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GALATIANS 5:22-23

# Connect

Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's  
Sunday 26th June



## ***If there was no change there would be no butterflies!***

We all need to grow and develop and that process of change should be embraced even if change for a time brings about a period of uncertainty.

As a church our Vestries have met together to discuss some of the results of the questionnaire and visioning that we have been doing over the last few months since coming out of lockdown. We are now looking at moving the service times of both churches to 10am on a Sunday morning. The Vestries and Clergy Team are proposing that we would have a 3 month trial beginning in August through to the end of October and then evaluate whether we then move permanently to this new arrangement.

As your Rector I would then be based at St Mary's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and at St Leonard's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The other members of the Clergy Team would then cover the Sunday services on a rota much like they already do.

I must stress that it is only with thanks and appreciation of the willingness and time gifted to the churches by Elizabeth, Jennie, Bill, Mike and Jacqui that we can take advantage of this opportunity. All of our assistant clergy in the team are volunteers and freely and sacrificially offer their time, talents and gifts to the ministry of the church. So as we prepare and plan to enter this time of change I encourage you to pray for the Clergy Team and to be thankful for the diversity and support that they bring our congregation.

Change, or transformation is part of our Discipleship and growth as children of God. As we endeavour to live by the Spirit we are called to bear the fruit of the Spirit. A dead tree is not fruitful and does not change and grow with the seasons. We too therefore, need to nurture our growth and ask God to change and renew us to bear fruit.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Peter*

## Welcome

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

**Amen**

## Song

**A NEW COMMANDMENT I give unto you,**

That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are My disciples,  
If you have love one for another.

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You Are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.

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## Collect for Purity

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.

## Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**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.**

**Kyrie Kyrie, eleison  
Christe, Christe, eleison  
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

**Gloria Gloria, gloria,  
in excelsis Deo !  
Gloria, gloria,  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Collect Almighty God, you have taught us through you Son  
that love fulfils the law. May we love you,  
with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind,  
and all our strength,  
and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Reading Galatians 5:13-25**

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.  
But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve  
one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in  
keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be  
destroyed by each other.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

## Song

**Thou art the Way, by thee alone**

from sin and death we flee;  
and all who would the Father seek,  
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth, thy word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
thou only canst inform the mind  
and purify the heart.

Thou art the Life, the rending tomb  
proclaims thy conquering arm;  
and those who put their trust in thee  
nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

## **Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 9:51-62

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

As the time approached for Jesus to be taken up to heaven, he resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But the man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.' Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **Sermon**

**SONG: UBI CARITAS ET AMOR**

Ubi caritas Deus ihu est

**Intercessions**     *Prayer is offered for the Church, the world and its people*

**Peace**     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

*We share a sign of peace*

## Song

### WHEN GOD ALMIGHTY CAME TO EARTH

He took the pain of Jesus' birth,  
He took the flight of refugee,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty went to work,  
Carpenter's sweat he didn't shirk,  
Profit and loss he didn't flee,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty walked the street,  
The critic's curse he had to meet,  
The cynic's smile he had to see,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty met his folk,  
Of peace and truth he boldly spoke  
To set the slave and tyrant free,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty took his place  
To save the sometimes human race,  
He took it boldly on a tree,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty comes again,  
He'll meet us incognito as then;  
And though no words may voice his plea,  
He'll whisper, "Are you following me?"

**Offering:** Let us present our offerings to the Lord.  
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, 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. Amen**

## 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.**

Worship and praise belong to you Father  
in every place and at all times.

You made us, all the people of the world and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.

Your Word lights up our minds.

Jesus was born among us  
to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us  
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,  
but already we join with the saints and angels  
and sing their song:

**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.**

Father you never forget us or turn away from us  
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

**He healed those who were sick,  
cared for those who were poor  
and cried with those who were sad.  
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.**

For all your love we give you thanks  
in the way that Jesus showed us.



For on the night before he died,  
while he was having supper with his friends,  
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.'

**So, as we do what he told us,  
we open our hearts to him;  
we remember how he died  
and rose again to live now in us.  
Together with him we offer you these gifts:  
in them we give you ourselves.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine;  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,  
and that, sharing your life,  
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

**With all your people we give you thanks and praise  
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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

## Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to say:

**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.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Distribution of Communion

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.  
**And his mercy endures for ever.**

**Almighty God, guide and protect your people  
and keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## 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

### **WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME if I but call your name?**

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown,

Will you let My name be known,

Will you let My life be grown in you,

And you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare,

Should your life attract or scare?

Will you let Me answer prayer

In you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,

And do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean

In you and you in Me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

To reshape the world around,

Through My sight and touch and sound

In you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go

Where Your love and footsteps show;

Thus I'll move and live and grow

In You and You in me.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*do join with us for refreshments served at the close of the service*

## *A Prayer for the month of June*

*For all that is good in life, thank you,  
For the love of family and friends, thank you,  
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan stranger, thank you.*

*May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless, experience support,  
May those who are sick, know healing,  
May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.*

*Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers, with wisdom,  
Bless and guide health workers and key workers,  
with strength and well-being,  
Bless and guide each one of us, as we adapt to a new way of living.*

*Come Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love,  
that the love of God may be proclaimed in this community  
through many acts of love and kindness, great and small. Amen.*

### **St Mary's Sunday at 9.30am**

[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

### **St Leonard's Sunday at 11.15am**

[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)



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