would like to create a book which reflects our experience of lockdown, and which will be available for us to reflect on in the future. We hope it will document how we as a church family got through this difficult time which is affecting all of us.

And so we invite you to send in any artwork, photos, pictures, pieces of writing, poems, perhaps special recipes – anything that is meaningful to you and which can be printed in a book and which reflects your experiences of being in lockdown as individuals, in your family, and as church. You can be as creative as you like, but please include an explanation of what it means to you! You can send in multiple items, but not all may be included depending on how much we receive (we would check with you as to what would be most important to you to be included if this happens).

Think about what has kept you going, what has been meaningful for you, how you have occupied yourself, and what has been challenging for you.

Please send the items you wish to be included in the book to me by email at Jacqui.durocher@gmail.com by the end of September 2020.

We hope you enjoy this project and will all join in as much as possible.

Love to you all,

Jacqui & the doodles



As a community it is good for us to mourn with those who mourn, but also we want to celebrate with those who celebrate. So if you would like give someone a special mention in the Connect then please do get in touch and we will pray for them and ask for God to bless them at this special time.



Wedding Anniversary

We pass on our congratulations to Neil & Helen Stewart as they celebrated their anniversary in this past week.



Birthday Blessing and wishes go this week to: David Grieve, Bill Elliot, Norma Whannel, Doreen Reid and Val Cameron celebrate their birthdays this week. May they be blessed and enjoy their special day.

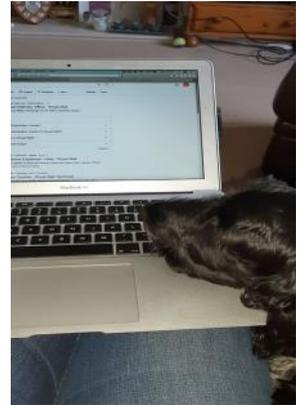
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I can't believe some folk want to flick a switch and have us go back to how things were! You were all so busy running here and there, looking out for yourselves not caring for one another or appreciating the work that many did unnoticed week in week out to provide for all of us. Yes its hard and yes I would like to have the freedom to see my friends and family but I don't want to go back.

It was inspiring seeing Captain Tom and am amazed at what he achieved but I hope we can find a new way forward where we don't need 100 year old men to fundraise for our NHS but that we make proper provision for key workers in the future.

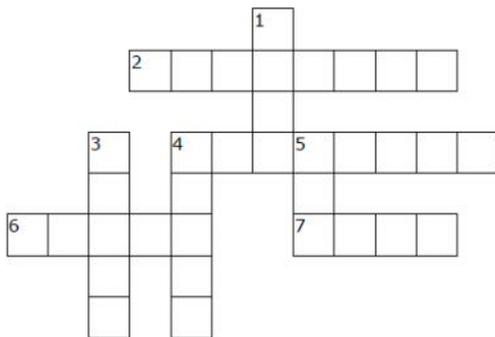
On another subject this past week I ran a Caption Competition, for a bit of fun, using the picture of me working on my mac! Some of the best entries were "Who needs a mouse when you have a dog!" or "Just catching up on my fan mail!" and "Working from home today."



*My favourite however was — **"You've got a typo in the second sentence, it should say let us play, not let us pray!"** with thanks to Sandiann and my friend Sashabelle.*

If you would like to join in with this weeks caption then have a look at this photo of me in the sun and send in your entries by email or on our church facebook group.

Licks and cuddles to the winner



ACROSS

2. Someone not known or not familiar
4. A person who takes care of sheep
6. The sound made when people speak or sing
7. The word or words by which a person or thing is known

DOWN

1. An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
3. Someone who steals
4. A farm animal with thick curly wool
5. A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept



LIFE	LEADS	NAME	PEN	VOICE
KNOW	STRANGER	THIEF	LISTEN	FOLLOW
SHEEP	ROBBER	GATE	SHEPHERD	SAVED

Based on this weeks Gospel reading from John 10.1-10



THY KINGDOM COME 2020

As we prepare to take part in this years "THY KINGDOM COME" prayer initiative we look forward to praying where we are but knowing that people across the world from Ascension day to Pentecost will be praying for the World, our communities, family and friends asking that God's Kingdom would come that his will would be done in our lives where we are.

Look out for more resources coming soon!.

A Prayer to use at this time of Pandemic

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church and nation in this time of uncertainty.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others.

For those who will feel disconnected and isolated.

For Key workers continuing to give of themselves to help us.

Bring peace to those who are dying and comfort to those that grieve.

Holy God, help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

The Lord who is with us always . Amen



We may not be meeting in the church building but you are welcome to brew a cuppa and join us on Zoom for

Online Coffee at Mary's

10:30 am Saturday Mornings

Using Zoom Meeting ID: 584 364 2526



St Leonard's & St Mary's

We warmly invite and welcome you to stay connected with us as we face these days of uncertainty with faith and prayer.

We may not physically be together but can keep in contact with each other through Telephone calls, writing letters, reading and contributing to our "Connect" News Letter and by signing up to our Facebook Pages. I look forward to hearing from you over this unusual time.



St Mary's

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

Open for Prayer

Sunday 9.30 to 10.30am

St Leonard's

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Open for Prayer

Sunday 11 to 12noon

Weekly Online Worship

Sunday at 10am and Wednesday at 10am

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St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151
St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

Do let us know if any need arises at this time
and we will try and help.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

If you have been unable to join with us online for our worship I pray that you will be able to use this liturgy to guide your own worship this week.

Weekly Worship Online

Sunday @ 10am with Eucharist Celebration

Wednesday @ 10am Informal Worship

*Find us at our Facebook group at St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family
or Zoom in to worship by joining the meeting using*

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

*We will endeavour to improve the music quality during the service
and post the Hymns Online for us to sing along too.*

*you are also invited if you wish to light a candle and to have your own bread
ready to break in remembrance of Jesus love for each of us.*

Easter Acclamation - *Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song:

**THE KING OF LOVE my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.**

**!n death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.**

The Welcome

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Confession Peter / Jacqui

Christ died upon the cross that our sins could be forgiven
Let us therefore with faith confess our sins and receive his forgiveness.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us
from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

**O God of peace, who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

The Gospel John 10:1-10 Mike

*When the Gospel is announced we say
Glory to Christ our Saviour*

Jesus said 'Very truly I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection **Bill**

Intercessions **Elizabeth**

The Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.
Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope,
He lives in us that we may walk in light.



**Your Spirit is fire in us,
your breath is power
to warm our hearts to love.**

As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
at supper with his disciples
he broke the bread, and gave it to them,
saying: 'Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and bless our bread and wine,
that we may renewed
for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

The living bread is broken
for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so we pray

**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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

You may say this prayer as the Priest takes bread and wine on our behalf:

*God of infinite mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Saviour,
who feeds his people and gives them eternal life.*

*Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine this day,
we thank you that we do receive Christ's saving presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of his passion.*

Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Saviour. Amen

Prayer after Communion

**God of steadfast love, watch over your people redeemed by the
blood of your Son. May we continue to serve you and enter in to
your eternal kingdom, through your Jesus our Shepherd and gate.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.

And I will trust in You alone,

For Your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,

And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know.

