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FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

but the greatest of these is

— LOVE —

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

Sunday 30th January - Continuing Celebrations 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.



A new Season, a new Session

As I sit and ponder at my desk the sun is shining bright through my window and you could be forgiven for thinking that it was spring.

Our seasons are not necessarily set dates. Professor Google tells me that astronomically spring does not start until the 20th March, but meteorically its starts on the 1st of March. Then there is the gardeners knowledge, the science of nature or phenological spring. As I look around there is already signs of spring's imminent arrival. Shoots and buds of new life are beginning to appear.

Likewise in our nation and church life we are beginning to open up again after the long dark days of winter and hopefully the worst of the pandemic is over. We look tentatively forward with a new hope and new desire for life.

In the coming weeks our Vestry and Clergy Teams will be planning and considering the way ahead for our churches as we prayerfully begin to explore a new vision and plan for our church. We hope like a gardener this new season or session will be like us preparing the soil. That this time will involve all of us seeking God in prayer. Through prayer we are asking for God's will, his plans and desires to be made known and for us to humble ourselves and be open to working together in love to step out in faith.

I wonder what the new norm might look like? What might this new season of church life involve? Imagine a Church, a people, that is rooted in prayer, recognising our dependence on the Lord. Imagine a Church where people of all ages learn and grow as disciples of Christ, cheering one another on in the adventure of following Jesus. Imagine a Church that is alive in the Spirit, an attractive community of faith, nourished through worship, word, sacrament, and service. Imagine a Church at the heart of the communities we serve, reaching out to the poor and marginalised with compassion and purpose, challenging injustice, and bearing the fruit of the gospel.

To grow such a church we begin with prayer and commit ourselves afresh to journeying together into all that is to come. May this new season or session in the life of the church be a blessing to us all.

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

Many of us now have access to various devices like Laptops, Smart Phones and Tablets but how do you get the best out of using them? Well help is on hand through the Digital Connect Group which will be meeting in St Mary's on a Tuesday afternoon. Got a problem with your IT or BLT then come along and we will try and help. Its Free!



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. Sign up by contacting Una.

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

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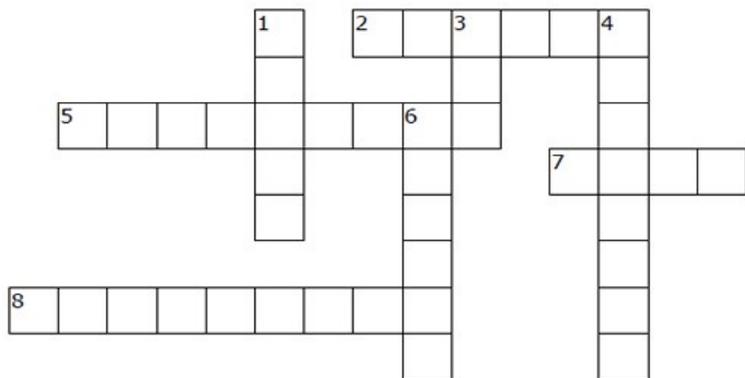
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Bible Fun

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WORDS	YOURSELF	SCRIPTURE	PROPHET	HOMETOWN
TOWN	SYNAGOGUE	AMAZED	HILL	ACCEPTED
PEOPLE	PHYSICIAN	CROWD	HEAL	TRUTH
FULFILLED	JOSEPH	PROVERB	FURIOUS	CLIFF



ACROSS

2. The earthly father of Jesus
5. Another word for a doctor
7. To make or become healthy again
8. The sacred writings of the Bible

DOWN

1. An area of high, steep rocks beside the sea
3. A person's male child
4. The town where you grew up
6. To be very surprised



Coffee at Mary's

**1st Saturday
of the Month
10.30am — Noon**

We are delighted to invite and welcome you back to our Monthly Coffee at Mary's event taking place on the 1st Saturday of each Month. This is a time of opening the doors of St Mary's to you and to anyone who would like to pop in for a coffee (other beverages are available) and a chat. There may even be cake stall some Saturdays but always a warm welcome.

Saturday 5th February 10.30—Noon

It's a DIY, BYOC/C

For our first Coffee of the new year we will be having a simple Do it yourself approach with Bring your own Coffee / cake. We will then be looking for hosts to help run the Coffee bar over this year (March to November)

So come along, bring your own and sign up to help

Thank You.



Storehouse donations

can be dropped off at the Full Gospel Church on Dalkeith High Street on a Wednesday Morning between 10 and 10.30am or call the church office and we can arrange a pick up for you.

Items request:

Hot Chocolate Powder for mixing with water

Tomato Ketchup/ Brown Sauces / Mayonnaise

Tins of Macaroni Cheese, and other ready meals

Soups, Pot Noodles, Fray Bentos Pies

Breakfast Cereal — Rice Krispies, Frosties, etc

Washing up Liquid, Laundry Liquid, Toilet Paper, Kitchen rolls

Soap, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Opening Responses

The Lord be with you
And also with you

We will light a light in the name of Jesus the King of Love
Who loves the world and gave his life for us.

Hymn **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

Prayer of Confession

**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:

**Loving God, in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Reading from 1st Corinthians 13 read by Jennie

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Reading from Luke 4 v 21-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."'

'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.'

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection Jacqui

Prayers Jennie

The Peace

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

Hymn **LORD, I COME TO YOU**, Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

*Hold me close, Let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day by the power of Your love.

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.*

Hymn LOVE IS HIS WORD, LOVE IS HIS WAY,
feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood",
Love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."
Love, only love, is his news.

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

Prayer after communion

**Source of all goodness, with faith, hope and love in you,
renew our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may show your glory to all the world;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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**

The Dismissal

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

**NEST WEEK - Worship back in the Church Buildings
Sunday 9.3am St Mary's 11.15am St Leonard's**

Making Green Connections



Hi everyone, just bringing you a little cheer from the Volunteer Garden at St Mary's.

These beautiful and tender snowdrops are not just any snowdrops but ones that Andrew brought us from his garden last year and we trans-planted them in the volunteer garden. Thank you, Andrew, for your green action!

Could You Help Us



We were wondering if you could help us just now with any cuttings of herbs for our Herb Wheel in the centre of the garden. It was full of herbs but had become choked with grass, so we have spent the mild winter, digging out the weeds and preparing it for new plants to reinstate the herb wheel. (We will accept donations of mint, but they will be grown in an enclosed space)

If you can donate any cuttings of herbs, then please leave them on the picnic table in the garden at a time to suit yourself.

Many thanks Margaret

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.

the RIVER...

a time to worship, pray and soak in
God's presence together

6.30 - 7.30pm (coffee after)
The Pitcairn Centre

Sunday 30th January



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