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Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's

Christ the
King 
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Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome you here this morning as we gather to worship and fellowship together.

This is the last Sunday of our Church Calendar Year. The Church year begins with Advent as we enter a time of waiting for the birth of a promised son, the Immanuel. We then journey with Jesus, towards Calvary noting his miracles and teachings that point us to the revelation that this Jesus is no ordinary man. We then gather at the hill side and hear again how this servant of all was judged and condemned to be crucified. Like a lamb to the slaughter he humbled himself and embraced the pain and death that was to come. He did so knowing that through his sacrifice the battle over sin and death would be won. Three days later we then celebrated the amazing mystery of the resurrection. This Jesus who died is now alive and through the presence of the Holy Spirit which he sends upon us promises to be with us everyday. Therefore to crown of the year, so to speak we remember and declare that that Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, forever and ever. Supreme over all names, all thrones and powers the name of Jesus is King forever and one day we with all creation living and departed will bow at his feet.

So as this year ends we will begin again next week to retell the wonderful story of God's salvation as once more we wait and prepare for the birth of a son who will bring us peace.

Nevertheless today, we do not need to wait, we are called to come into the Kings presence, to rejoice and give thanks that our eternal King watches over us. He cares for us and gave of himself for us. In doing so he not only calls us to be his servants but to be his friends. Friends who are welcome at his banqueting table.

So do join in with us in worship, as we gather around his table and rejoice that although the future in one sense is uncertain, our eternal future is secure not because of any world leader but because Christ Jesus, the Messiah, the servant King, humbled himself and gave of himself to win for him a people who will be known as the children of heaven.

Welcome

The Gathering

The Lord be with you
and also with you

I saw heaven standing open
and there before me was a white horse,
whose rider is called Faithful and True.

**With justice he judges
and on his head are many crowns.**

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood,
and his name is the Word of God.

**On his robe is written this name:
king of kings and lord of lords.**

(from Rev 19)

Hymn

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS,

The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save:

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,

Those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified:

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,

Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime!

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

A prayer of confession

As we come before our eternal King let us confess our sins.

**King of kings and Lord of lords,
we acknowledge that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do
Forgive us, and help us to live each day
in the ways of your Kingdom of love .**

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
Amen

Reading of Scripture Colossians 1:9-20

Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Hymn

King of Kings, Majesty,

God of Heaven living in me,
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end.
All within me falls at Your throne,
Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve Your Majesty.

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne.
All within me cries out in praise!
Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve Your Majesty.

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Luke 23:33-43

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.' The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers for Today

The Peace

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

Hymn **FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME**, helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load, He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.
Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

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.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens
and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ, our King, his life and ours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us that we might forever
dwell in the Kingdom of the redeemed.
and through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we 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 the gift of our saviour and King.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made.

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 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.

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, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing

The Blessing

May the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
reign for ever in our hearts.
From the rising of the sun to its going down
may his name be praised forever
and the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you now and always **Amen**

Hymn **ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!** *(Diadem)*

Let angels prostrate fall;
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him. Crown Him,
Crown Him, Crown Him
and Crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, and every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him. Crown Him,
Crown Him, Crown Him
and Crown Him Lord of all

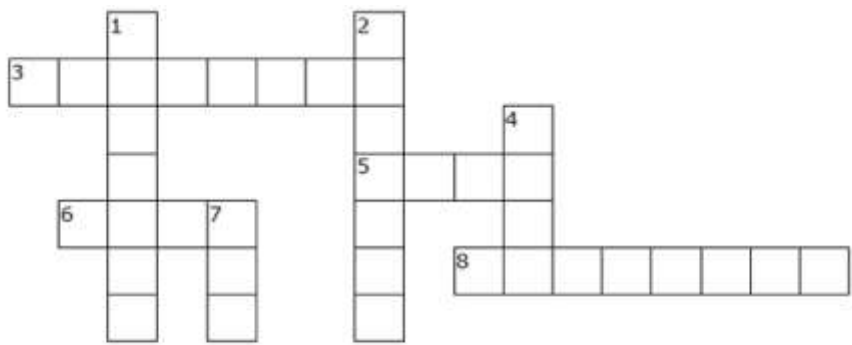
OH, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall
we at his feet may fall
we'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him. Crown Him,
Crown Him, Crown Him
and Crown Him Lord of all

Dismissal

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

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SKULL	PARADISE	KING	CHOSEN	SOLDIERS
SAVE	LEFT	RIGHT	CRIMINAL	FORGIVE
REMEMBER	CRUCIFIED	WINE	VINEGAR	MESSIAH



ACROSS

- 3. A place of peace and rest; sometimes used to describe heaven
- 5. To rescue someone from harm
- 6. A male ruler; opposite of queen
- 8. A person guilty of crime

DOWN

- 1. To kill by nailing to a cross
- 2. The promised Savior sent from God
- 4. To be afraid of something
- 7. The creator and ruler of the universe



Welcome to our Ukrainian Family



Tetania (Mum), Hennadii (Dad), Mykhailo (son) and Alina (daughter) Raichev are extremely grateful for the hospitality and welcome they have received and want to pass on their thanks to the members of our churches for our support to them at this difficult time of transition and the new beginning being offered to them through our generosity and love.

