

ALWAYS  
BE  
PREPARED  
TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO  
*Everyone*  
WHO ASKS YOU  
& TO  
GIVE THE REASON  
FOR  
*The Hope*  
THAT YOU  
HAVE  
1 PETER 3:15

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St Leonard's & St Mary's  
Sixth Sunday of Easter 14th May 2023

# Christian Aid Week 2023

14-20 May 2023



As commodities and goods are increasing in price in the UK so is the cost for basic necessities for people in some of the poorest countries of the world. Often we take for granted the water from our taps or access to supermarkets offering a variety of food. Christian Aid's key aim is to relieve poverty and to campaign for a fairer just world for all.

Please consider donating to this years appeal:

**via the website at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)**  
or using the donations box in the church.

## Christian Aid Book Stall

Saturday, 13 May 2023 - 10:00  
to Friday, 19 May 2023 - 16:00

St Andrew's and St George's West Church,  
13 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PA

## Words of Welcome

### The Easter acclamation

We meet in Christ name:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

### 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

Risen Lord your death and resurrection  
remind us that God is love  
and that we are set free from sin and death.  
Hear us as we confess our sin  
in penitence and with faith.

**Lord 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 your Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## The Collect

**Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches  
beyond imagination. Fill our hearts with gratitude and love towards  
you, that loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises  
which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## Reading from 1 Peter 3.13-22

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.' But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God.

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand, with all the angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

**Hymn**      **HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,**  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord,  
Come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

## The Gospel John 14.15-21

Alleluia, hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to John  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour, alleluia!**

Jesus said 'If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

*At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel  
**Praise to Christ our Lord. Alleluia***

## Sermon

## Intercessions

## The Peace

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's special possession, his living stones,  
bound together to be a people who proclaim his peace

Peace be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us share his peace

## Hymn

### **BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**

Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made  
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,  
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you - drink and remember, He drained death's cup  
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond  
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering,  
we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King

## 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, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work

from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope,

**He lives in us that we may walk in light.**

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power

**to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.**

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life,

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 IS THE LORD,***

***Holy is the Lord God Almighty.***

***Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,***

***Holy is the Lord God Almighty,***

***Who was and is and is to come,***

***Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.***

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,

for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.

**In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb**

**and changed the women's sorrow into joy.**

**From the Garden the mystery dawned**

**that he whom they had loved and lost**

**is with us now in every place for ever.**



Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishers on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence, and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, 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, 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 the Bread

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

## Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so we pray

**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 trespasses against us.**

**And 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

*Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing at this time.*

## Prayer after Communion

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

**Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death.**

**May we who receive this sacrament be strengthened to do your  
will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen**

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal  
covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
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.

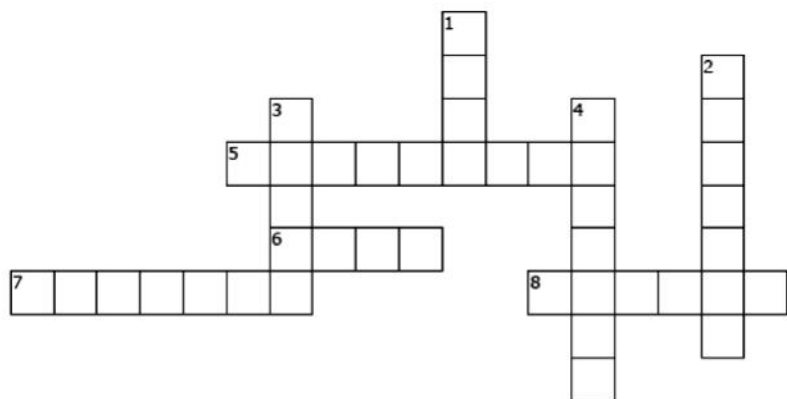
## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

*We warmly invite you to stay with us for a time of  
fellowship and refreshments*



### ACROSS

5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the \_\_\_\_\_.

