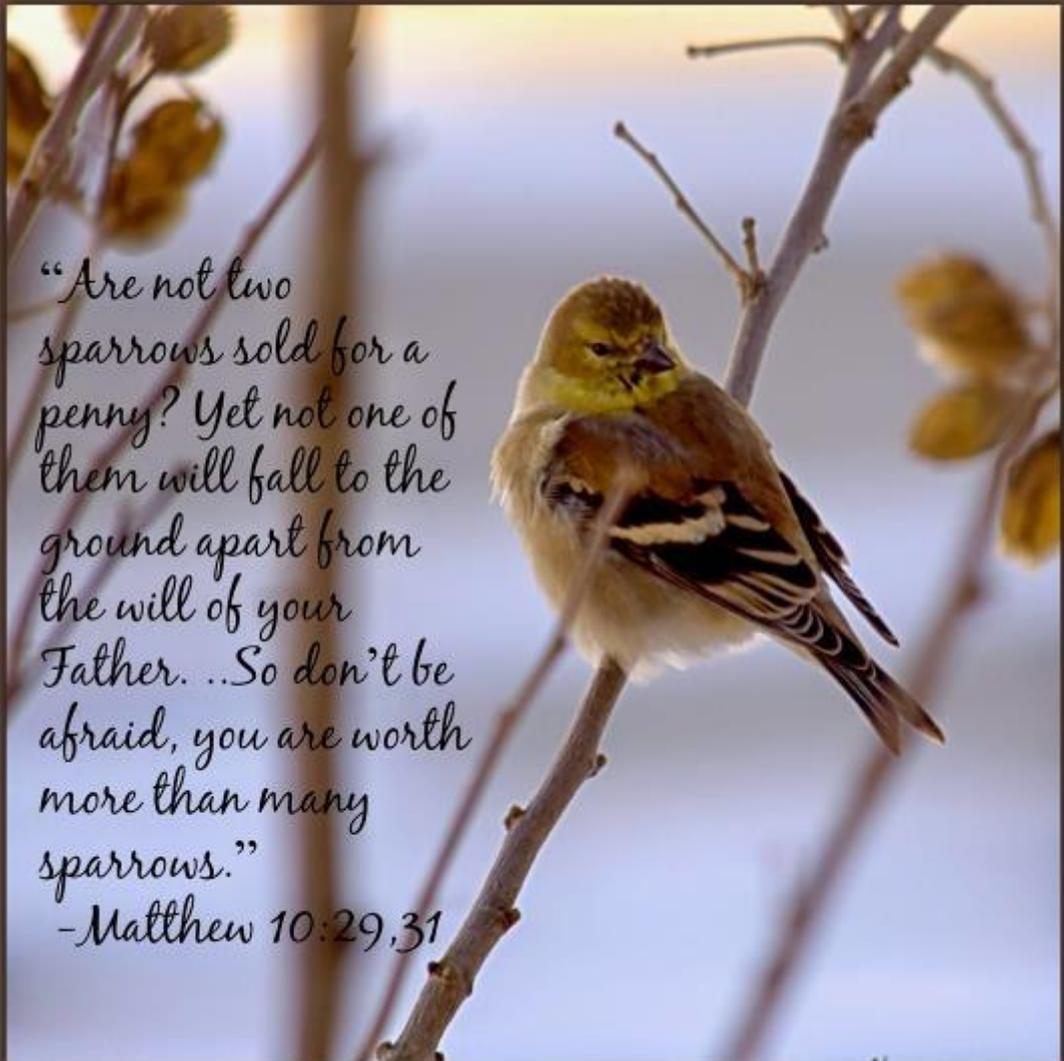


ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S CONNECT



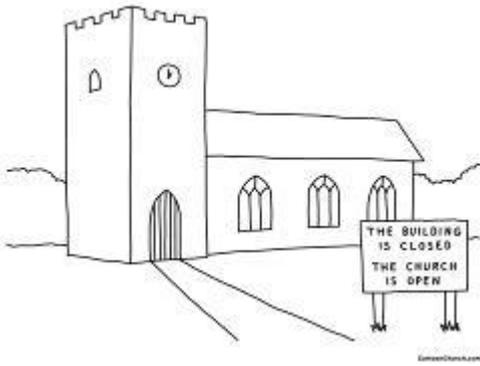
“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ..So don't be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows.”

-Matthew 10:29,31

*The weekly news from your church community
Sun 21st June 2020*

A Rector's Musings

The Building is closed
The Church is Open



We are all aware that for the last 14 weeks the church buildings have been closed. However, I do hope that many of us have come to realise and experience afresh the truth that the church is not a building but the people.

We have seen this truth in action with our Pastoral Phone calls keeping contact with all church members. Our Facebook Page and group continues to be a place for interaction during the week and our on-line worship has offered us opportunities to meet together as the people of St Leonard's and St Mary's. Plus this our Connect Newsletter keeps us connected and up to date with news from the church although I know from feedback received that most people prefer reading about Izzy and doing the word-search.