In time it is our ambition to find suitable accommodation for the Raichev's family in Dalkeith and would if you know of any suitable 2/3 Bedroom properties for rent in the Dalkeith area please do let us know.



Celebrating Christmas together as a Church Family

Peter & Fiona invite you to join with them and Clergy Team for this years Christmas Dinner Party on Wednesday 14th December from 6.30pm with meal at 7pm in the new Broomieknowe Golf Club on Golf Course Road, Bonnyrigg. More details and menu choices will be available shortly but please do put the date in your diary.

We are also planning the following joint Christmas Services:

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| Christmas Eve | 4pm Messy Christingle at St Mary's |
| | 8pm Carols and Readings at St Leonard's |
| | 11.30 Christmas Eve Watchnight Service |
| Christmas Day | 10am Christmas Morning at St Mary's |
| New Years Day | 10am Morning Worship at St Leonard's |



Working with the local churches the Storehouses work touches many families and with an increase in demand due to the cost of living crisis asks you to consider supporting them with a donation as they prepare to help families with food parcels this year.

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

Selection Boxes or Boxes of Chocolates

Thank You for your generosity and love



Pet Food Bank

Tuesday 22nd November

St Mary's 10-12 Noon



Please do let friends and neighbours who may be struggling with Pet Food bills know that they are welcome to come along and enjoy the warm space of St Mary's, have a cuppa and collect some free food for their pets.



St Leonard's Organ Fund.

Following the St Leonard's AGM on 30th October it was proposed to set up an organ fund to help preserve our unique organ. It is costly to keep, needing regular tuning as well as trying to find and pay a new organist.

To start this fund I would like to sell old complete china tea sets on Ebay.

At the moment that is a popular item. Please have a look in the back of your cupboards and maybe your friends cupboards as well. I photograph the china, sell it and pack and post all over the UK. I have been doing this for Gorebridge Parish Church for the last few years and it does make a bit of money. So please consider supporting our new Organ Fund

Thanks. Judy Strong

As well as raising funds in this way donations to the Organ Fund can be placed in an envelope marked Organ Fund and left in the offering bowl

The Annual General Meetings

St Mary's AGM Monday 21st November 7pm

Those who have ordered Chip Shop Supper please meet at 6pm. Tea and Coffee will be served from 6.30pm with business starting at 7pm. Please also pick up your copy of our AGM Booklet containing the agenda, minutes of last meeting and reports for this past Year available at the Welcome Desk.





Deacon Update

Val was ordained on Sunday 25th of September this year and it is hoped that on a regular basis we will be able to update you on what she has been doing as she works on behalf of the churches, the Diocese and Province of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Over the past six weeks or so Val has been settling in to her new role as our Deacon. This brings with it fresh opportunities for us as a worshipping and missional community. Within worship we have begun to reveal the hidden ministry of the Deacon which was always present but often undertaken by the Priests who themselves are at their foundation Deacons. As a Deacon Val helps support the Priest of the church in their Eucharistic ministry, often calling people to come and hear the good news and to confess our sins. The Deacon on behalf of the Priest also helps prepare the table and to lead the people in the Lord's prayer and at the close of the service they dismiss the people. They are not saying our service is over but that our service begins as we go out to love and serve the Lord in the wider community around us.

It is out in the Community that Val has a special focus on our behalf. The church area that we serve as two churches working together covers half of Midlothian yet for many years our focus has often been Dalkeith or Bonnyrigg and Lasswade. With Val on board we are now developing a living active presence in Gorebridge. Val has come alongside the Gorebridge Development group and is helping them develop their initiatives around food poverty, running the local Community Fridge and developing the Food Shop. She is also working with Bethany Christian Trust helping support them in their work with those recovering from Drug addictions and the running of the Bridge to Freedom Christian Recovery Programme.

On a wider agenda she will be occasionally assisting the Bishop around the Diocese and is also involved in the Diocesan and Provincial Environmental committees looking at how the SEC nationally and locally can respond to the Climate and environmental Crisis.

So we hold Val (and her husband Steve) in our prayers and look forward to hearing from her in the months ahead as she steps out into this new ministry. Please do support her in this work.



Messy Church

Saturday 26th November 4pm

Is it to early to mention Jesus birthday celebrations yet?

Our November Messy Church will help us get ready to celebrate the Birthday of the King of Kings. All our crafts will work together to remind us of the amazing story of Jesus birth and hopefully each of us will then to have our own Messy take home nativity set.



Come along and join in the fun.



St Leonard's 10am

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St Mary's 10am

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10am on Zoom & Facebook Live

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Do let us know if any need arises at this time
and we will try and help.