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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 20th February

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.



Welcome to Worship

We give a warm welcome to everyone who is able to join with us for this weeks worship.

At St Mary's we especially welcome baby Jaxon and his parents Jack and Shannon and their family and friends as we come together to celebrate and baptise Jaxon and welcome him into the family of the world wide church.

In baptism we are all encouraged to turn away from the earthly ways of sin and death and to turn to Jesus and live a life of love. At the heart of the Good News that the church proclaims is the message of love. It sounds so simple "Love your neighbour." Yet so often we get it wrong. We find it easy to love those who love us and care for us but it is so much harder for us to turn the other cheek, to forgive when we have been hurt and wronged. Yet this is the way that we are called to live in love, the way that Jesus calls us into, the way of the Children of God. It is not easy but it is the way.

We hear that God is love, and we are often happy to receive God's love, his mercy and forgiveness. However, we can not fully comprehend God's love until we acknowledge that just as God forgives us so God also longs to forgive and heal those whom we struggle to forgive. To be a Christian, is to live out a calling to love in the name of Jesus. It is the golden rule but it is not easy. It begins by acknowledging that all of us are broken and hurt people who have been damaged by sin at work in us. Sadly broken and hurt people can often be caught up in a cycle of hurt, hurting others and then finding themselves hurt in return. It takes a step of boldness and faith to break this cycle of hurt and pain and to choose to retaliate with love.

The sacrament of baptism may be viewed as a once in a lifetime occurrence however, the decisions and promises that are taken today can be used as our renewal. A fresh opportunity to begin again. To say no to more hurt and pain and seek the ways of love by turning to Christ, receiving his love and forgiveness and then to go out with the desire to love and serve the King who loves us and laid down his life for all of us. Yes you too.

Yours with love Peter

Welcome

Opening Responses

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

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 worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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.

Gospel Reading from Luke 6 v27-36

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

Jesus said: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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

Sermon

Prayers for today

Hymn **GOD SENT HIS SON, they called Him Jesus;**
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living Just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

The Baptism *we gather around the font*

The apostle Peter proclaimed God's call to everyone when he urged his hearers: "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. For this promise is to you and to your children, and to all who answer the Lord's call, to come and follow him.

Jack and Shannon as Jaxon's parents,
Do you accept this call?

We hear and accept God's call to Jaxon

We ask for him 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?

I renounce evil.

Do you repent of sin?

I repent of sin.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Will you follow Christ?

I 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 Jaxon, 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

Jaxon Neil

I baptise you in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Jaxon, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
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

Jaxon, 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

Jaxon, God has received you by baptism into his 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

HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love for all the ages
risen King of Heaven He stands.
Calling home His Father's children
holding forth his wounded hands.
We are called to feast forever
round the table of the Lord
And day by day we'll sing his praises
as we share his gift of love.

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 forward 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 redeeming love. May we strengthened by the Holy Spirit
live and work to your praise and glory.**

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

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 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.

The Dismissal

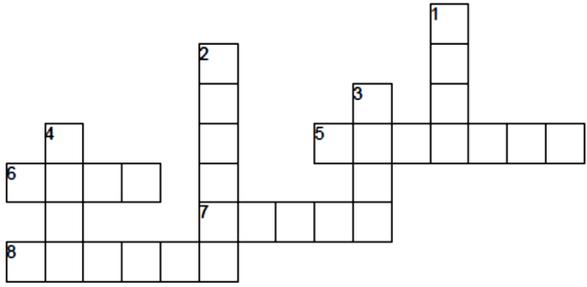
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name Christ Amen

Bible Puzzles

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- 6. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
- 7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
- 8. Something good received in return for good behavior

VERTICAL

- 5. Persons you know and like very much
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FELLOWSHIP

We are back - come and join us

Our Fellowship Group recommences on
Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30pm in St Mary's

The Fellowship then plans to get back to the routine of meeting every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. These meetings are a great way for people in the church to come together and to be together for fellowship, fun and also learning with various guest speakers and other activities.

We warmly invite you to come and join in the fellowship.



Can't make it in person
this week then join in
with Worship Online



Services are broadcast live on Facebook and uploaded later to Youtube

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

To find us on Facebook: Search for "St Leonard's and St Mary's"

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

Digital Connect Group at St Mary's

Organised by Una from Volunteer Midlothian.

Tuesday 22nd Feb 2022 at 2pm -3pm

Learn Digital Skills for free

Pop in with your Laptop or Tablet if you have a question



Coffee at Mary's

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

Saturday 5th March 10.30—Noon

At our March Coffee at Mary's we are launching the first of our

SWAP-SHOPS

As a way of reducing, reusing and recycling goods and items we own we hope the SWAPSHOP will be a meaningful way for all of us to recycle.

For our first SWAPSHOP we will be focusing on fashion accessories like Jewellery, Scarfs, hats etc. So bring along an item your happy to swap with and take home a new look on Saturday 5th March

Your Local Food Bank needs YOU!



Sadly we are all feeling the pinch with recent price increases affecting energy as well as other basics like food. We don't want any family to have to choose between heating or food so ask you to consider supporting the work of Storehouse as it reaches out with aid to local families

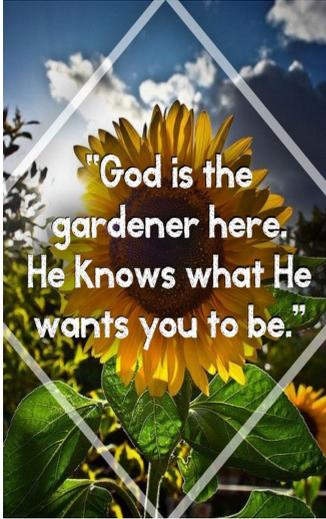
Storehouse donations

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 include:

- 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



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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