My thanks go to all who have been active over this time calling people and touching base with members young and old. Thanks too to the Clergy Team for embracing a move to online worship. While we have been trying to flatten the Coronavirus curve it has also been a steep learning curve as we adapted our services to Zoom and Facebook live along with links to YouTube. On reflection as far as I can see we have managed to reach out to the vast majority of church members and I know that many of you have appreciated the work that has been done.

On-line worship does have its advantages especially if you are tuning in later you can watch the video and fast forward the sermon. You can sneak in late and no one notices especially if you are on Facebook you can be present but not seen which suits some people. While others join in on Zoom and enjoy the interaction of meeting and developing relationships across both churches. But sadly it is difficult for us to keep a track of who is joining in or not. Pastorally this disturbs me as previously people would make me aware if someone hadn't been seen for a week or two. The Pastoral group or myself could then follow this up and touch base to make sure individuals were ok. So although we have a good number tuning in I feel slight

disconnected from the church family but do hope to see more and more people as we and they become more familiar with the technology.

Nevertheless, I know many of us are also longing to get back to meeting up and worshipping together.

To have the opportunity face to face to catch up, share the peace, receive communion, have a hug and a chat over coffee and cake.

Although we are now entering what is known as Phase 2 of the Scottish Governments Road Map which slowly releases us from Lockdown we do still need to be patient at this difficult time and obey the social distancing rules and shielding guidelines where these apply.

As part of Phase 2 Churches which have a tradition of opening for Private Prayer are being allowed to do so. This is a tiny step towards the day when public worship in the church building will be once more allowed so don't all rush to the door of your local church just yet. The Vestry of each of our churches are now in the process of reading through guideline documents to help us consider how best to begin opening up the church buildings once more. There is much to consider as it is not just a simple matter of opening the doors and letting the people in. We will need to look at health and safety procedures that will need to be put in place. We have been advised to remove hymn books and bibles to minimise what can be touched to stop any potential transference. Social distancing will need to also be enforced, pews sectioned off, with only one or two to a pew and even possible a one way system for walking round the church. Along with this we will need to think about equipment like Hand gel dispensers, or cleaning products for more regular cleaning of the building. So we will be taking our time and not rushing into flinging wide the doors even though that is what I want to do. I am also aware that Phase 2 may ease things for some but for many of our congregation and especially those who are shielding our buildings are out of bounds at the moment. So we look forward in preparation to the day when we can ALL gather together but it may still be a few months off.





TELEPHONE WORSHIP LINE

The Scottish Episcopal Church has set up a Telephone Worship Service where you can phone in and listen to the same service as the one being broadcast on a Sunday Morning. If you would welcome this approach please do get in touch with Peter 663 7000 for more details



During this time of Lockdown and closure of our Church Buildings the work of the church has continued. As we begin to look to the future and a return to using our buildings again we are encouraging everyone to have a fresh look at what they give as an offering to help the work of the church continue.

Where possible and for ease we would ask those who are able to give regularly to do so through setting up a Monthly Standing Order with your bank and the church. For help to do this please speak to your church Treasurer. Please also consider gift aiding your offering if you can.

Our offerings go to cover the cost and upkeep of the buildings along with the ministry and activities of the church. On behalf of the churches we thank you for all your support past and present as we continue in the task of loving God and loving our neighbours in Christ name.

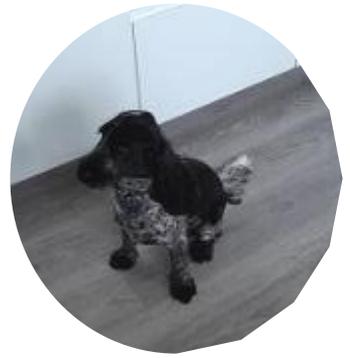
St Leonard's Tom Mooney 0131 663 0889

St Mary's Anne MacKay 0131 663 5008

Izzy's News

Hi Everyone,

Ok just been informed that I can now move into Phase 2 of the master plan. Phase 2 allows me to meet up with more dogs and get them to contribute to the Church Newsletter.



So let me introduce you to a few other church dogs. If you are on Facebook why not post a picture of your companion on our Facebook group. I would love to meet up with other Church dogs and maybe one day have a service together. I know God loves all creatures great and small but please note however that cats are not allowed in church until they learn to sit and stay which will be well after Phase 2.



This is Mayzee and she is a Bedlington Terrier and lives with Heather from St Leonard's. She is lovely and fluffy and sometimes some people mistaken her for being a sheep. Like many of my friends she is looking forward to a haircut.

Our next group many of you may already know as Jacqui's hooligans. Here is a picture of Molly, Rosie, Lochie and Teddy.

Molly, Rosie and Teddy are all mad Doodles. While Lochie is Jacqui's daughters Poodle and is nearly the same size as a Shetland pony.



