

Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation



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Sunday 28th November

Weekly News and worship

from St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith

From the Rector



This verse from Lamentations (3: 21-24)
is written in a time of distress and turmoil.

***"Then I remember something
that fills me with HOPE.
The Lord's kindness never fails! ...
The Lord can always be trusted
to show mercy each morning.
Deep in my heart I say,
"The Lord is all I need; I can depend on him!"***

Over the four weeks of Advent we embrace four Advent themes as we journey towards Bethlehem and the celebration of the birth of Christ our Saviour. These four themes are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Advent is about waiting and preparing for that which is to come. With hope filled with the assurance of God's promises we recall the promises of old that led up to the birth of Jesus. His birth fulfilled the hope that the people and prophets of old held onto. They placed their hope in God, in the Lord God who is faithful and in his time fulfils all his promises. Christmas celebrates that God is trustworthy and true and our hope is secure in him. As we await the return of Christ again we can have the assurance that even today God remains faithful and true and therefore our hope is not misplaced. Just as Jesus was born in fulfillment to the promises of old so to the promises of his return will one day come to pass. We place our hope in these promises that one day we when Christ shall return all wars will cease, pain and sorrow will be no more and every tear will be wiped away and the Lord will make all things new. We place our trust in God and hold on to these promises and look forward with hope.

During Advent we invite you to come and visit your church garden and take time to reflect and ponder on the meaning of Christmas and on the themes of Advent. We will be putting in place four large stones one for each week of Advent which will lead us in time to the Nativity scene which will be built up over the next few weeks. Feel free to come and ponder and ask God to renew your hope and trust in his promises.

With love from Peter

Welcome: Advent 1 HOPE

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

*We light the first candle of Advent
reminding us of the sure hope we place in God*

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

**I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

No one who hopes in the Lord will ever be put to shame,
Guide me in your truth and teach me your ways,
**for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.**

(From PS25)

HYMN: HARK A HERALD VOICE IS CALLING:

'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run.

Confession:

We declare that God is love and we are his children.

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

So let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, 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 raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah 33 v14-16

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,

“when I will fulfil the good promise

I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

“In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;

he will do what is just and right in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved

and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.”

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 21 v 25-36

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

HYMN **BE STILL AND KNOW** that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee ... (etc.)

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ... (etc.)

Prayers of intercession

The Peace

we meet in Christ's name;
Let us share his peace.

HYMN **SOON, AND VERY SOON,**
We are going to see the King;
Soon, and very soon,
We are going to see the King;
Soon, and very soon,
We are going to see the King;
Alleluia, alleluia,
We're going to see the King!

No more crying there ...
We are going to see the King;
No more crying there ...
We are going to see the King;
No more crying there ...
We are going to see the King;
Alleluia, alleluia,
We're going to see the King!

No more dying there ...
We're going to see the King!
No more dying there ...
We're going to see the King!
No more dying there ...
We're going to see the King!
Alleluia, alleluia,
We're going to see the King!

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 him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Dawn and evening celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined,
sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness
look for the City of Peace
in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,
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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.

In Jesus you showed us yourself.

Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one.

Obedient, even to accepting death,

he opened the gate of glory

and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
alight with the vision of a feast
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,
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 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

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 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.

**God for whom we wait, you have fed us
with the bread of eternal life.**

**Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready
to stand before the Son of man.**

**We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.
Amen**

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path;
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 KINGDOM COME O GOD,**

Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with Thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is Thy reign of peace,
And purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more
Oppression, lust, and crime,
shall flee Thy face before?

We pray Thee, Lord, arise,
And come in Thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for Thy sight.

Some scorn Thy sacred Name,
And wolves devour Thy fold;
By many deeds of shame
We learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O Morning Star,
Arise, and never set!

The Dismissal

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

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sunday 28th November

6.30pm in the Pitcairn Centre

An evening of Contemporary Worship



Join in with Weekly Sunday Worship

St Mary's 9.30am

St Leonard's 11.15am

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Gospel puzzles

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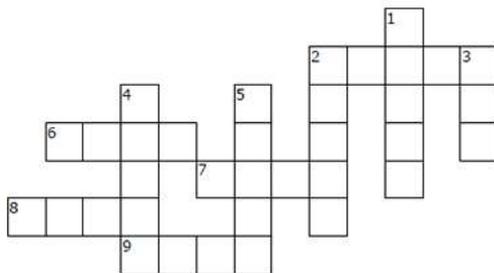
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STARS
 SUN
 WATCH
 WORLD



ACROSS

- Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
- To make a request to God
- The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
- To raise from a lower to a higher position
- The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

DOWN

- To observe very carefully
- To rise to an upright position on your feet
- The earth's source of heat and light
- The planet on which we live
- Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

Jzzy's News



Hello Everyone,

What a week and Mum and Dad are struggling to keep up. AGM's, Messy Church, Sunday Church, Praise and Worship events, Christmas Fair, Grace's works night out and then the various pastoral bits that Dad squeezes in! But Come on Mum and Dad everyone else has got their Christmas Lights up so why not us?

And why can't I bark my favourite Christmas Carol yet? "Bark the Herald Angel Dog's Woof, glory to the new born King" is a brilliant and wonderful doggie carol celebrating the birth of Jesus who is in fact man's best friend.

I know I need to be patient. Its like when I go out for my night walk I want to go and do all the things that I once did in the light. Like chase my ball. Dad wont throw my ball at night in case he looses it. So I need to be patient and wait for the light to return. The lighter days will return, I know they will.

Dad says this time of being patient and waiting is called Advent and reflects our waiting on God to fulfil his promises. Just as Jesus came to fulfil the Old Testament promise of a Messiah, a new King that would be born to save us, so God has promised in Christ to come again. With hope we hold on for the light to come again as we patiently wait.

With licks and love from Izzy



Christmas Diary

Sunday 28th November Advent 1 Hope

Saturday 4th December Christmas Fair

10-2pm at St Mary's

Variety of Stalls, Home-baking and Children's Activity

Sunday 5th December Advent 2 Peace

Sunday 12th December Advent 3 Joy

Sunday 19th December Advent 4 Love

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle Service St Mary's

Come along and build your own Christingle,

Have a hot chocolate or juice

Join us around the outdoor Nativity Scene for carols.

8pm Carols at St Leonard's

Join with us round the outdoor Nativity Scene at St Leonard's

As we sing some familiar carols

And hear again the amazing story at the heart of Christmas.

11.30pm Midnight Christmas Mass

Join us at St Mary's as we celebrate the birth of the King

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

10.30am Joint Service at St Leonard's

Sunday 26th Dec. 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Joint Service at St Mary's

Sunday 2nd January 2nd Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Joint Service at St Leonard's



Advent Stepping Stones

Helping us to reflect and prepare for Christmas

Using the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love we invite you to participate in our 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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