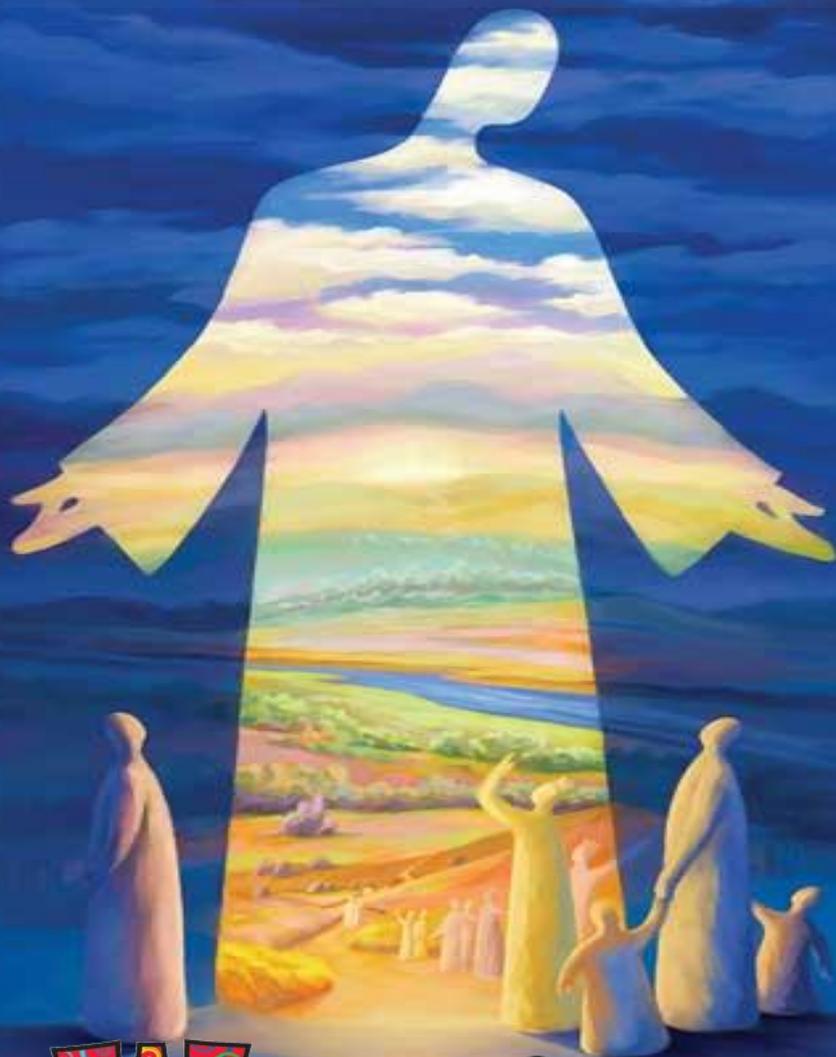


ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S

CONNECT

The weekly news from your church community Sun 28th June 2020



WELCOME

A Rector's Musings

Is it just me or are others confused about the various rules and regulations around easing Lockdown. We are in Phase 2 but not fully in Phase 2 just phasing into Phase 2 while some of Phase 3 can begin in the next few weeks.

From the 29th June we can return to the playgrounds. I am looking forward to going on the swings and having a go on the roundabouts once more.

Then on the 3rd of July we can travel more than five miles again — freedom? 13th July — sees the opening of Non-essential shops inside shopping centres 15 July — You can return to your hairdressers and go for a meal at a restaurant and have a holiday with permission to visit Museums, galleries, cinemas, monuments, libraries reopening although ticketed or restricted.

Yet here the church is still waiting to open again for worship. Yes some churches have opened for Private Prayer but our church buildings are more than just places for people to pray privately. They are the house where we meet together as Sisters and Brothers of the faith in corporate worship.

I do wonder if I were to set up the projector in each church and film the service and then broadcast it to the church projector could we say we are visiting the Cinema Church. You could all buy tickets in advance? It does seem however that the best approach at the moment is to hold off from opening the buildings most likely until end of July and continue on-line.

Vestry members were circulated the documents pertaining to the opening of the Churches again and we will need to meet in the coming weeks to discuss how best to do this. It was generally agreed that although we felt it would be good to have the church open again in practice this would be difficult to do as it would require always having people in the church responsible for making sure those who entered were supervised and that areas that were used would need to be cleaned regularly. It was also felt that as it was not our practice to have the church open for Private Prayer then we should not feel obliged to do so especially if we could not maintain the guidelines around hygiene and safeguarding of ourselves and others.

St Mary's Vestry may decide to reopen once a week as the church in previous years has been open at the weekend during the summer months. All decisions on these matters rest with the Vestry and I will be shortly emailing our members to seek their opinion on these matters.

So we are gently moving or phasing forward to the point where we can meet again so keep praying and being patient and join us on line if you can.

One thing I am sure of though is that we are all to remember F.A.C.T.S at this time FACTS' is an acronym to remind us as we meet again some day:

- F Face coverings need to be worn in enclosed spaces
- A Avoid crowded places
- C Clean your hands and surfaces regularly
- T Two-metre social distancing — *is still the best advice*
- S Self-isolate and book a test if you develop coronavirus symptoms

I pray that you all keep safe and keep each other in our hearts and prayers at this uncertain time hoping for the best while fearing further lockdowns.

yours with my love and prayers at this difficult time Peter

Marmalade, Jams and Chutney



We may be missing our monthly Bake Stall but we do have a stock of Marmalades, Jams and Chutney on sale and a new stock arriving soon courtesy of Jannia. As well as Orange Marmalade there are some Lime or Lime and Lemon Marmalade. The Lime one received the Betty Tinley Seal of approval. So if you would like to place an order by phoning Fiona 663 7000 we can organise to drop some at your door when we are out and about dropping off the Newsletters.



