



Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
because great is your reward in heaven.

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

Sunday 13th February - Continuing Celebrations of Epiphany



Sunday Services in person at
9.30am St Mary's Church
11.15am St Leonard's Church

WELCOME BACK

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.



Return to Church - Return to the Lord

Feeling happy and blessed has its health perks according to a growing body of research. Happiness can improve your physical health; cardiovascular health, the immune system, inflammation levels, and blood pressure, among other things. Happiness has even been linked to a longer lifespan as well as a higher quality of life and well-being.

Attaining happiness is for many people their ultimate goal. Researchers find that people from every corner of the world rate happiness more important than other desirable personal outcomes, such as obtaining wealth or acquiring material goods. (*Psychology Today*)

Our Gospel reading this week is taken from Luke's Gospel and gives us an insight into Jesus understanding about happiness. Like Matthews account of the beatitudes Luke gives us a short list of "Blessed are you" statements.

The Greek word used for blessed "makarior" can also be translated as happy. "Happy are you when you are poor, hungry, rejected!" These don't sound like the best or most logical ways to happiness. So what is Jesus up too? Well that is when we have to read the passage as a whole and see that there are two sets of statements. There are the Blessings statements and then there are the woes and we need to read these together as a whole.

The Woes are spoken to those who have already received their happiness, they have what they want and the insinuation is that they have looked out for themselves with no regard or care for any other. Their happiness will be short lived. However, blessed are those who trust in the Lord. Their faith in Jesus may now mean that they may face many struggles but in time they will receive the Kingdom of God, they will be eternally satisfied, and they can live happy and contented lives knowing that their salvation and eternal destination is safe and secure. Therefore they and we with them can rejoice for great is our reward in heaven. Not because of what we have done but because we humble ourselves and place our faith and trust in Christ.

Yours with love Peter

Opening Responses

The Lord be with you
And also with you

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

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 pow'r 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 gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith

**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 and ever living God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading from 1 Corinthians 15.v12-20

If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. However, Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, he is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Hymn

SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Gospel Reading from Luke 6 v17-26

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

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers

The Peace

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

Hymn

BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,

Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you — drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord
Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory,
the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth
is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven
and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience, now 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,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf of our sins had made.

Through the dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory
that life and light might reign.

Before your Son our Lord was given up to suffering and death,
we remember 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 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.**

All are welcome to come and receive the bread of communion

Or a blessing at this time

(mask - sanitise - receive - consume - mask - return)

Prayer after communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious

And his mercy endures for ever

**God of all tender care and compassion. May we reflect your love in
our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts
and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn **AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN**

An interest in the Saviour's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

The Dismissal

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

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday Worship Online 10am

**Sunday Worship back in the Church Buildings
Sunday 9.30am St Mary's 11.15am St Leonard's**



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 March 10.30—Noon

Could you help us host Coffee at Mary' this year from March to November?

A simple ask to come and make a cuppa for those who come and to wash up afterward. You could even bring cake.

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





Facebook Live



1st & 3rd Sunday's of the Month 9.30am from St Mary's

2nd & 4th Sunday's of the Month 11.15am from St Leonard's

As we return to Sunday Worship we will no longer be using Zoom but will live stream to our Facebook Group. Just sign in to Facebook at the Worship time and go to our group and then watch the service as it happens. You can then post comments and say hello to those watching along. Later in the day we will up load the Video to our YouTube Page and Facebook Page. Our Page is public for all to see but we also operate a private group for church members and known friends.

To find us on Facebook: Search for "St Leonard's and St Mary's"
and you should find our Church Facebook Page.

To join our private Group - St Mary's and St Leonard's church family
Please send us a request to join.

To find us on Youtube use the search in Youtube and type in
"St Leonard's & St Mary's Churches"

If you need help please do get in touch with the Church Office if you need help

Digital Connect Group at St Mary's

Organised by Una from Volunteer Midlothian.

Tuesday 15th Feb 2022 at 2pm -3.30pm

Learn Digital Skills (free)

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

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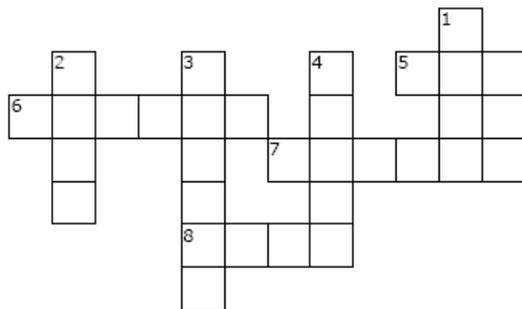
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ACROSS

- A feeling of great happiness
- The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
- To have a desire or need for food
- Having a great amount of money

DOWN

- Having very little money or few possessions
- To shed tears
- Something given or received in return for good behavior
- The sound which expresses happiness or delight



Annie Naish's News



The Mercy Ships is a Christian organisation which has been in existence since 1978 and provides free medical and community care in disadvantaged countries. Staff and equipment travel in a previous Danish ferry, the Africa Mercy hospital ship, which has been equipped to provide hospital facilities and staff accommodation to some of the world's poorest nations where 5 billion people have no access to safe affordable healthcare. Every year 17 million people die from conditions that could be treated with surgery, so the work of the Mercy Ships is much needed.

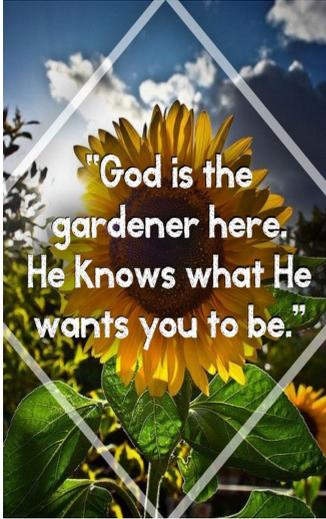
Annie Naish former Mission Enabler of the Diocese of Edinburgh has now taken on the role of Ship's Chaplain. There are many Christian services on board which Annie organises e.g. morning and evening prayers as well as creative community gatherings. She will also provides counselling support to both staff and patients. The staff, many of whom are away from home for long periods, sometimes need spiritual as well as psychological help as do the patients who may have been subjected to traumas or rejection due to their illnesses. Like all the other staff on board Annie is a volunteer and financially self-supporting and as well as our prayers would value your support.

Recently the Africa Mercy has undergone a refit and dry dock repairs to keep her ship shape and ready for the next mission. At the end of January the will set sail to go to Senegal and return to their main mission as a fully equipped and staffed hospital ship, training medical professionals and offering free surgeries for specific, treatable conditions.

St Mary's and St Leonard's Vestries will be considering how best we can support Annie as we seek to partner with her in bringing the Good News to other people through the work of the Hospital Ship bring hope and renewed life to those in need. Annie's Newsletter is available in Church if you would like to pick up a copy and commit to praying for her and the work of the Mercy Ship Africa Mercy.



Saturday 26th February
at 2pm



Come join us for some messy fun activities as we make Seed Bombs, plant lettuce and make a new flower bed for the community. Along with this there will be other creative and messy crafts as well as an Afternoon Tea with Sandwiches, Sausage rolls, Story Time and cake too.

Sign up by emailing or calling the Church Office



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