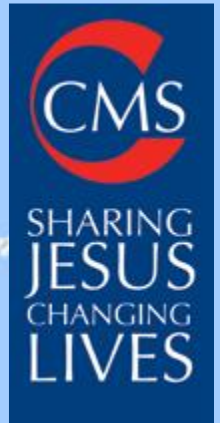


Connect

The weekly news from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 27th June 2021



Give thanks with a grateful heart

A Guide to worship in the Church

We are operating within Tier 2 Regulations



Step 1 Please book in advance by the Friday before the Sunday

Service that you wish to attend. Phone 663 7000
or email: office.stlandm@gmail.com to book in.

Step 2 Remember to come If you find yourself unable to attend please do try and let us know to allow someone else to attend if possible.

Step 3 On the Sunday bring your mask and keep your distance

A 2 metre social distancing is encourage inside and outside the building. If there is a queue please be patient and wait to be welcomed in.



Step 4 Mask On - Hands Sanitised - be shown to a seat

We will welcome you and register your attendance.

You will be asked to sanitise your hands and then be guided to a seat. Please do feel free to say hello to those near by but keep your distance.



Step 5 The Connect News should be on your seat.

The Liturgy for the service can be found at the back of the Newsletter Please take the Connect News home with you. Be still and pray for God to bless you and those who gather with us for worship.



Step 6 Please do join in with the worship and responses. Sadly, singing is not to be encouraged but music and hymns will be played.

Step 7 Communion - Mask, Sanitise, Receive, - Mask, Sanitise, Return

At this time only communion bread will be served. When invited to come forward to receive please do so respectfully of others. When you come forward remove your mask, then sanitise your hands before receiving and consuming the bread. Then replace your masks and sanitise your hands before returning to your seat.

It is ok to pass by each other briefly as you move to receive communion. (If you are infirm or unable to come forward the Priest will come to you. Please ask to sit in an accessible place.)



Step 8 Leaving the Church

You will be directed to leave from the seating closest to the door leaving first. Please sanitise your hands as you leave.

As regulations ease we hope to return to offering Tea and Coffee after the service but currently we ask for you to fellowship briefly outside, if the weather allows, while remaining socially distant.





A Rector's Muse

This Sunday we welcome by Zoom our friends David and Shelley Stokes as they join with us in our weekly worship and share with us some of their story as they come to the end of their term as Missionaries with the Church Mission Society (CMS).

For the last 10 years they have been based in Juárez, a small town in the remote north of Argentina, but a relatively central location for visiting the other 150+ Anglican churches scattered across Chaco.

The congregations are Wichí-speaking, though there are also Chorote and Toba-speaking churches, as well as Spanish-speaking churches. All are led by local leaders whom David's has worked with to train and develop the local leaders in Discipleship Training and the training up of new Priests in preparation for the Dioceses to be led by Wichi appointed Bishops. Shelley has also been active helping with AMARE, which is the Argentine branch of Mothers' Union. It encourages women to put their faith and love into action.

Living in Juárez is challenging; the climate is very hot one leading to dusty roads that then turn into muddy rivers in the wet season. Travelling on dusty or muddy roads and staying in communities is always an adventure. In Juárez and the surrounding countryside there is an uneasy mix of criollo (Argentine settlers), Wichí and Toba cultures all coming together and clashing off each other. Wichi are part of the indigenous people of South America who were displaced and continue to be displaced by the European settlers and their descendants. Often they are given no rights to the land that they have farmed for many generations and when developers move in families once more need to move on from their ancestral land.

Now after serving these communities for 10 years as missionaries with CMS they have now retired back to live in UK. They have much to give thanks for and as part of their closing days with CMS they are now visiting (on-line) the various churches like St Mary's that have supported and prayed for them over these years to give a final summary of their work and ask us to pray for them as they settle into another new chapter in their lives. Once things have settled I hope they will come and visit in person as friends of the church but for now we look forward to seeing and hearing from them on Sunday. Why not come and join with us and give thanks with them and for them.

With love and prayers
Peter



THE LABYRINTH CAFÉ`

Join us for an introductory session to learn more about Labyrinths and how to use them. You may have many questions beginning with "What is a labyrinth?" Is there a right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth? Are labyrinths only for the able-bodied? Are there different types of labyrinths? Are they always outdoors? Is there a difference between a maze and a labyrinth? Are labyrinths actually useful for prayer and meditation or perhaps you may feel they are just too woo-woo for you?

We invite you to **join us at our Labyrinth Café** where there will be a chance to discuss the answers to all these questions (and more!), and an opportunity to try out a basic labyrinth walk.

