

Connect

Sunday 5th September 2021



Celebrating the season of Creation



COVID Guidance for Worship



Basic Hygiene

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

Social Distance 1m

Although social distancing has been removed please be sensitive to the needs of others who may wish to keep at least 1m away at this time.



Signing in Worship

Although singing is allowed we are encouraging you at the moment to continue to sing behind your mask until further clarification on current COVID Guidance.



Communion - Mask, Sanitise, Receive,

When invited to receive the Communion Bread please come forward remove your mask, then sanitise your hands before receiving, consuming and replacing your Mask as you return. 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.



Refreshments & Fellowship

We are tentatively resuming our after service refreshments and fellowship from September.

At St Mary's on leaving please help yourself to a tea or coffee remembering not to crowd the serving area and then exit to fellowship out in the open air.

At St Leonard's please visit the Hall to collect your refreshments and then exit to the grounds for fellowship in the open air.

Thank You

Welcome

Hello everyone,

Life is full of joys and moments of sadness and grief. As a church and individuals we are encouraged to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.

So we gave thanks in this past week for Emma Campbells life so sadly cut short and continue to hold in our hearts and prayers her son Draiden, Mother Helen and Sister Fiona and the wider family and friends. As a church we also remembered Jon Laidlaw who died earlier in the year but due to restrictions had a much curtailed Funeral service. As a marker for the wider family and friends we held a Memorial Service on Saturday accompanied by a Spitfire Tribute flying over head. We too continue to pray for Margaret and the family.

This Sunday as we gather for worship we also rejoice and celebrate the Baptism of Magnus Mckenzie as he and his family gather with us at St Mary's. Baptism in many ways is about the celebration of life and this week also marks the beginning of Creationtide when churches across the lands are called to remember the beauty and gifts of creation. This will lead us up to our Harvest Celebrations on Sunday 3rd of October.

Along with Baptisms and funerals we also have Weddings taking place again in the life of the church and pray for those preparing to be married in the coming weeks. We pray for Katy Thomson and Stuart Finlay preparing and looking forward to their wedding day. With the school term resuming our Ecumenical Youth Work continues with a BBQ taking place this Sunday afternoon at the Rectory for the Youth Fellowship. Other church activities are also resuming as we begin to function in the new norm of life.

So life continues on as we continue to sow seeds of love.

Yours with love from Peter and Izzy too



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

Online Zoom & Facebook this week from St Mary's

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:
cleans 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.**

Song **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, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O 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**

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

**Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your love and kindness
to the praise of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark

Glory to Christ our Saviour

A reading from Mark 4 v2-9

Jesus taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: 'Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.'

Then Jesus said, 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Saviour

Sermon

Baptism at St Mary's

God's call

The apostle Peter proclaimed God's call when he urged his hearers:

"Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call." *Acts 2:38-40*

Denise and Mark Do you accept this call?

We hear and accept God's call. We ask for Magnus to be baptised.

Turning to Christ

Parents and Godparents,
the Christian life means turning from evil
and turning to Christ.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce all evil.

Do you repent of sin?

I repent of my sins.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Will you follow Christ?

I will follow Christ.

Profession of faith

Parents and Godparents let us profess together the faith of the church:

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

All We believe.

Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?

All We believe.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to God's people?

All We believe.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

***We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

Amen.

Commitment to Christian Life

Parents and Godparents, as those who will love and care for Magnus.,
will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed,
serving Christ in all people?

Answer With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace,
honouring God in all Creation?

With the help of God, I will.

Prayers for Today

Song **JESUS IS LORD! Creation's voice proclaims it,**
For by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!

Praise Him with hallelujahs For Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
Yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose, and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer - Giving thanks for God's love

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.

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

Please do come forward and before receiving take of your Mask
Sanitise your hands and hold out your hand to receive.
If you would only like a blessing at this time come forward,
keep your Mask on and the priest will bless you.

Post-Communion prayer

God, the source of all that is,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
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.
Amen.

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation,
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,
and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

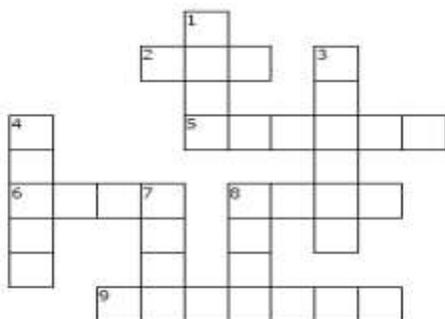
Song: YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy,
And the trees of the field
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.

Dismissal

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

Celebrations & Birthday's

Blessings to Val & Stephen on their Wedding Anniversary
Happy Birthday to Kathleen Donald



ACROSS

2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep

DOWN

1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
4. Covered with stones
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

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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



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Scotland



As part of the Eco Congregations Scotland Movement we have pledged ourselves as a local congregation to take seriously the cries of the world for climate justice and restoration. We seek to play our part in protecting the environment by adding our voice to national and international campaigns but also by engaging and working locally to actively raise awareness of Climate Issues and to change and enhance our own local environments and community.

There are a number of ways that you can get involved:

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: If you enjoy walking and would like to take part in the COP26 pilgrimage or even just join in for part of the walk then we invite you to find out more by Visiting www.artandecology.earth.

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/

Vicki and Richard Clark will be doing the Portobello to Queensferry section, of the Pilgrimage and it would be great if some of us could go as a church on that leg to show our support. You may also join with them for part or all of their walk. Or ask for their route and show up on way to encourage them onward. The walk is approximately 15 miles.

The details of COP26 Pilgrimage are still being finalised but I do have a date for the leg Richard and Vicki will be doing from Portobello to South Queensferry. **It is on Monday, October 25th.** It would be great if a posse of us could come from St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, perhaps with banners or flags with us to make a joyful sight and raise awareness of the event. The pilgrimage involves not only walking but lots of side-events so should be fun! We will endeavour to give more information closer to the event.

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: we intend to join in with the making of green hearts as suggested by Eco Congregation Scotland as part of their COP 26 campaign. We have two ideas to put into action, one is to erect a cross, at each church surrounded by green hearts. The installations will be on view from before the Harvest

Fair Saturday 2nd October until the end of COP 26 in November. The other idea is to act as individuals by putting green hearts on trees or fences around our homes and local communities.

As we come closer to COP26 being held in Glasgow it is more important than ever to find ways to share the important message of addressing the climate emergency with those around us. As Christians we want our local communities to know that we have these 'green issues at our heart' as we do our best to care for God's creation. We want our communities to see our commitment to put that care into action, to bring about a fairer, transformed world. Making green hearts and placing them in prominent positions around our church and local community gives a visible sign of that commitment.

I look forward to seeing you and your green hearts - Eco Margaret



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
Resumes on Wednesday 1st September

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