

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small amount of salt. A stream of salt is falling from the hand, creating a vertical line of white granules against a dark background. The background is filled with soft, out-of-focus light spots (bokeh) in shades of yellow and green, suggesting a bright, natural setting. The overall mood is warm and serene.

*Salt &
light*

Connect News

Sunday 5th February 2023

The Churches of St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith



SALT + LIGHT

As followers of Jesus we are called to be active disciples, making a difference in our community. That is Jesus purpose for your life and the life of His church. We should be bringing out the goodness by being Salt and be like a guiding Lights, guiding others to Jesus and to experience the warmth and welcome of the family of God.

So how do we keep our saltiness and keep our lights on?

Firstly we need to know Jesus. Know that Jesus is the Son of God who provides eternal life (1 John 5:20). The kind of "knowing Jesus" that we are talking about here is not the same as getting to know your favourite celebrity wherein you know every detail of their works, but have no real connection or relationship with them. It is about developing a living daily relationship with Jesus. Spend time in prayer (talking to Jesus) and in reading the Bible asking Jesus to make himself known as we read his word. A daily reading booklet may be of help to you, some are available on the welcome desk at each church. If not do let me know and I will get you one.

Secondly to be active as Salt and Light we are called to serve Christ. We should serve from a place of gratitude and thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us. He loved us and saved us even before we knew we needed his help, his love and salvation. As Salt and Light we are not called to be stored away in a cupboard not being used. We are to offer up our lives, our time, talents and resources to support and serve the work of the church. In this way we do not hide what we are but share with each other and seek to be a force for good in our local community.

Our churches are called to be beacons of hope, how will you help the church to be Salt and Light in the days to come?

yours with love Peter

Welcome

The Lord be with you
And also with you

We gather this morning as individuals loved by God
**We gather as His people, part of the great family of God
called to be salt and light in His world.**

God is here, God is present,
so let us worship him in this place.
Amen.

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 fulfil 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 power 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.

Prayer of Confession

As we come into the presence of God
whose light chases away the darkness
let us confess our sins
knowing that God is loving and merciful.

**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**

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.

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis deo
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Collect

**O Lord,
watch over us with constant love:
that, supported by you alone,
we may always stand firm
and be the salt and light you call us to be
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen**

Reading

1 Corinthians 2.1-9

Brothers and Sisters, when I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Hymn

KING OF GLORY, KING OF PEACE,

I will love Thee;

and that love may never cease,

I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my request,

Thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast,

Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art

I will sing Thee,

and the cream of all my heart

I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me cried,

Thou didst clear me;

and alone, when they replied,

Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 13-20

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

Jesus said 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymns **IN MY LIFE LORD, BE GLORIFIED, BE GLORIFIED**
in my life Lord be glorified today

In this town Lord, be glorified, be glorified
in this town Lord be glorified today

In your Church Lord, be glorified, be glorified
in your Church Lord, be glorified today.

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith together

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

The Lord of peace and light,
lighten our pathway and lead us in the ways of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

let us share the His Peace

Hymn

WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM,
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free;
He broke the pow'r of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Offering

Generous God, our creator and redeemer,
you have given to us all that we have
and here at your table we present to you
the offerings of our love with grateful hearts.

**For all things come from you
and of your own we give to you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father,

Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

**When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.**

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

**Your son opened his arms of love
upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Therefore with your whole Church scattered throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat;

this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim our Lord's death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit upon us
and be on this bread and this wine
that they may be to us
the body and blood of Christ
symbols of his sacrificial love

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing at this time

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

**Lord as we have remembered
your great love for us in bread and wine
leads us out by your Spirit, to live by your word,
to be the salt and light of your gospel
Amen.**

HYMN

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, we are marching Oh oh
we are marching in the light of God
we are marching, we are marching Oh oh
we are marching in the light of God.

v2 We are living in the love of God.....

v3 We are moving in the power of God.....