We will use an indoor, canvas labyrinth and observe the safety protocols in place on the day. Currently that means refreshments are possible but be prepared to bring your own picnic if need be. Sufficient time is planned so all who want to have a go will have an opportunity. A labyrinth walk is inherently socially distant so although there will be movement it is at a distance from others. However our table discussions and refreshment time will allow that social connection that many of us have missed over this past year. Join the fun and learn something new or share your knowledge!

Two Labyrinth Cafes will be offered initially as an introduction session. You are invited to attend either or both Cafes if we have capacity. Reservations will be required to ensure the safety of all and so there are sufficient materials on hand. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were in danger of exceeding our capacity?

July 3 (Saturday), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., St Leonards.

August 7 (Saturday), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Marys.

To reserve your place, contact Sandiann at 07851903151

Or email sandiann.devaney@yahoo.com

Alternatively you can let the church office know you plan to attend.



Jzzy's News

Hello everyone,

Mum says that no one really reads Dad's bit in the Connect News as you all rightly turn to read my section. So thank you and I am glad you're here so that you can hear this weeks wonderful amazing news about another pup joining our church family.



A few weeks ago it was baby Bella born to Sarah and Kevin Cameron and this week it is our turn to welcome baby Ewan into the world.

Ewan Robin William Rennicks was born on Thursday 17th June to parents Michelle and Jamie. And with his arrival our friend Judy Jessiman from St Mary's became a delighted and over the moon Grandmother. She was totally elated on the phone when we heard the news of Ewan's arrival.



Dad says he now has to go out and buy a water pistol in the hope that he can conduct a COVID safe Baptism for Bella and Ewan. No pressure but I do hope the COVID rules will be relaxed even more over the summer so that we can indeed have a packed out church with friends and family celebrating new life.

Can I ask you to also pray for my friends Martin and Colleen who are moving up from England to work with the Diocese of Brechin and the churches of Monifieth and Carnoustie. Martin will be installed on Saturday 10th of July as a Transitional Minister, looking to enable and encourage the churches to transition from how things aye have been and to embrace new forms of Ministry and worship seeking growth and renewal.

Well that's all my news for this week thank you for dropping in now keep Dad happy and go read his bit.



With licks and barks from Izzy



Hello to everyone,

Due to the Video Bikes vs Cars currently not being available to watch we have had to quickly change everything and maybe led by this need for change our next Eco Film is aptly named film "This Changes Everything".

This Changes Everything is an epic attempt to re-imagine the vast challenge of climate change. The Film directed by Avi Lewis, and inspired by Naomi Klein's international non-fiction bestseller This Changes Everything, the film presents seven powerful portraits of communities on the front lines, from Montana's Powder River Basin to the Alberta Tar Sands, from the coast of South India to Beijing and beyond.

Interwoven with these stories of struggle is Klein's narration, connecting the carbon in the air with the economic system that put it there. Throughout the film, Klein builds to her most controversial and exciting idea: that we can seize the existential crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better.

Over the course of 90 minutes, viewers will meet...

Crystal, a young indigenous leader in Tar Sands country, as she fights for access to a restricted military base in search of answers about an environmental disaster in progress.

Mike and Alexis, a Montana goat ranching couple who see their dreams coated in oil from a broken pipeline. They respond by organising against fossil fuel extraction in their beloved Powder River Basin, and forming a new alliance with the Northern Cheyenne tribe to bring solar power to the nearby reservation.

Melachrini, a housewife in Northern Greece where economic crisis is being used to justify mining and drilling projects that threaten the mountains, seas, and tourism economy. Against the backdrop of Greece in crisis, a powerful social movement rises.

Jyothi, a matriarch in Andhra Pradesh, India who sings sweetly and battles fiercely along with her fellow villagers, fighting a proposed coal-fired power

plant that will destroy a life-giving wetland. In the course of this struggle, they help ignite a nationwide movement.

The extraordinary detail and richness of the cinematography in *This Changes Everything* provides an epic canvas for this exploration of the greatest challenge of our time. Unlike many works about the climate crisis, this is not a film that tries to scare the audience into action: it aims to empower. Provocative, compelling, and accessible to even the most climate-fatigued viewers, *This Changes Everything* will leave you refreshed and inspired, reflecting on the ties between us, the kind of lives we really want, and why the climate crisis is at the centre of it all. Will this film change everything? Absolutely not. But you could, by answering its call to action.



This changes everything!

Sign up and watch the film before Wednesday 7th July.
Then join with us at 7.30am on Wed 7th July
for a Zoom Film Discussion.

Please contact any of the Eco Committee for joining details or

Email

Pauline pjthomson24@googlemail.com

Or

Margaret margaretmcmeeke@hotmail.co.uk

All are welcome to come and watch and engage with this issue.