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.*



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,

It seems that I need to apologies for my biased dog reporting in these articles and so to make up for it here are some of those feline types and some other creatures that I found



hiding out in facebook land.

Have you seen them? Do you know who their owners are? All I know is it is not wise to mess with any of them!

Here is Tabitha she is currently staying in Gorebridge but comes from south of the border.



Tabitha



Hannah

Next we have Hannah, She and her owners have recently moved into Bonnyrigg and it has been a delight to welcome them into the church family of St Leonard's and St Mary's.

Hamish here reminds me of my friend Guinness whom I miss dearly. However, Hamish's owner is a musician who loves to twinkle the ivories and has recently published a number of his own compositions. Hamish human Grandparents often help out with music at the church and on our Zoom Worship.



Hamish



Last but not least I came across these odd looking creatures supposedly socially distancing in Tranent. I wonder if they are Scottish Pixies?

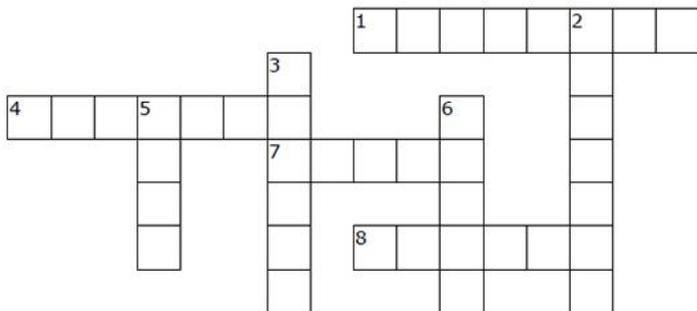
I would love to hear from you and happy to receive pictures of what you have been up to as lockdown eases.

with love and wiggles from Izzy

Bible Quiz

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REWARD	TELL	CUP	LITTLE



ACROSS

- A follower of Jesus
- To gladly receive someone into your own house
- An odorless, colorless, tasteless liquid; H₂O
- Small; not large

DOWN

- A person who speaks for God
- Recognition of someone's good behavior
- The opposite of hot; having a very low temperature
- A fact that has been proven



Hi I am Margaret and on behalf of the Eco Committee for St Leonard's and St Mary's I have offered to report on the work of the committee.

Peter wrote a little bit last week in the newsletter to let you know that the group had met on Zoom and considered a few items that we could possibly achieve over the coming months.

Gardening: Steve Somerfield is looking for plants for the Memorial garden at St Mary's. However, we would like to extend that to the grounds of the car park at St Mary's. This is not the time of year for transplanting, however as you are pottering in your gardens just now, perhaps you could identify shrubs for splitting that could be used in the church grounds at St Mary's? Steve is the contact person for plants! We also hope to organise a tidy up around the church grounds when we are permitted to gather again.

Cleaning: Vicki Clark will begin to have conversations regarding bulk buying Eco Friendly cleaning products for both churches to use. It would be good if this is in place for the time when we will be open again for worship. If you can recommend stockists please speak to Vicki.

Film Night: Watch a film then join in the conversation. The Film is 'True Cost' about sweatshops in the Third World. This will be shown on Facebook on July 7th at 7pm followed by a Zoom meeting for discussion at 8.30pm. Kathleen says, 'I think this is such a topical subject and so relevant with the antislavery mood of the moment'. This will be advertised on Facebook nearer the time. Everyone is invited to watch and enter into the discussion.

Prayer/Study: If you enjoy reading, 'Rambling around the Roses', is an interesting theological article on plants by David Coleman. This article can be found at <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/news/>

That's enough for now! yours with love Margaret McMeekin Eco Reporter



Our Birthday wishes this week go to

1st July

Bob Bruce celebrating his 70th
Michelle Rennicks - 21 again

3rd July

Noreen Grieve

Other News

30th June is also Alison & Bob Bruce 47th Wedding Anniversary

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.

Matthew 10:40



Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me.

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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In Commemoration

We continue to hold in our prayers the families of those who grieve and give thanks for the life of Roger Kemp, Iris Toulouse, David Hall, Alice Cathie and Bill Cunningham.

Bill Cunningham Bill's Funeral will take place on Thursday 2nd July at 10am in Seafeld Crematorium. This will be a family only service however, the Funeral Procession will depart from St Leonard's Church on Dobbies Road at 9.15am and all who wish to pay their respects are invited to Socially Distance and gather at St Leonard's from 9am.

*Anne passes on her thanks to everyone
for their cards and love at this difficult time.*

The Welcome Peter

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn

God's Christ, who is my righteousness,

My beauty is, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in this arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which, at the mercy seat of God,
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full redemption made.

Bold can I stand in every way,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully, by Thee, absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue,
Its glory is forever new.

Thou God of power, Thou God of love,
Let all Thy saints Thy mercy prove;
Our beauty this, our glorious dress,
Jesus the Lord, our Righteousness.

Confession Peter & Jacqui

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

**Almighty God, you have taught us through you Son that love fulfils
the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our
mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as
ourselves; through 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: 40-42 Vicki Clark

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Matthew 10 beginning at verse 40

Jesus said 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who
welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a
prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever
welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a
righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold
water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that
person will certainly not lose their reward.'

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

Reflection

Val Cameron

The Peace

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

Hymn **Let us build a house where love can dwell**
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Eucharistic Prayer

Jacqui

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 Spirit's presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and life eternal. Amen*

Prayer after Communion

**God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace.
Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ
and fit us for his eternal kingdom,
that all the world may call him 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