

ST LEONARD'S & ST MARY'S
CONNECT

The weekly news from your church community Sun 26th July

one....

One tree can start a forest;

One smile can begin a friendship;

One touch can lift a soul;

One candle brings light to darkness;

One hope can raise your spirits;

One life can make a difference;

Be that one today...

A Rector's Muse

Reflecting back on these last four months or so I want to begin with a thank you to all the support and love that we have received as a family over this unusual time.

There have been those moments when I have questioned if we as individuals, or collectively as a church or I as Rector or just me as Peter could do more.

However this weeks Gospel from Matthew 13 reminds us that some times the Kingdom of God is found at work through the small things in life. The yeast in the dough, the mustard seed in the ground or the little boy's packed lunch; just enough for a growing lad that feeds thousands.

Little touches of support, the phone call or text, a message on Facebook, the small gift of this or that have kept us going and I hope you too have appreciated some of the different small but significant ways that you have been supported and loved by the Church family at this time.

Sometimes people think that one person can't make a difference but we know that is not true. Yes it may not feel like on our own we make much impact but each ripple and act of love that goes out can touch more people than we often realise. What we do or say can make a difference to one person and that can then be passed on and soon a community, a nation and even a world can be changed.

So let us commit ourselves in Jesus name to continue with small acts of love, to love God and love our neighbours.



As a family we were delighted to receive the news that our Samuel had passed his HNC in Working in Communities with an A Grade. You can imagine we are chuffed and proud parents. The next stage of parenting begins as we adjust to Sam leaving home and going of to Dundee University to study a Degree in Community Education. Do hold him in your prayers as he takes this next step in his life journey.

As a Church Family I am also delighted to tell you that Jacqui, who has been with us as our Curate for the last three years has now completed her studies and will be finishing her Curacy with us in the coming months. With the blessing of Bishop John she will be taking up her new position as Assistant Priest at St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith from September. All being well we hope to organise a special licensing service to welcome Jacqui into this new role and also to continue to celebrate and give thanks for the many different ways we as a church minister to each other and our community. So look out for that celebration towards the end of this year I hope.



In other church news Betty Tinley received wonderful news that she now has a Great Grandson called Fletcher who arrived last Sunday 19th July. She is delighted and can't wait to have a cuddle with this 10lb 12oz bundle of joy.

So small things can and do make a difference.

yours with love Peter & Fiona.

PLEASE NOTE

Peter and Family will be taking some time out over the next couple of weeks to rest and visit family & friends. There therefore will be no Connect News until August 16th.



Hi everyone,

Thank you to everyone who supported the litter picking venture last Saturday at St Leonards and also to those who added their apologies for not being there. We collected 7 or 8 bags of rubbish and the Bonnyriggers were most appreciative.

Our Facebook post and pictures were seen by 2255 people and that is so encouraging that folks are interested in what we are doing. We will be planning a similar event around St Mary's shortly.

On Friday 24th July, Peter, Fiona and I have been invited to take part in a Zoom Cursillo meeting. It is my turn to do a talk on something that has happened in the last six weeks and therefore **Eco Congregation** is my topic.

Reading through my notes in preparation I felt I had to clarify something that I initially hadn't done. Peter has already explained to us, what **Eco Congregation** means but I felt that all of us and that includes me need to **take ownership of the name and all of us need to be involved**. It is so important to value ourselves and what we do already so that we can proudly call ourselves an active '**Eco Congregation**'. That means every single one of us is involved on a daily basis. From making jam, giving cuttings of plants to friends or neighbours, popping used tea bags in the recycling bin or shopping in the charity shop, considering labels and packaging, buying local produce... the list goes on and on. We are getting used to recycling within our own homes, **we**

simply now need to continue this work and look for other ways to improve what we do already, both at home and in the life of the church and congregation.

Next week: I will have some news for you about a little Eco/intergenerational gardening project which is just in the planning stages at the moment but there are signs of a little area of growth down at St Mary's.

Margaret

editor: - Vicki and Jan are great litter pickers but rubbish at social distancing!



Izzy's News



Hi Everyone,

It was brilliant to meet up with members of both churches as we came together for our Eco Congregation Litter Pick. This involved tidying up the grounds around St Leonard's as well as clearing rubbish from Dobbies Road and surrounding Alleys.

Some people are clearly barking mad when it comes to looking after their own streets where they live. Mum, Pauline and Vicki found loads of mess up one Alleyway and even an old car exhaust. Lazy and thoughtless people I know can drop rubbish and sometimes we ourselves may not be aware of dropping the odd hanky when putting your hand in a pocket. But an exhaust!!! Someone must have taken the time to drag it up to the bushes and throw it in!

I know I occasionally make a mess but thankfully I have trained the Harris's well and they all should have little bags in their coat pockets. Like wearing your mask its just one more little thing to remember as you leave the house to take a bag with you for shopping or for putting rubbish in so that you can bring it home and bin it properly. I look forward to the next Litter Pick at St Mary's and beyond.

There are other ways that maybe the people at church should think about that would be helpful for us dogs and for our walkers. I know Jennie and Jacqui have often said we should have a bench at each church and bowl of water. Then people could come and rest in our beautiful church grounds and hopefully find a place of peace and welcome. I know some doomsayer will say it could get abused but I guess there could be hundreds more who would appreciate the welcome rest. Who knows it might be the first step they take to coming along to church one day?

