

Connect

The weekly news from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 1st August 2021



There is **one body** and **one Spirit**,
just as you were called to
one hope, one Lord, one faith,
one baptism; one God

Ephesians 4:4-5

A Guide to worship in the Church

We are operating within LEVEL 0 Regulations



Basic Hygiene

Please remember to wear your mask and use the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building



Social Distance 1m

Under Level Zero regulations we are asked to keep at least a 1metre social distance. It is however ok to briefly pass someone in the aisle when moving about the church. When sitting in a Pew please endeavour to keep to the minimum 1m Social Distance guide, both to the side as well as to the front of you.

Signing in Worship



A copy of the Connect News will be on the Pew containing the Liturgy for the service. Please take your copy home with you. We are now allowed to Sing again but sadly we still need to keep our Masks on. So please do feel free to be a Masked Singers

Communion - Mask, Sanitise, Receive, Consume, Replace
When invited to receive the Communion Bread please come forward come forward remove your mask, then sanitise your hands before receiving, consuming and replacing your Mask. If you are unable to come forward the Priest will come to you. To facilitate this please ask to be seated in an accessible place.



Fellowship and Exit

We are working towards resuming our after service fellowship with refreshments but for now we ask you to continue to Exit the building at the end of the service and to have a short time of fellowship outside the building before leaving the grounds.



The return off the Pew Cushion

at a church near you



We are delighted to announce the return of the Pew Cushions to the Pews.

During the Pandemic it was recommend that soft furnishings be removed or limited in their use as these were deemed to be more difficult to clean than the bare pew. So for a number of weeks now we have had the joy of numb behinds. Now with the reintroduction of the Pew Cushions we hope at least to have taken another step back to church and worship as it was.

However, we are currently taking a cautious approach to reintroduction of our after service cuppa. Hopefully by September we will be able to re-establish our fellowship and refreshment time in church.

Sadly for the foreseeable future our Communion will continue to be distributed in one kind only (bread). Although our Bishop's assure us that this is an acceptable practice most of us long to partake of Bread and Wine. Regardless of whether we receive or not we continue to worship the Lord and give thanks and celebrate God's great love for us as the central act of our Sunday worship together.

Both churches are now open each Sunday at their usual time and I look forward to seeing you soon and worshipping together.

Our Birthday wishes for this week

A special Happy Birthday
to everyone celebrating a birthday this week

Blessings too on
Mitch and Elizabeth as they celebrate
their wedding anniversary.



COFFEE AT ST MARY'S



We are delighted to report that after a brief trial period of meeting outdoors that Coffee at St Mary's will be taking place at St Mary's

on Saturday 31st of July and then on Sat 14th August.

10.30am to 12 Noon

It will then be reviewed and possibly become a fortnightly event or revert back to a monthly Coffee Morning. Do let us know your preference.

Do speak to or email Andrew for more info - andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk



We continue to distribute food parcels every week to a variety of families in their time of need here are some of the things that we are hoping to include in the summer parcels going out in the coming weeks...

Cans of macaroni cheese, chicken soup

Cans of ravioli, Multi pack crisps

Chocolate biscuits e.g club, Kitkat, twix bars etc

Pot noodles and other instant pot meals.

The Full Gospel church is open from 10am to 10:30am on a Wednesday to receive your donations.— Thank You

Please note Peter & Fiona are happy to collect donations from you or for them to be dropped off at the Rectory 11 Peacock Parkway



Jzzy's News

Hello everyone,

You put your left paw in, your left paw out,
in out, in out, shake it all about.

You do the hokey cocker and you turn around,
wondering if your going for a walk or not!

We have had some lovely gorgeous hot sunny days over the last week or so. Too hot in fact for me to be out and about for my walks, so Dad usually waits until later in the day when we go and pick up Grace and I get to have a good run around. But the weather has changed a bit this week and on more than one occasion I could hear Dad singing this Hokey Cokey song as the Sun shone, then the dark clouds, followed by the sun, then the clouds and a little rain before the sun arrived again. Our weather is fascinating how one minute it can be still and calm and then the dark clouds gather and there's a rumble in the sky followed by a shower or two. It seems watching the news with the family that freak weather occurrences are becoming more common with wildfires and heat waves in one part of the world while others are facing great downpours and flooding. My heart goes out to all those caught up in these disasters. What is going on?

My friends in the Eco-Congregation have highlighted that we need to be more environmentally aware. I don't know if you have heard but there is a special summit being held in Glasgow later this year called COP26. This is the 26th Conference of Parties organised by the United Nations looking at Climate Change. As we come closer to this meeting we all need to hold this event in our prayers and ask that world leaders would take their positions seriously and be committed to work together for the good of all.

Our Eco-Congregation group will keep us up to date about how we can get involved, support and pray for COP26.

