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Sunday 12th September 2021

Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's



See how the flowers of the field grow.

STRENGTH FOR TODAY

Give me strength for today, Lord,
Wherever I go.

Let no danger daunt me,
Whatever the foe.

Let no task o'ercome me,
No trial my heart fret.
I would walk with Thee, Lord,
In the path Thou hast set.

Let no burden o'ercome me,
Give me strength to bear.
Then I shall have courage,
Whatever my care.

Let no grief o'erwhelm me,
Wherever I am.
Give me strength for today, Lord,
Strength from Thy hand.

*"The Lord is the strength of my life; of
whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)*



Rector's Tweetings

Hello everybody,

There are many cares and concerns in our lives, within our two congregations and within the wider world that sometimes it may feel as though we are drowning or lost in the fog worrying about what way to turn. Although there are many things to indeed care about and be concerned about Jesus through this week's Gospel reading urges us not to worry, but to consider the flowers of the field and the birds in the air.

Jesus is not saying that we should not care or be thoughtless in our actions. He knows we need food, clothing and shelter and at times need to work and labour to provide these things for ourselves and our families. However Jesus is concerned about our priorities. Where is our faith in the midst of all the worries? Do we let the worries of life eat away at our lives, do the worries paralise us from finding joy in the day the Lord has given?

Living totally without worry sounds, to many people, as impossible as living without breathing. Some people sadly even worry when they have nothing to worry about, worrying that they may have forgotten something because they are not worrying!

Jesus calls us to have faith. To place our first priority in seeking God and the ways of the Kingdom. He who laid down his life for you hopes you will be loyal. The promise that we can claim by faith is that as we trust each day to the Lord then God will supply our needs. We pray "give us today our daily bread." Yes plan for tomorrow, be concerned about the needs around us and care for one another but take these to the Lord in prayer. Put your faith into action and place your relationship with God as the first priority and then bring all your cares to him for he cares for you.

With love and prayer from Peter

St Mary's Dalkeith 9.30am / St Leonard's 11.15am

Online Zoom & Facebook this week from St Mary's 9.30am

welcome
let's worship together



Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you

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 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 fulfill 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 pow'r 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

God our Father,
we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive *us our* sins,
open *our* eyes to God's truth, strengthen *us* to do God's will
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collect

**Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we bless you for all you have created,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the King of all creation.**

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
according to Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

A reading from Matthew 6 v 25-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?’

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

‘And why do you worry about clothes?’

See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?”, “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Give thanks to the Lord
for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Saviour

Sermon

Prayers for Today

Peace We meet in Christ name
Let us share his peace

Song **SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God**
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Whom the heavens praise,
the sun and moon and all the stars,

the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit
Who first moved over the waters of creation,
And brought forth life.
You now seek to renew your creation,
and call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures throughout space and time
we offer you our praise, together 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, God our creator,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Through Him you revealed yourself in the world,
and bring your saving work to its completion.
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 the Spirit's 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.

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.**

As our Saviour 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Everyone is invited to come and receive the bread
In memory of God's great love for each one.*

Post-Communion prayer

Lord of creation,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love for us
and have shared in the bread of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we
enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

Amen

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

Amen

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace

Amen

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Song: O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Dismissal

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

Refreshments are served at the close of the service

Celebrations & Birthday's

Birthday blessings to
Steve Somerfield and Ian Bolan
(both claiming to be 21 this year!)



We invite you to take part in some Eco-activities

Stitches for Survival: Some people have been knitting parts of the Climate Scarf that will be displayed at the COP26 rally. Please bring completed blankets or patches to church by **Sunday 26th September at the very latest**, and Vicki will pick up and deliver them to Christine Thompson for sewing together into the COP Scarf.

Pilgrimage: The Pilgrimage following the John Muir way and St Ninians way takes from **Dunbar to Glasgow Oct 17-31**. It takes in North Berwick, Aberlady, Portobello, Queensferry, Bo'ness, Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Kirkintilloch. Sign up at www.artandecology.earth/sign-up/

Please speak to Vicki Clark to find out more about our local involvement from Portobello to Queensferry **on Monday, October 25th**. The pilgrimage involves not only walking but lots of side-events so should be fun!

Local Litterpick:

Our Next date for Litter picking in our own Community is on Saturday September 25th meeting at 2-4 pm at St. Leonard's. Do come along and join in. We provide litter pickers and bags but please bring your own gloves.



