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**Sunday 21st November**  
Weekly News and worship  
from St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith

# From the Rector

This Sunday brings the Church's year to a close as we declare that Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We celebrate again Jesus's victory over the kingdom of darkness, victory over suffering, sin and death. With that victory comes our freedom, our salvation and the invite for us to come and be part of God's eternal kingdom.



In response to what Jesus has done for us, as our servant King who lays down his life for us, we invite the Lord to reign within our hearts, to be our King, so that we too can play our part in bringing God's truth, love, justice and peace to the world.

In today's Gospel reading (John 18: 33-37), we witness the scene in which Pilate asks Jesus the question, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' In his reply, Jesus speaks of a kingdom in which those who seek the truth listen to his voice and follow his ways. This week, we ask God for the grace to open our hearts and minds to his truth and love and pray for the needs of those who do not yet know his voice. We pray that by the service of our lives for our King we will draw others to his loving embrace and welcome them in to his eternal kingdom.

This week at St Mary's we continue that task by welcoming in Bella Cameron as she comes to be baptised. We give a warm welcome to her and to her family and friends especially to her parents Kevin and Sarah and her brothers Jacob and Ruaridh. As one of our Messy Church families it is a delight to have them with us today. We also look forward to seeing them and all our Messy Family members later in the month, as we look forward and prepare to relaunch our Messy Church on Saturday 27th November with the theme of light and afternoon tea.

May the Lord bless you this week as we remember his victory and invitation to come and be part of his Kingdom people.

*With love from 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 *we stand together*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John 18 33—37*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Pilate summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?' Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But my kingdom is from another place.'

'So you are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, You say that I am a king.

In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth will listen to me.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## Sermon

## Prayers of intercession

**Hymn**      **MAJESTY, worship His majesty,**  
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from His throne unto His own,  
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.

## 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.

Sarah and Kevin as Bella's parents,  
Do you accept this call?

***We hear and accept God's call to us and to our children  
We ask for Bella 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 Bella, 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

*Bella* 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

**KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,**

God of Heaven living in me,

Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,

Strong Deliverer, beginning and end.

All within me falls at Your throne,

Your Majesty, I can but bow,

I lay my all before You now.

In royal robes, I don't deserve.

I live to serve Your Majesty.

Earth and heaven worship You,

Love eternal, faithful and true,

Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,

Brought this sinner near to Your throne.

All within me cries out in praise!

Your Majesty, I can but bow,

I lay my all before You now.

In royal robes, I don't deserve.

I live to serve Your Majesty.

## 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.**

## 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**

**Hymn      CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS,**  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him  
Who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*We welcome you to stay for a cuppa and chat  
at the close of the service — there may be cake*

# PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sunday 28th November

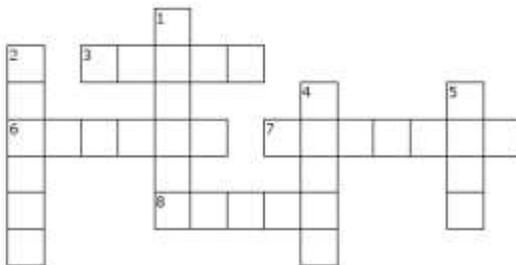
7pm in the Pitcairn Centre

An evening of Contemporary Worship

# Gospel puzzles

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IDEA	PLACE	RIGHT	WORLD	SERVANTS
TESTIFY	KINGDOM	TRUTH	ARREST	LISTENS
FACT	PEOPLE	REASON	BORN	FIGHT
SAYING	PALACE	PRIEST	KING	EVERYONE



## ACROSS

- The earth or universe
- To make an effort to hear something
- An area or territory ruled by king or queen
- A statement proven to be or accepted as accurate or factual

## DOWN

- To capture and hold under the authority of law
- Where a king or queen lives
- To battle, quarrel, or argue; a conflict between two or more people
- Brought into life by birth



# Jzzy's News

Hello Everyone,

This week I am wondering if my Dad and Mum have taken up gambling? I heard Dad say that he had a number of books on the go and that so far he had made about £20 or so. Not to name names but Pauline Jones was also there and she seemed to have more success than Mum or Dad as she had over £90 from her bookies. It seems that their trip to the Bookies might have raise a little more money than had first been expected. Additionally they along with John and Val have sifted through nearly all the books in church and although a good number will be heading off to a charity shop we are hoping that the other books will bring in the stated offers that we are gambling on in return for sending in the books.

It seemed to be so easy to pick up a book and scan the bar code and get an instant offer. Soon 10p here 50p there and a few 2p's there soon add up. So thank you to everyone who helped clear away the books. There are still a few to sift through and a few vinyl's and CD's too. If you are having a clear out why not look to make a donation to the church through scanning your books and music items and sending them off for others to use and then you too can make a donation to the work of the church with the money you receive from recycling your books rather than throwing them out. I wonder what other creative ways there are for us to continue to raise funds for the work we do as a church.

Oh that reminds me - Mum says I have to remind you all about the Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December. There are a good number of Craft Stalls coming along and there will be other stalls too like the Baking Stall, Tombola and Christmas Quiz as well as a whacky penguin who seems to have lost his name!

Sounds as though it will be fun but maybe to busy for me to be there all the time but I do hope I will see some of you there.

*With licks and love from Izzy*



## Annual General Meeting

### St Leonard's AGM Sunday 28th Nov

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.

## 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 Nov 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



Join in with Weekly Sunday Worship

## St Mary's 9.30am

## St Leonard's 11.15am

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# *Advent Stepping Stones*

*Helping us to reflect and prepare for Christmas*

Using the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love we are in the midst of producing a new outdoor Advent Reflection. As we enter the season Advent and our outdoor Nativity scene is once more built up we are going to place four large stones around the Nativity Scene bearing the words Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Each stone will mark a Sunday in Advent and to accompany the stones we will have a leaflet to help guide us to reflect, pray and think about each of these themes as the steps we take towards celebrating Christmas and the arrival of Jesus Christ who is our Hope, our Peace, our Joy, and the one who in love gives us the gift of being Loved.



## **Christmas Store House Parcels**

Philip and the Storehouse crew are gearing up to deliver this years Christmas Parcels to those in need in our area.

If you would like to help please consider donating some of the following items which have been highlighted as those in most demand at this time.

Laundry liquid, Toilet roll, deodorant/ shower gel  
Cans of ravioli, cans of stew / can of mince  
multi pack crisps, rice puddings, tinned custard

Our Thanks to everyone who has donated goods to the work of the Storehouse over this past year many families and individuals have been touched by your love and support.

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  
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