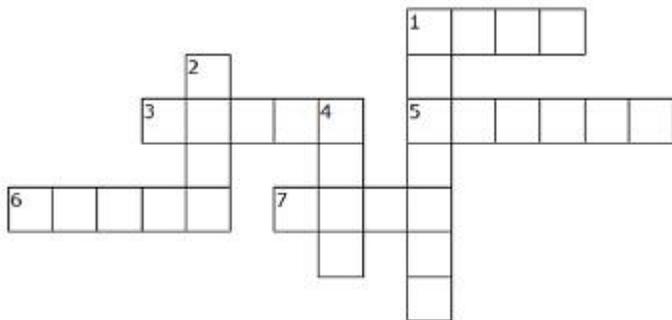
All of us are looking forward to meeting up with friends and family again and I am sure we can all have a big party soon.

with love and wiggles from Izzy

Bible Quiz Time

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ACROSS

- The spiritual part of a person
- The value of something
- To be fearful or anxious about something
- A small copper coin
- Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

DOWN

- A common, small, gray-brown bird
- The physical part of a person
- The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain



eco
congregation
Scotland

On Thursday 18th June our Eco Group had a Zoom meeting to continue our discussion around how we as a church can be more environmentally friendly and raise the need of sharing the Good News by encouraging and

equipping individuals and households to do their part for God's World.

Margaret McMeekin writes "Just finished attending an extremely uplifting Zoom Eco meeting. The hymn 'the church is not a building, the church is a people', is in my head.

Many thanks to Vicki, for chairing and Pauline for hosting.

News will follow shortly about the plans we have put in place, so although our buildings may not be open, our actions behind closed doors have begun... Looking forward to sharing them with you soon."



Garden Request

Stephen Somerfield is on the look out for small flowering perennials to be used in our Memorial Garden at St Mary's. If you have any to offer please

contact Stephen on 0131 663 0045. Thank You



Online Coffee at Mary's
10:30 am Saturday Mornings

If you would like to be part of this Online Coffee Morning please email andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk for details of how to join the Zoom Meeting. *Andrew hosts this event on behalf of the churches.*



Our Birthday wishes this week go to

**Martin Johnston, Pauline Jones,
Margaret Mckeekin, Sue Blamire**



Other celebrations include

Peter's 15th year of his Priesting
into the service of the Lord on 26th June

**The Golden Wedding Anniversary of
Mike & Elizabeth Jones
on 27th June**

*Do let us know if someone you know is having a
birthday or other celebration so we can share the
news as a church family together*

Prayer Requests — Pastoral Calls

A number of our Church members are linked together by prayer in a "WhatsApp" group, committing themselves to pray for a wide variety of prayer requests. If you have a smartphone and are willing to pray and to be part of this prayer network then please get in touch with Fiona.

Likewise if you have any request please do get in touch and we can add these to the list and please do keep us updated.

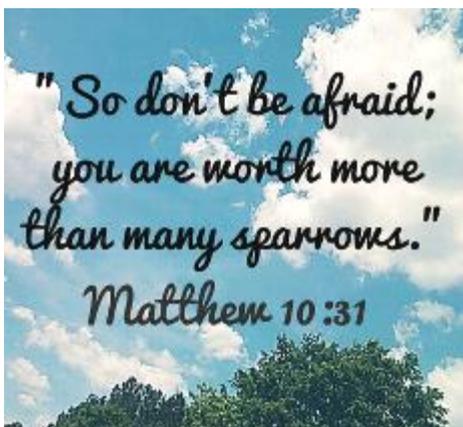
Pastoral Calls

There are many different times when it may be good to have a chat with someone especially at this time when you may not be meeting up with friends or church members. Please do remember that we have a Pastoral Group whose members are happy to give you a call and have a chat.

Please do call and we can pass your name and number onto them.

Weekly Worship Online

Sunday @ 10am
with Eucharist Celebration
Wednesday @ 10am
Informal Worship



Find our Facebook group at
"St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"
or Zoom into worship by joining the meeting using

ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203 at 10am

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.

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Email	office.stlandm@gmail.com
Telephone	0131 663 7000

In Commemoration

Alice Cathie: Alice's Funeral will take place at Mortonhall Crematorium on Wednesday 24th June at 2.30pm. We have however organised for the hearse to leave from St Mary's just before 2pm so are asking those who wish to gather at St Mary's from 1.45pm as a display of respect and thankfulness for Alice's life and friendship. If you would like to see the service on line please go to the following Website and use the details:

Website www.obitus.com
Username Fepu7161
Password 989475
Service Date 24-Jun-20 at 2:30
Service Chapel Pentland - Mortonhall

The Welcome Peter

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Confession Peter & Elizabeth

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters
from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

A Reading from Matthew 10 v24-39 Martin

'The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn
"a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law
a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Reflection **Jacqui**

Song: IN THE LORD I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Intercessions for Today **Anne**

The Peace

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



Eucharistic Prayer **Elizabeth**

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, Father, in every place and at all times.
All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.
Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
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 upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and 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 mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Saviour,
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine this day,
we thank you that we do receive your Holy Spirits presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and life eternal. Amen*

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God, guide and protect your people,
and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal Peter

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Song Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free O is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me



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