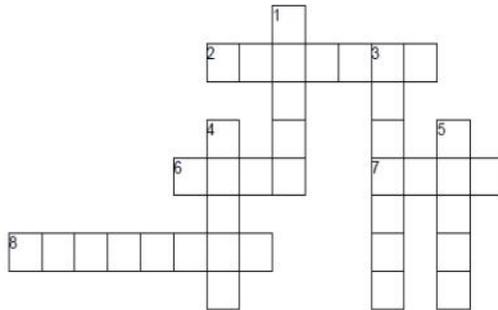
with love and wiggles from Izzy

Bible Quiz

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MUSTARD	KINGDOM	GROWS	FLOUR	LARGEST
SMALLEST	HEAVEN	WOMAN	PARABLE	SIXTY
POUNDS	YEAST	DOUGH	BIRDS	SEED



ACROSS

- A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
- A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
- To become larger; to increase in size or amount
- Not as big as any of the others

DOWN

- A food made from dough of flour or meal
- Bigger than any of the others
- A member of the fungus family used in baking to help make the dough rise
- A mixture of flour, water, and other ingredients to make bread



Online Coffee at Mary's

10:30 am Saturday Mornings

bring your own coffee, cake and chat

It's not just about Coffee on Zoom! Over the last few weeks as people have gathered online Coffee and Chat we have run some interesting activities including Guess the Baby or Name this Place. We also had a Wildlife Photography Competition which was won by Jacqui.

So If you would like to be part of this Online Zoom Coffee Morning and our fun social activities please email Andrew Watt

andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk

for details of how to join the Zoom Meeting.

Andrew hosts this event on behalf of our churches



DO REMEMBER TO HELP US

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

Do remember to pass to Jacqui any articles of how you are coping at this time, or poems, songs or other bits that have touched you and 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. Love to you all, *Jacqui & the doodles*

STOREHOUSE NEWS

Please note the Storehouse will still be operating over the summer months dropping of food parcels to those in need.

However they **will not be open** for donations on

Wed Aug 5th, 12th and 19th

Collections Resume on Wed 26th at 10.30am at the Full Gospel Church

THANK YOU



Our Birthday wishes go to

Charlotte Kirk on 24th July
Ruth Simpson on 29th July
Helen Campbell on 30th July
Katie Nicolson on 8th August

SPECIAL MENTION

& Congratulations to:

Doreen and David Reid

Celebrating 57 years of marriage on 27th July

*David says, that Doreen says, that he has to say
that they have been the best 57 years of his life*

David and Noreen Grieve

Celebrating 47 years of marriage on 10th August

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

May God bless them on their special days and in the days to come



***Help Lily and the King Family
raise funds for the
Edinburgh Sick Kids Charity***

Lily and the family have been through many highs and lows as she battled her cancer and now they want to help others by raising funds for the Edinburgh Sick Kids Charity. If you would like to help please visit to make a donation on line. Thank You

www.justgiving.com/team/LilyKingFamily

Sunday 26 th July

Your Local 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 during this week.*

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PLEASE NOTE

**There will be No Local Services for the next two weeks
(Sunday's 2nd, Wednesday 5th, Sunday 9th, Wednesday 12th)
services will resume on Sunday 16th August**

If able you are invited to view the Scottish Episcopal Church' Provincial Website which offers a weekly service that goes live from 11am each Sunday Morning. You can also download the weekly Liturgy to help you follow the service and join in with the responses.

www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship

There are other local church services online and you can find out more here
edinburgh.anglican.org/coronavirus-resources/

The Welcome Jacqui

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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.

Confession 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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, guide and help us to walk in the ways of mercy and grace, that as we pass through this life we would know your love and make your love known; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

A Reading from Matthew 13.31-33 & 44-46 Val

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

Jesus told them another parable:

'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

He told many other parables:

'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.'

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

Reflection

Peter

Intercessions for Today Anne

The Peace

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

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,
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

Lord God, may your love,
poured into us, flow out from us
and touch those around us
with your grace and mercy
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Hymn

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK, to get a fire going
And soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on

Dismissal Peter

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



Pastoral Calls & Concerns

We are thankful to all those involved in the Pastoral Ministry of the church at this time. Our pastoral phone calls have been a wonderful way to keeping in touch with our members at this time, especially those who can't get on online have really appreciated this.

There are of course many different times when it may be good to have a chat with someone. At this time of isolation when you still may not be meeting up with friends or church members. Please do remember that our Pastoral Group members are happy to give you a call and to have a chat or maybe assist you in other ways.

Rev Elizabeth Jones assisted by Rev Jacqui du Rocher on behalf of the charge lead up the Pastoral Group across both churches and are ably assisted at each church by a Pastoral Group Co-ordinator who can be contacted on email or by phone.

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St Leonard's	Joy Mooney 663 0889	pastoral.stl@gmail.com

Please contact the coordinator for your church in the first instance, Joy and Noreen will then co-ordinate with Elizabeth and ask a Pastoral Member to call you for a chat or forward the request on to one of our Clergy Team. in this way the pastoral care of the church can be shared.