

# Connect

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



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**TOBY MCKEEHAN**

# From the Rector

*"Faith isn't a feeling; It's a choice  
to Trust God even when the road ahead seems uncertain."*

Have you ever argued with your SatNav? I know I have on many occasions especially when I think I know the way. However, on many occasions the SatNav has helped me find my way when I have been uncertain of where I am going or how to get back home from where I am. They have improved over the years and now can often get you to within a few yards of the place you need to go and warn you in advance of accidents or road closures.

Following God is nothing like following a SatNav although there are times I wish God would be a bit clearer in his directions and warnings of what may lie ahead. As pilgrims, disciples following God we are called into a position of placing our faith and trust in the promises and commands of our Lord. It is a way of life built upon choosing to trust and lean on God's ways, the core values and beliefs that guide us as Christians. What does God require? The prophet Micah replies act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

This week at St Mary's we welcome Anya and James Sawyer who come to be baptised. Our Baptismal vows remind us of the core values and beliefs of our faith. In baptism we are called to acknowledge that God is active in our lives and that we will turn away from sin and turn to Christ. That we will follow Christ by upholding the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles and by continuing to pray and to trust in the Lord. That we will put our faith into action by committing ourselves to love by sharing the good news and serving others while caring for the environment and for one another by working for justice and peace at all times.

Sometimes the road ahead does seem uncertain and there are times that fear and worry can lead us astray. We do need to acknowledge our feelings and bring them to the Lord in prayer. Nevertheless, there comes a fresh day where once again we are called to make a choice. How shall we live today? Will we trust God and live out the call to love as we have been loved?

*Peter*

## Welcome:

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**let us rejoice and be glad in it**

## Hymn:

**WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR IS JESUS,**

What a wonderful friend is He,

For He left all the glory of heaven,

Came to earth to die at Calvary .

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King!*

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah.

And He lives never more to die.

At the Father's right hand interceding,

He will hear and heed our faintest cry.

He is coming some day to receive us,

We'll be caught up to heaven above,

What a joy it will be to behold Him,

Sing forever of His grace and love.

## Confession:

Let us remember that God is love and we are his children.

There is no room for fear in love. We love because he loved us first.

So let us now confess our sins in penitence and faith

**Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we have not loved  
as you would have us love. We turn again to you and ask  
for your mercy, forgive us and renew us  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

God, who is both power and love, forgives us and free us from our sins,  
heals and strengthens us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life  
in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Gospel Reading

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 12 v 41-44*  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth but she out of her poverty, put in everything, all she had to live on.'

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

## Sermon

### Prayers of intercession

#### Hymn **LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

**The Baptism**     *we gather around the font*

The apostle Peter proclaimed God's call to everyone when he urged his hearers saying "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you and to your children, and to all who answer the Lord's call, to come and follow him.

Edward and Jo as Anya and James' parents,  
Do you accept this call?

***We hear and accept God's call to us and our children  
We ask for her to be baptised.***

Parents and Godparents,  
The Christian life means turning from evil and turning to Christ.  
Therefore I ask you these questions.

Do you renounce evil?  
**We renounce evil.**

Do you repent of sin?  
**We repent of sin.**

Do you turn to Christ?  
**We turn to Christ.**

Will you follow Christ?  
**We will follow Christ.**

## Profession of Faith

Parents, Godparents and people of God

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

**We believe.**

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

**We believe.**

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

**We believe.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith, we believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Commitment to the Christian Life

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

**With the help of God, we will.**

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

**With the help of God, we will.**

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

**With the help of God, we will.**

This is the task of the Church.

**This is our task: to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

## The Baptism and Anointing

I baptise you in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

you are sealed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit  
and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

**May the Spirit of God be in you,  
wisdom and understanding keep you,  
the power of God encircle you,  
and God's truth lead you into freedom.  
Amen.**

## The giving of a light

May the light of Christ scatter the darkness from your heart and mind.

**Christ go before you**

**to guide your steps**

**Christ be within you**

**to kindle your vision**

**Christ shine from you**

**to give joy to the world.**

## The Church Family Welcome

God has received you by baptism into the Church family.

**We welcome you.**

**We will care for you.**

**We will share our faith with you.**

## The Peace

Renewed in the Spirit by baptism

we meet in Christ's name;

**Let us share his peace.**

## Hymn

**TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE**

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet, and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing

Always, only, for my King;

Take my lips, and let them be

Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,

Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect, and use

Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine:  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store:  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## The 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.**

Therefore as your children 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.**

*(we sit or kneel as the prayer continues)*

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
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.**

**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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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 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 ever.  
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

*Everyone is invited and welcomed  
to come and receive the bread of  
communion or a blessing at this time  
Come forward take your mask off, sanitise your hands and receive,  
After receiving replace mask and return to pew*

## Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious  
**And his mercy endures forever.**

**Almighty God, your compassion never fails  
and great is your faithfulness.  
Send us out in the power of your great love  
to live and work to your praise and glory Amen.**

## Hymn

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath done!**

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;*

*And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

## The Blessing

May your life in this world be a happy one  
May the sun be warm and may the skies be blue  
May each storm that comes your way  
Clear the air for a brighter day  
May the saints and saviour watch over you  
and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you now and always.