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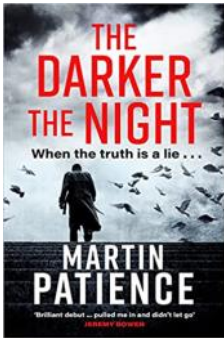
1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

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# Steve Cameron - A Service of Thanksgiving

Val and the family would like to thank everyone who came and joined in with the service of Thanksgiving as we celebrated and remembered Steve's life. She especially thanks all those who helped prepare the church and provided flowers and arranged them and to those who served the refreshments. Many of her friends and family commented on the warmth of welcome in the church and the beauty of the floral decorations.



## Book Club

We have been reading "The Darker The Night" in preparation for our next Book Club discussion on Friday 19th May. Whether you have read the book or not why not join with us for the discussion at St Mary's 7.30pm. All Welcome



We continue to distribute food parcels every week to a variety of families in their time of need across our community.

Here are some of the things that we are hoping to include in the Spring Summer parcels going out in the coming weeks...

*Cans of macaroni cheese, chicken soup*

*Cans of ravioli, Multi pack crisps*

*Chocolate biscuits e.g club, Kitkat, twix bars etc*

*Pot noodles and other instant pot meals.*

The Full Gospel church is open from 10am to 10:30am on a Wednesday to receive your donations.— Thank You

*Please note Peter & Fiona are happy to collect donations from you or for you to drop off your donation at the Rectory*

*11 Peacock Parkway, Bonnyrigg EH19 3RQ*

# Curry Night with the Lads



Friday 19th May 7.30pm at Itihaas Dalkeith

The preferred curry night vote came in for Friday 19th May so please confirm your booking with Alison or Fiona. There is still time to sign up for any lads who are able to come and join us on the Friday Feast. Just let us know.

## Ladies Afternoon Tea

**New Venue & Date Set**

**Carberry Hotel 10th June**

We invite the ladies and friends of both churches to our next Social Event afternoon tea at Carberry Hotel. Sign up sheet are available at the welcome desk. Afternoon Tea is a beautiful selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes and of course a nice pot of tea or coffee.



We can also provide a free taxi service for those needing lifts to and from the venue so no need to worry about how you will get there. Just let us know if you need a lift, yours Alison Bruce and the Social Committee

## *I want to ride my bicycle !*



Our Ukrainian families children are looking forward to the more sunny brighter days of Summer. A bike has been donated for Misha and so we are now on the lookout for a Bike for 7 year old Alina. Can you help or know someone with a bike they are happy to donate. Thank You speak to Vicki Clark for more info.

# 2023 Social Calendar - Dates for your Diary

## June

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am– 2pm, **Summer Fair & BBQ**, at St Mary's

## August

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, **St Marys Day** A Celebration of St Mary's Day  
will be held in place of Coffee@Mary's.

## Getting Ready for the Summer Fair & BBQ

With thanks to the new Social Committee we have a wonderful array of events and activities taking place over this year. On the Horizon is our

### **Summer Fair and BBQ on Saturday 3rd June**

So please keep the day free in your diary to help with the running of the Fair and also help us by making donations to our Tombola Stall.

Collection Boxes for donations for the Tombola Stall are available at each church for your bottles or other good quality unused items. We also welcome prize donations suitable for our Children's Tombola.

Thank You.

### **Other ways you can help:**

We are also looking for your donations of Home Baking, tray bakes, Sponges, Tea loafs, Scones and Pancakes. Donations of Baked goods can be brought along on the morning of Fair.

For those with green fingers we are also planning on having a plant sale so please consider potting up some of your cuttings, or plants that you have thinned out and them bring along to the fair.

If you would like to have a craft table at the fair  
please do speak to Fiona

# Summer Fair & BBQ

Saturday 3rd June

10am– 2pm

St Mary's Dalkeith

Craft Stalls, Home baking,  
Plant Sale, Tombola and more



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Our Rector's Day off is usually a Monday

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