Bible Puzzles

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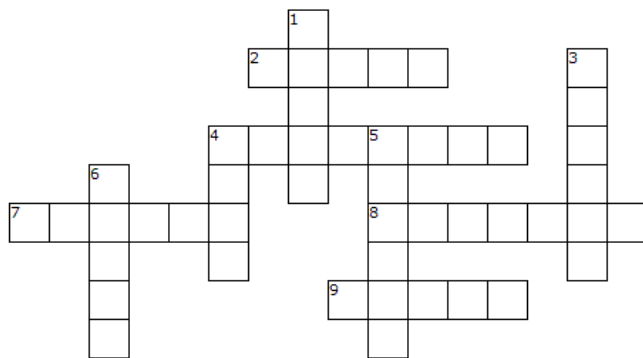
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FAITH
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JESUS



ACROSS

- To put the fingers lightly on something
- Losing blood from a cut or a sore
- To be cured or restored to health
- The things you wear to cover your body
- A human adult female

DOWN

- Physical strength or force
- To experience physical or mental pain
- The main, physical part of a person
- A person who treats people who are sick or injured
- To believe in something you cannot see

WORSHIP

Sunday 27th June 2021

Giving Thanks for the work of God
through David & Shelley Stokes

Join with us in person at St Mary's 9.30am
Or online for our worship on Facebook Live or Zoom

You can Zoom in by computer or Tablet or by phone
Join ZOOM using Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

To PHONE in dial (0131) 460 1196

Situations Vacant -Readers, Intercessors, Worship Leaders

As we continue with our return to in-person worship we are on the lookout for volunteers to consider helping us in delivering our weekly worship

Please speak to Anne MacKay, or Peter and Fiona

Previous participants welcome and training available for new and old alike.



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

This event is kindly hosted by Andrew Watt
To obtain your weekly Coffee invite please speak to Andrew
or email andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk

Welcome *Jacqui*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ

Amen

Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; and His steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord come with singing
from East and West, North and South
we declare that the Lord is good.

Hymn **The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning**
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Prayer of Confession *Jacqui & Jennie*

As we gather in the presence of our loving and faithful God
let us confess our sins with penitence and faith.

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love.**

**We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us through 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 raises 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. Amen**

The Gospel **Mark 5.21-42** *read by Peter*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark

Glory to Christ our Saviour

When they had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round Jesus. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So Jesus and the disciples went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed round them. Amongst the crowd was a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had on them, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she thought, 'If I just reach out and touch his clothes, I will be healed.' And as she did so her bleeding stopped and she felt that she was freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus realised that power had gone out from him. He turned round in the crowd and asked, 'Who touched my clothes?' 'You see the people crowding against you,' his disciples answered, 'and yet you ask, "Who touched me?"' But Jesus kept looking around to see who had reached out to him. Then the woman, knowing what had happened, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.'

While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' they said. 'Why bother the teacher anymore?'

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.' He then did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum!' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!'). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were all completely astonished.

Give thanks to the Lord for His glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord

Reflection and Thanksgiving

Peter, David & Shelley

Prayers

Peter

The Peace

We meet in Christ name
Let us share his peace.

Song:

GIVE THANKS with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'

Let the poor say 'I am rich,'

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Eucharistic Prayer *Peter*

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

At supper with his friends we remember that
Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat;
this is my body which is broken for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper taking the cup of wine
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him
his blood is shed for all.**

So by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit
we worship together as one body and offer up our sacrifice of praise
as we lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

Come Holy Spirit, come upon us and upon this bread and wine
that overshadowed by your life-giving power they may be the Body
and Blood of our Lord and that we may be kindled by the fire of your
love and renewed for service in your Kingdom.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us to pray;

Our Father in heaven

hallowed be your name

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

are yours now and for evermore.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

Distribution of Communion

(Mask, Sanitise, Receive, Mask, Sanitise, Return)

Prayer after Communion

God you call us to freely share the love that we have received. 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. We ask this in his name.

The 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 **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,**
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Please remember to leave beginning with those seated nearest the main door.

*You are welcome to gather outside for a short time of fellowship
and we remind you to **keep socially distant** at that time. Thank You*



Our Birthday wishes this week go to
Bob Bruce, Michelle Rennicks (our new Mum)
and Noreen Grieve

Other News: Blessings on Alison & Bob Bruce as
they celebrate their 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*



St Leonard's & St Mary's

Next Sunday Worship at St Leonard's 11.15am

As we prepare for worship to resumes within the church buildings we encourage those wishing to attend next Sunday's Worship to advise us of their intention to do so. **Please phone / email the Church Office preferably by Friday.** This will help us prepare the church for your arrival.

Thank You.



St Mary's

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St Leonard's

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and on a Wednesday Mornings at 10am

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