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to proclaim good news to the poor.*

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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 23rd January - Continuing Celebration of Epiphany



Sunday 10am / Wednesday 10am
ONLINE WORSHIP TOGETHER
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2022 A time of Prayer and Visioning

**For I know the plans I have for you,
'declares the Lord,'
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.**

**When you will call on me
and come and pray to me,
I will listen to you.**

**When you seek me with all your heart
You will find me.**

Jeremiah 29 v 11-13

A prayer as we seek God's vision and plan for St Leonard's & St Mary's

Father God, we desire as a church
to take hold of the vision and plan You have for us
and pray that You would lead and guide us
to take a step of faith in the direction that You would have us go.

Help us we pray,
to grasp your vision for the churches of St Leonard's and St Mary's.

May we be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance.

Help us not to make rash and quick decisions
out of fear or a sense of urgency,
but to humble ourselves and to trust that we are held by you
as we seek Your plans and purposes.

Draw us closer to each other and to You,
that as the church vision emerges in our hearts,
we will know the Holy Spirit at work in us,
for the glory and praise of your name.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Opening Responses Peter

The Lord be with you
And also with you

We will light a light in the name
of Jesus our Emmanuel
**Who lit the world and breathed
the breath of life into us.**

Hymn AS THE DEER pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

Prayer of Confession Peter

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

The minister declares God's forgiveness

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.

Collect:

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Reading from Nehemiah 8v 1-3,5-6,8-10 Read by Anne

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Gospel Reading from Luke 4 v 14-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him and He began by saying to them,
'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

Reflection Bill

Hymn **SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Holy One wash over me;
Spirit of the Holy One wash over me
Cleanse me, touch me, break me and heal me.
Spirit of the Holy One, wash over me.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn **GOD'S SPIRIT IS IN MY HEART**

He Has Called Me And Set Me Apart.
This Is What I Have To Do,
what I Have To Do

He Sent Me To Give The Good News To The Poor
Tell Prisoners That They Are Prisoners No More
Tell Blind People That They Can See
And Set The Down Trodden Free
And Go Tell Everyone
The News That The Kingdom Of God Has Come
And Go Tell Everyone
The News That God's Kingdom Has Come.

Just As The Father Sent Me
So I'm Sending You Out To Be,
My Witnesses Throughout The World,
The Whole Of The World

Don't Carry A Load In Your Pack,
You Don't Need Two Shirts On Your Back
A Workman Can Earn His Own Keep,
Can Earn His Own Keep

Don't Worry What You Have To Say,
Don't Worry Because On That Day
God's Spirit Will Speak In Your Heart
Will Speak In Your Heart

Eucharistic Prayer Peter

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 praise you, faithful God!

**You answer sin with grace and mercy;
you guide our wayward steps
toward our heavenly home.**

You offer healing for the broken, safety for the poor,
belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak,
and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow,
your mercy even in death.

All your creatures see your works;
and sing your eternal song

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one who comes

In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord Jesus we remember your birth at Bethlehem,

Your teaching and miraculous works,

and your call for us to receive the Holy Spirit

We recall your journey to the cross

and the night on which you were betrayed

While at supper with your friends

You took bread and gave thanks

You broke the bread

and gave it to them saying

"This is my body broken for you

Do this in remembrance of me"

Later at that same meal
you took wine and having given thanks
you shared it with those around you saying
"This cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood,
drink 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.**
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 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.**

*The Eucharist officiant will take bread and wine on our behalf
At this time we welcome you to give your own prayers of thanksgiving.*

Prayer after communion

**Gracious God,
strengthened by your grace, mercy and love
help us to serve you in the power of the Spirit
and to the glory of your name. Amen**

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God
gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes, with succour speedy, to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth;
Before Him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing;
For He shall have dominion O'er river, sea and shore
Far as the eagle's pinion or dove's light wing can soar

O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, His changeless name of Love.

The Dismissal

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



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Your Church - more than just a Sunday

The new year begins and in February we are looking forward to Sunday worship and many of our other church activities resuming once more in person. Here are some of our main activities, do get in touch if interested:

Sunday Worship: For many people this is the key time when we gather to worship the Lord, Pray, Read and explore the scriptures. At the heart of our worship is hearing from God's word and giving thanks for God's love to us. When able we often end with a time of fellowship with refreshments.

Wednesday Worship: A mid week opportunity to gather together, worship, pray and reflect on the scriptures together. 10am and currently online.

Home Groups: We currently run two Homegroups on Monday and Tuesday Evening which meet fortnightly. Home Groups are a good way to both build up our relationship with each other and also to learn more about God through studying and asking questions about our faith and what we believe.

Reflections Group: Is a similar to a house group with people meeting together for fellowship often centred around a short meditation and prayer.

Fellowship: The Fellowship group meet fortnightly on a Wednesday Night. Fellowship often takes place with a guest speaker covering a variety of topics or an activity, like a quiz night or film night.

Book Club: You guessed it we invite you to read a book and then every 6 to 8 weeks come together to discuss and mull over the book we have read.

History Group: Meets on a monthly basis with guest speaker looking at various historical topics often with a Scottish connection.

Knitting Group: Meets on a monthly basis and when possible meets in one of the local care homes. Knitted items like hats and scarves often go to the Mission to Seafarers, and baby items go to Simpsons Ward.

Coffee at St Mary's: On the first Saturday of the Month we open the doors of St Mary's and offer Coffee or tea at St Mary's. Both for fellowship and for any who pass by and want to pop in for cuppa.

Eco & Fairtrade: We are also an Eco-congregation and Fairtrade church so from time to time offer activities around looking after the environment and supporting Fairtrade goods.

Help! How do you do that on PC, Laptop, Tablet??

Hi everyone, just a wee extension from the Volunteer Garden Project, we now introduce an opportunity for you to meet with others from the local community in a digital inclusion programme. If you wish you knew how to view photos on your iPad, join Facebook, or send an email, or even how to turn a device on; then please come along, and learn with others in a relaxed friendly café style approach. Please contact Una to enrol, but if you have any concerns, please speak to me.

Hope to see you on Tuesday afternoons.

Margaret

Digital Connect Group at St Mary's

Organised by Una from Volunteer Midlothian.

From Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 2pm -3.30pm
in St Mary's Dalkeith Country Park



Get help with digital skills and learn how to make the best use of your smart phone, tablet, iPad or laptop.

Bring your own device along to the group and ask what you want to know.

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