

Connect

Café Church Sunday 30th April 2023



*begin with
a child*



Compassion UK

Founded in 1952, Compassion is a leading Christian children's charity.

Our approach to fighting poverty is highly focused and personal. You'll be connected to and known by an individual child or children as their only sponsors.

Through prayers and messages of encouragement, sponsors play a vital role in building the confidence of their sponsored child and affirming their worth in Christ.

Today, Compassion partners with more than 8,000 churches in 25 countries to deliver our proven child development programme to more than 2 million infants, children and youth.

Around the world, children, families and entire communities are being empowered to overcome poverty and thrive both now and into the future.



- Worldwide, 356 million children live in poverty.
- An estimated 1 in 6 children live in extreme poverty around the world. Extreme poverty is defined by the international community as those living below \$1.90 per person per day.

Christ Centred

Jesus is at the heart of what we do. Our programmes show God's love to children born into poverty. Whilst Christ's love motivates us, we help children and families from all backgrounds, regardless of belief.

Child Focused

We intentionally focus on caring for children who are most vulnerable to the devastating effects of poverty. We support children in every area of their lives, tackling the root causes of poverty that hold them back.

Church Based

We believe that the Church is the hope of the world. We run our programmes in exclusive partnership with more than 8,000 local churches, across 25 countries, because they know their communities inside out.

Welcome and Introductions

What comes to mind when you hear the word 'compassion'?

A Prayer for Compassion

Loving God,
open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.
Loving God,
open our ears that we may hear the cries of those who are hungry;
those who are cold; those who are frightened;
those who are oppressed.
Loving God,
open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us.
Renew in us your spirit.
Loving God,
free us and make us one. Amen.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

HYMN LORD I COME TO YOU

Let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace, that I've found in you
And lord I have come to know, the weakness I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of your love

*Hold me close let your love surround me
Bring me near draw me to your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like an eagle
And I will soar with you, Your spirit leads me on
By the power of your love*

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love as you live in me
Lord renew my mind as your will unfolds in my life
In living everyday, by the power of your love

Readings

Matt 11: 28-30

28 Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

Matt 15 :32

32 Then Jesus called his disciples and told them, “I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat. I don’t want to send them away hungry, or they will faint along the way.”

Luke 15: 13, 17-21

13 “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. **17** “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! **18** I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, **19** and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”’ **20** “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. **21** His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’”

Mark 10 13-15

13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. **14** When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. **15** I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” **16** Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

Table Activity

What do these verses show us of Jesus compassion?

Who is worthy of compassion?

Can you think of other examples?

Our Guest Speakers from Compassion UK

Janice Anderson at St Leonard's with Suzanne McLeister at St Mary's



Hymn

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING,

Joy of Heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love,

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Confession

Lord of all compassion who has set us free from sin death,
hear us as we confess our sins 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 his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

Hymn HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

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

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread 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 his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit upon us and on this bread and this wine
that they may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

Therefore with your whole Church 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**

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

Bread and wine are shared around the tables

Prayer

Let us pray

God of steadfast love, watch over your Church family in every nation and may we be kindled with the fire of your Spirit to reach out and touch a hurting world with your redeeming love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Blessing

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 GOD IS LOVE: HIS THE CARE,
tending each, ev'rywhere,
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him!

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

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God is good! God is truth!

God is beauty! Praise him!

None can see God above;
we can share life and love;
thus may we Godward move,
finding him in creation,
holding ev'ry nation.

Jesus lived on the earth,
hope and life brought to birth
and affirmed human worth,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us.

To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and King,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty.

Dismissal

Let us go in peace
to show compassion
as we love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen

*Please do stay and have another coffee or tea
and take time to visit the Compassion UK Table
and speak with Janice or Suzanne*

Steve Cameron - A Service of Thanksgiving

Tuesday 9th May 2pm at St Mary's

Our friend and brother Steve Cameron, peacefully passed on to his heavenly home on Saturday 22nd April. Val and the family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support at this time and invite you to share in a celebration of Steve's life on Tuesday 9th May at 2pm in St Mary's. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments to which all are invited to share.



We continue to distribute food parcels every week to a variety of families in their time of need across our community. The Storehouse while being based in the Full Gospel Church is supported and run as an Ecumenical activity and we appreciate your donations towards helping our neighbours.

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*



Pet Food Bank

Tuesday 2nd May

St Mary's 10-12

Please do let your 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 for this year taking place on the 1st Tuesday of every month.



YF

What?! We get too...?

23 April - What a book, have a look!

7th May - Prayer Warrior

21 May - Church? What is it there for?

4th June - God's Great Dance Floor

10th June - YF Social (TBC)

18th June - Cheerful Givers

3rd-7th July - Youth Stage & Slam

20th August - YF BBQ (TBC)

All Sunday YF session at the Pitcairn 7pm - 9pm

For more information speak to Grace Harris or Ali Wilson

The River



Join us for relaxed contemporary worship
on the last Sunday of the Month
in the Pitcairn at 6:30pm

30th April, 28th May, 25th June

The Youth Fellowship is open tall in S1-S6
The River and YF are Ecumenical activities.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023

There is still time to make a donation to this years Bishop's Lent Appeal. Donation can be placed in an enveloped and marked Lent Appeal and then placed in our offering bowl. For those with Lent Boxes we give a gentle reminder asking you to return them by Next Sunday Please. Thank You

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

at Dalhousie Castle on either 20th
May or 10th June

We invite the ladies and friends of both churches to our next Social Event afternoon tea at Dalhousie Castle. Sign up sheet and date preference are available at the welcome desk for you to indicate your preferred day. Afternoon Tea is a beautiful selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes and of course a nice pot of tea or coffee. Again if you are interested please speak to Alison or Fiona for more information.



Your Vestry

The Vestry as the governing body of the charity will be meeting on the following days to consider the business of each church and then jointly to discuss the responsibilities of the charge of St Leonard's and St Mary's

Please hold our Vestry meetings in your prayers

St Leonard's Wednesday 10th May

St Mary's Sunday 14th May

Joint Vestry 28th May @ St Mary's



Monthly Bake Stall

Our next Monthly Bake Stall will take place this Thursday;
Thursday 4th May 10-1pm
in the Pitcairn Centre Bonnyrigg

Donations of Baking can be brought along on the morning of the stall or handed into the Rectory on the Wednesday before the event. The Bake Stall is a monthly event helping raise fund for the ongoing building developments in the life of the church.

You are also invited to come along and enjoy a Cuppa and a Chat.

2023 Social Calendar - Dates for your Diary

May

Saturday 6th 2 – 4pm, **Coronation Coffee & Cake at St Mary's**

Sunday 7th 12 noon, **Bring and share Coronation lunch at St Leonard's**

Friday 19th 7.30pm, **Men's Curry Night @ Itihaas**

Saturday 20th May or 10th June, **Ladies afternoon tea tbc**

June

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

August

Saturday 5th , **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.



*** Coronation Events ***

You are welcome to come and join with us
as we celebrate the coronation of
King Charles III and Queen Camilla

Saturday 6th May

2 – 4pm Coffee & Cake at St Mary's,
(please note there will be no Coffee @ Marys that morning)

Sunday 7th May

Fellowship Lunch 12 Noon at St Leonard's

*donations of savoury and sweet items are welcome,
please see sign up sheet for more details*

*"The King of Kings invites you to his table
as we celebrate the Coronation."*



St Mary's
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Our Rector's Day off is usually a Monday

Both Churches are registered Charities

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