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GODLINESS, FAITH,
LOVE, ENDURANCE AND
GENTLENESS. FIGHT THE
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YOU WERE CALLED.”**

1 Timothy 6:11-12



Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 25th September St Mary's



Growing up

Over the next few weeks we will be giving thanks for bounty and harvest of the world. The seeds and crops planted are being harvested, the grain is being stored for the winter and we give thanks, for all good things around us are sent from heaven above.

Of course modern day farming and access to a global market in many ways has changed our relationship with earth and the cycle of nature. However, we can still relate to the metaphor of sowing, growth and harvest.

As a church we are in the midst of a liturgical season that is marked by the colour green. Green the colour for life, health and growth. As the seed of the Good News is planted and encouraged to take root within us we in return are called to nurture the growth of the fruit of the Spirit through good works and so develop as followers of Christ.

But you, child of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.

1 Timothy 6 v11

As we read in Paul's letter to his friend and student Timothy we are to grow up in our faith and produce good fruit through the pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. These will be the markers that will show that we are growing healthy and becoming who we should be as children as of God. Paul also notes that this at times is not an easy task. He uses the language of fighting, struggling, persevering as he encourages Timothy and us today to fight the good fight. There will be struggles for all of us especially as we seek to align ourselves to the way of Christ.

Consider the story of the Rich man and Lazarus. We are the Rich man in the story, blessed with so much but also called to grow up and have compassion for those in need. So as we grow up as a church how will we share with those who gather at our door seeking help, hope and healing?

yours with love seeking the way forward in faith, Peter

Welcome

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Living Creator,

the world teems with your beauty

and abounds with your artistry and grace.

We draw near to you with our praise

as you draw near to us,

seeking and saving the lost.

Hymn

BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU,

Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,

We are brothers on the road;

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you

In the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,

When you laugh I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow

Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven

We shall find such harmony,

Born of all we've known together

Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, Sister let me serve you,

Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant, too.

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.

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

Gloria Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo
 Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Collect **Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Reading 1 Timothy 6.6-19

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, child of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Hymn **HELP US TO HELP EACH OTHER, LORD,**
each other's cross to bear;
let each his friendly aid afford,
and feel another's care.

Up into thee, our living head,
let us in all things grow,
and by thy sacrifice be led
the fruits of love to show.

Touched by the lodestone of thy love
let all our hearts agree;
and ever towards each other move,
and ever move towards thee.

This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity.
O let us still, we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 16.19-31
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus told this story 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores, he longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire." 'But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."

'He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they

will not also come to this place of torment." 'Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." "No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." 'He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn

LET THERE BE LOVE shared among us,
Let there be love in our eyes;
May now Your love sweep this nation,
Cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real;
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love.

Let there be hope shared among us,
Let there be hope in our eyes;
May now Your hope sweep this nation,
Cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding
Of sisterly love that is real;
Let there be hope shared among us,
Let there be hope.

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

Hymn

WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR

were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked,
were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?

When I needed a healer
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?

Wherever you travel
I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

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 for Season of Creation

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, O Lord,
Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Source of life and immortality,
Whom the heavens praise,
the sun and moon and all the stars,
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word

you brought order out of chaos.

you divided light from darkness,

created the heavens and established the earth;

you divided the sea from the dry land,

and caused all life to come into being.

When you had made the plants and the animals,

you formed us in your own image,

and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,

took our human form,

lived among us,

and, through dying on the cross,

overcame sin and death,

that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit

who first moved over the waters,

you renew your creation,

and call us to new birth,

in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures throughout space and time
we offer you our praise, together 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, God our creator,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Christ is your holy Wisdom,
existing beyond time, present at creation's birth.
Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world,
and bring your saving work to its completion.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

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 the Spirit's 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 all of creation

Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be your name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Distribution of Communion

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**God, the source of all that is,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for you
and for all that you give us, making us generous
and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy.
Amen.**

Blessing God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation,
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,
and seeking justice for those who do not share
in the earth's bounty,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: **SING WE A SONG OF HIGH REVOLT;**
make great the Lord, his name exalt!
Sing we the song that Mary sang
of God at war with human wrong.

Sing we of him who deeply cares
and still with us our burden bears.
He who with strength the proud disowns,
brings down the mighty from their thrones.

By him the poor are lifted up;
he satisfies with bread and cup
the hungry ones of many lands;
the rich must go with empty hands.

He calls us to revolt and fight
with him for what is just and right,
to sing and live Magnificat
in crowded street and council flat.

Dismissal

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

*Do join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment
at the close of the service*

HARVEST SUNDAY



St Mary's Sunday 2nd October

St Leonard's Sunday 9th October



As part of our Harvest Celebrations your donations of tinned and dried goods as well as any financial donations will be passed to the Storehouse as they continue their work on behalf of the local churches to provide food parcels to families in need in our community.

The Storehouse has issued a special request for:

- Pot noodles or similar easy to make meals
- UHT Milk (blue box), Diluting juice
- Tubs of hot chocolate — hot water mix
- Bags of multi pack crisps
- Cans of macaroni cheese, Cans of ravioli
- Cans of custard, Cans of rice pudding
- Multi pack Kit Kats, and other snacks bars

Thank You for your generosity and love

A Welcome Lunch

Sunday 2nd October 2022

As part of our welcome to our new Curate, Val Cameron we are organising a Welcome Lunch for Sunday 2nd October at St Mary's for members and friends of both congregations as we formally welcome Val in to her new role as our Deacon.

Lunch or brunch will be served from 11.45am

ALL WELCOME

The Annual General Meetings

St Leonard's AGM Sunday 30th October
after the morning service

St Mary's AGM Monday 21st November 7pm
Preceded by a Chip Shop Supper at 6pm

Our financial year as a church comes to a close at the end of September. Therefore, we now invite all the different church activities and groups to begin preparing a brief annual review of their activities to be included in our AGM Booklet which we hope to produce and make available for each church 3 weeks before their respective AGM's. Thank You



Calling all Knitters and Natters

our next meeting of the Knitting Group
at Newbyres Nursing Home
takes place on Thursday 29th Sept.

Come for a natter or come and knit all are welcome.

Drummond Grange Worship Service

Wednesday 28th September 3pm

at Drummond Grange Nursing Home.

come and support this informal gathering of worship where we sing a few hymns and songs, pray and read God's word with the residents of the home.



Your Church — A Beacon of Hope

We are currently exploring how best to use our church buildings to be a beacon of hope in our community

Starting from Monday 3rd October

St Leonard's will be open from 10am to 12 Noon offering a safe, warm place for you to come and reflect and we hope be refreshed. Members of the Pastoral Group will be on hand to offer support and a listening ear as well as a cuppa. Please hold this new endeavour in your prayers.

COME FOR
COFFEE
AND
CAKE

WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT



Our next Coffee at Mary's will be in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support

Join with us for some coffee and cake

Saturday 1st October

10.00am to 1 pm

All Welcome



St Mary's Sunday at 10am

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St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off