Film night: next meets on Wednesday November 3rd at St. Mary's.

Green Hearts: Do you have a Green Heart? We encourage you to display a green heart in a window and also to join in with making a display of hearts at the church.



I look forward to seeing you at some of these events and to seeing your green hearts

◆ Eco Margaret



Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

I am sorry but this weeks article might divide opinions as to whether I have done the right thing or not?

You see I have caused some mayhem and sadly been instrumental in the breakdown of a relationship. I appreciate that love is a special and important thing, and maybe I shouldn't have got in the way, but this guy crossed my path and so I had to sort him out. How was I supposed to know he was on the look out for his date and looking forward to a romantic encounter.

Anyway he is not the only one as Grace said there was another young lad lazing about in our bath tub that was stopping her from going into the bathroom. How dare he! This is my house! Thankfully Dad sorted him out and flushed his head down the toilet. Not sure if that was the most loving thing to do Dad but that lad wont be bothering Grace again.

So what is it with September and these big spiders? Well from what I have been told its breeding time for our House Spiders. Normally they are quite solitary and stay out the way but as the season changes into autumn the spiders head indoors for a little heat and some romantic encounters. So those big chaps who make us jump when they scuttle across the floor are on the look out for a date and a chance to make baby spiders.

Anyway as you can guess I am quite happy to chase anything that moves and sadly poor little big spiders are actually quite delicate and don't like being pawed with or eaten. Dad says I should offer my services to others, so if you have an unwanted guest and want to invite me round do give me a dog and bone, and I will let you know.



With licks and love from Izzy

Harvest Fair

A celebration of local produce and crafts

Saturday 2nd October 10am — 2 pm
St Mary's Dalkeith Church and Grounds

We are looking for your help to make the Harvest Fair a successful and well run event showcasing some of Midlothian's local Crafts and produce as we give thanks for the Harvest in its various forms.

As well as inviting local crafters and producers we plan to have the church open to offer Refreshments, Home Baking, Book Stall and some Railway fun.

So how can you help?

There are a number tasks that will help us make this a success:

- ◆ Could you help with the setting up & clear up at the event?
- ◆ Maybe help staff one of the church stalls for an hour?
- ◆ Or help manage traffic flow in and out the car park?
- ◆ We also need donations of Books for our Book stall
- ◆ Provide Home-baking, Jams & Chutney.
- ◆ We are also on the look out to borrow a Gazebo or two
- ◆ Bring your own Craft goods or produce to show or sell.

Sign up sheets will be available for some tasks but for more information and to offer your support for this new adventure please speak to Fiona Harris 663 7000 or Sandiann Devaney 259 6313

THANK YOU



Getting ready for you're Annual General Meeting

The end of September marks the end of our Congregations financial year and the work begins to produce our Annual Accounts and Reports for this past year of 2020 -2021.

We therefore call on all groups and activities of the church to begin submitting their Annual Reports to the Church Office for inclusion in this years Annual Report Document.

Both churches are governed by their respective Vestry who as a body act as the trustees of the charity and work in partnership with the Rector and Clergy Team to care for the Physical and Spiritual needs of each church and the linked charge of St Leonard's and St Mary's.

Ordinary Vestry Members

There is a need within both churches for new Vestry members. Ordinary Vestry members are key personnel within the Vestry. Office bearers may do a number of different and specific tasks within the life of the church, however the Vestry cannot operate without a number of Ordinary members making up the Quorate for decision making. Ordinary members usually only serve for a limited time before stepping down.

Office Bearers

There are a number of Office Bearers. Church Warden and Rector's Warden, Lay Representative to Synod. These post are usually voted on by the Congregation at the AGM. The post of Vestry Secretary and Treasurer are regarded as administrative roles of the Vestry and are appointments that are made by the Vestry. However we are in need of Treasurer at St Leonard's as well as a Secretary at St Mary's. We are aware that these are key posts within the life of the church and will be looking to offer ongoing support to those who will offer to take up these positions. With changes to the constitution the new post holders will only be expected to commit themselves to a limited time period similar to the ordinary members.

Please pray for your church at this time and consider how you could best serve the church in the year ahead.



Join in with
Weekly Sunday Worship



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 on Zoom & Facebook Live

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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.