**Amen**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen**



We continue to pray for the COP26 delegates, the various fringe events, marches and protests. We give thanks for the statements already made and pray that these pledges will be upheld and where possible exceeded. Please pray for those from our church who will be raising their voices this Saturday joining in with the Tearfund March which is part of the main protest march on Saturday. Pray for a peaceful event and for those in power to listen to the voices not only of Scotland but of the world.

### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — can you help?**

The **Volunteer Garden Project** supported by St Mary's are looking for your help this week. Do you have any left over paint we could use to repaint some garden welcome signs and existing wooden structures?

We are especially looking for yellow to paint a bright welcoming sunflower. We are seeking to source any types of outdoor paint, and any colours suitable for wood, including wood primer.

Please contact Margaret ( 0131 454 0793) for uplift, or bring to St Mary's, and place in the old kitchen (pump room) for Margaret to take over to the Volunteer garden. Its an other little way that we can reduce our own waste, reuse it for something new and recycle or upcycle our planters.

With many thanks, Margaret





# Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

Oh, Daddy let me go on one of his Pastoral Visits this week and I was introduced to some of our newest members of the Church. Anya and James with their Parents Jo and Edward are looking forward to Anya and James Baptism. It was a delight to meet them and run around St Mary's and show them where the big human water bowl is that Dad uses to soak the children. I think Dad said it was called a font but surely that is a name for the typeset that we use? Dad often uses "Corbel" but others use "Times New Roman" like the newspapers.

I do wish that this font, or water dish was a little lower to the ground. Then I could help out with the baptisms by sticking my head in the water with my floppy ears and then shake my head and baptise everyone who stood around. That would be fun would it not? I think that's the bit that Dad loves best. He says he is blessing everyone but I think he is just having some fun.

Anyway I do hope Anya and James have a lovely day. I will hopefully get to meet them again at our Messy Church which starts back up on Saturday 27th November from 2-4pm. I know the Messy Team are getting excited and looking forward to meeting up with the Messy Families again. I love coming in towards the end of the Messy activities and seeing all the families. I especially enjoy trying to help clear up by seeing if I can eat up some of the crumbs that are left behind.

It is nice to think that the Church and our fellowship activities are returning and that people on the fringes are still seeking out the church for Weddings and Baptisms as well as looking forward to coming to Messy Church and our other activities too.

*With licks and love from Izzy*



St Mary's Church Dalkeith Country Park

# Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December  
10am-2pm



Crafts  
Homebaking  
Refreshments



Free  
Children's  
Activities



Quiz  
Live Music

This event is hosted by St Mary's Dalkeith & St Leonard's Lasswade  
For further information contact the Church Office 0131 663 7000  
FB @StLandM

# Annual General Meeting

## St Leonard's AGM Sunday 28th Nov

**At St Leonard's** the AGM will be held at the close of our Sunday worship on the 28th November. Afterwards if you are able to stay a light lunch will be provided. Please sign up so we can gauge numbers for catering.

## Memorial and Thanksgiving Service Sunday, 7th November at 4pm in St Leonard's.

There is an opportunity to gather and to take a moment to reflect and to remember our departed loved ones.

The service last for about 40 minutes and includes the opportunity to hang a cross on our memorial tree and to light a candle in memory of those your remember.



**Members of the Pastoral Team** will be on hand at the close of the service if you would like someone to talk to, or just come and sit quietly and take time to pray.



## Messy Church

### Saturday 27th November 2pm

With Masks and hand sanitisers at the ready we are now getting ready to welcome you back to Messy Church on

**Saturday 27th November at St Mary's.**

As a one off for November we are having Messy Church with "Afternoon Tea" (sandwiches and cakes) from 2-4pm.

We invite you to book a place in advance for you and your family.

To book please contact the Church office

Email: [office.stlandm@gmail.com](mailto:office.stlandm@gmail.com) Phone: 0131 663 7000

*(Oh and if you forget to book—please still come — we do forgiveness too)*





Join in with  
Weekly Sunday Worship



**St Mary's 9.30am**  
[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

**St Leonard's 11.15am**  
[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

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**Wednesday Morning On-line Worship**  
10am on Zoom & Facebook Live

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