The Dismissal

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

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



Mark the beginning of Lent by joining us for our

Ash Wednesday Services

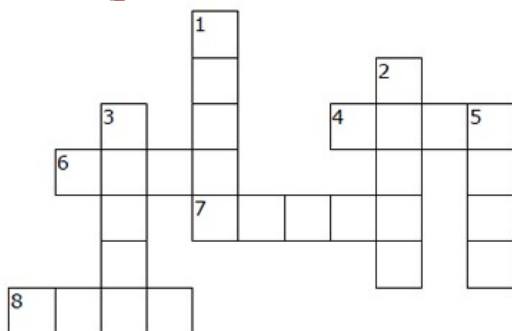
on Wednesday 22nd February
Morning Service 10am St Leonard's
Evening Service 7.30pm St Mary's

LENT STUDY 2023



Journey with us through Lent as we explore the Rhythm of Life over five weeks leading up to Holy Week and Easter. Our Homegroups on Monday and Tuesday evening invite you to come and join in the journey with them.

Gospel Puzzles



ACROSS

4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
7. The performance of good acts
8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
2. A place where families live
3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

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Regular Events and Activities



1st Saturday of the Month

Coffee at Mary's 10.30 –12Noon

an opportunity to come together and met up with friends and share together. As part of our Eco-Congregation Commitment we also look to run a monthly Swap Shop alongside Coffee at Mary's to help reuse items and reduce waste as a congregation.



1st Tuesday of the Month

Pet Food Bank 10am – 12 Noon

Working in partnership with Edinburgh Cat and Dog Home we seek to provide much needed help to pet owners looking for support of their pets. Come for a cuppa, a chat or just to pick up supplies.



Last Saturday of the Month

Messy Church 4-6pm

Craft, story, songs and a meal together. Join us for an alternative way of learning about and worshipping God as a messy church family.

Home Groups & Fellowship meet fortnightly

Monday Home Group - Contact Andrew Watt

Tuesday Home Group - Contact Vicki Clark

Fellowship Group - Contact Ann Mackay

Reflections Group - Contact Margaret McMeekin

Link Book Group - Contact Vicki Clark / John Fleming

Pastoral Co-ordinators - Noreen Grieve for St Mary's

- Joy Mooney for St Leonard's

St Leonard's Vestry Usually meets 2nd Wednesday of Month

St Mary's Vestry Usually meets 2nd Sunday of Month

Beacon of Hope

St Leonard's Church
Dobbie's Road
Lasswade



We offer a safe, warm place for you to be still, reflect or just to talk to someone prepared to listen and offer you support.

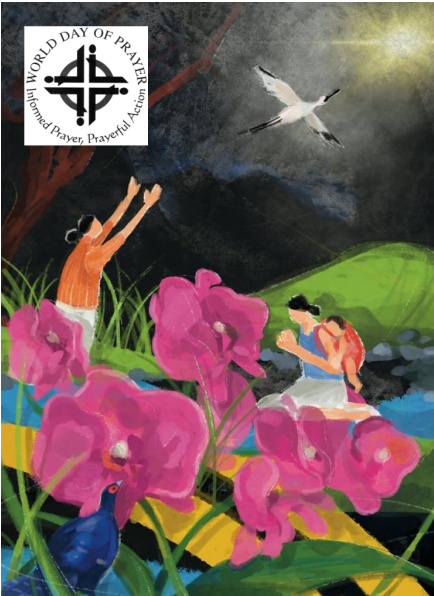
Mondays - Beacon of Hope

A warm welcome awaits you at St Leonard's on a Monday morning from 10 – 12Noon. Pop in for a coffee and chat with friends, at the back of church. Or take time to come up into the sanctuary to reflect and pray.

All Welcome.

Warm Space Soup and Roll

St Mary's is open on a Tuesday from 12-2pm for a free Soup and Roll Lunch. come along and enjoy the warmth and fellowship. All are welcome



World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March

St Leonard's Lasswade 7pm

or

St John's Kings Park 7pm

As host at St Leonard's this year Joy is co-ordinating the event with the help of Alison and others. Please do speak to Joy if you are available on the night to help.



Pet Food Bank

Tuesday 7th February

St Mary's 10-12

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.



The Pet Foodbank will be regular fixture this year taking place on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

Warm Space Soup and Roll

Do also remember that St Mary's is open on a Tuesday from 12-2pm for a free Soup and Roll Lunch. come along and enjoy the warmth and fellowship.



St Mary's
stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

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Our Rector's Day off is usually a Monday

Both Churches are registered Charities

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St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677