With licks and barks from Izzy



Merriel Tilling - Pulpit Falls on Display at the Cathedral

We were delighted to be asked to give loan of two of the Pulpit Falls from St Leonard's to the Reconnect with Stitch Exhibition. Merriel was a former member of St Leonard's and was active in producing a number of craft works that we use in our worship. Merriel is now in her 90's and still enjoying crafting when she can. Details of the Exhibition are below:

Reconnect with Stitch

Edinburgh Stitch & Textile Arts

Mon 2 Aug – Sat 21 Aug 2021



St Mary's Cathedral
Palmerston Place
Edinburgh EH12 5AW
Daily lunchtime concerts 1pm-2pm

Exhibition open
Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm
Except Sat 21 Aug 10am -1pm

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Edinburgh Stitch & Textile Arts

cathedral.net
edinburghtextileart.co.uk



I can't believe it is nearly a year ago since we began bringing you a weekly Eco report in the Connect magazine. Over the year, we have been using the Eco Congregation Scotland resource, which is designed to encourage us to become more aware and proactive in caring for our environment.



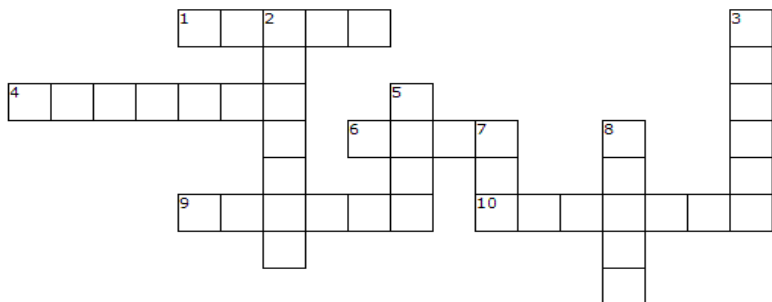
We highlighted these themes during a pandemic and some of the suggestions have not been fully explored. However, we now know from first-hand experience how fragile our existence is as a human race, and for our future survival, taking measures now, is vital if we are to attempt to slow down the climate emergency.

I have since received numerous resources by email from other Christian organisations. Tearfund has just launched their free resources toolkit, which includes a Sunday service featuring Pete Greg, who is also encouraging us to think seriously about climate change, not so much for ourselves but our grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Well done to everyone over this past year for reading our news and hopefully taking on board some of the Eco-initiatives. Keep praying for our world leaders for major changes and commitments but also consider a fresh our own part to play to improve our community and environment.

As a Church we are being encouraged to celebrate the Season of Creationtide from September 3rd to October 4th and during that time we will plan to hold our Harvest Festivals and also have a Climate Sunday as we prepare and pray for the discussions and outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change known as COP26.

Bible Puzzles



ACROSS

1. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
4. To accept something as being true
6. The period between birth and death
9. The place where God and the angels live
10. To have a desire for water.

DOWN

2. To last forever; to be without end
3. To have a desire for food
5. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
7. To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
8. The earth with its inhabitants

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 P C E L K K A F L W U A G C E
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TRUTH

DESERT

LAKE

HUNGRY

FATHER

MOSES

BREAD

FOOD

WORSHIP

Sunday 1st August

St Mary's Dalkeith 9.30am

St Leonard's 11.15am

Join with us in person, or online

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

NEXT WEEK

St Mary's 9.30am

St Leonard's 11.15am

As we resume worship at both churches we are now also removing the need to sign up in advance of the Sunday Services. Thankfully we never had to turn anyone away and with the reduction of Social Distancing to 1m and worship at both churches resuming there is indeed plenty of room.

So please do come and bring a friend.

WORSHIP SURVEY

We invite you to fill in our WORSHIP SURVEY reflecting on the provision of Online worship that we provided throughout the lockdown.

We want to catch a flavour of what was good or not so good as well as assess the need to continue with some form of online presences.

*If you receive our weekly email follow the link that comes with the weekly news
Or fill in a paper copy today and pass to Peter when complete.*

THANK YOU

Welcome

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

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation; One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil, and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee

Prayer of Confession

As we gather in the presence of our Lord
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, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread
of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with
your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true
and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

A Reading from Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Reflection

Prayers for today

The Peace We meet in Christ name
 Let us share his peace.

Song **JESUS, STAND AMONG US at the meeting of our lives;**
Be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us at the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body as we worship You, our Head.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

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.

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, consume. Replace Mask)

Prayer after Communion

God of unity and love who has called us to be one body through the resurrection of your Son. Help us by the empowering of the Holy Spirit to confess that there is one faith, one hope, one Lord. Amen

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 **THY HAND, O GOD HAS GUIDED** Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written, full clear on every page.
Our fathers owned Thy goodness, and we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
They bade them rise and hasten to share the great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching in every deed and word;
To all alike proclaiming:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right hand to help us, the victory shall be won.
And then, by men and angels, Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

The Dismissal

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



St Mary's 9.30am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

St Leonard's 11.15am

stleonardslasswade.org.uk

Find us on  **@StLandM**

Wednesday Morning On-line Worship

10am Zoom using Meeting ID: 656 157 5203

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Both Churches are registered Charities

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