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St Leonard's & St Mary's Trinity Sunday - 4th June 2023

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit **Amen**

let us pray: Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn THE SUN COMES UP, IT'S A NEW DAY DAWNING It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul, Worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger Your name is great, and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Prayer of Confession

God is love and we are his children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because he loved us first.

So 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**

The Collect

Almighty Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Reading from 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell.

Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hymn GOD FORGAVE MY SIN in Jesus' name,

I've been born again in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to.

> He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received, Freely, freely give; Go in My name, and because you believe Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His power as He told me to.

God gives us life in Jesus name. The Spirit's power in Jesus name. and in Jesus name I come to you to share His truth as he told me to.

The Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

The disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them too. There he appeared to them, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Sermon

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions for today

The Peace

We meet in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Let us share God's peace.

Peace be with you and also with you

Hymn HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee:

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who were, and are, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love and purity. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

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 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

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 the Lord taught his disciples so we pray

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.

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, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, and be empowered to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord. Amen

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** Hymn ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.

> Know that the Lord is God indeed, Without our aid He did us make: We are His flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto: Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Dismissal

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

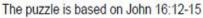
We warmly invite you to stay with us for a time of fellowship and refreshments

SUMMER FAIR - Thank you

Our thanks and appreciation to all who are involved in the organising and running of this years Summer Fair. As we go to print I am aware that there is a wonderful array of stalls, live Music, Tombola, Teas and Cakes and Home baking along with a variety of activities that have been organised and behind each one is our willing volunteers. To each one Thank You.

The Mystery of the Trinity

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:13-15 (NIV)





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Midlothian Volunteer Awards 2023



Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Ruth Simpson

Volunteer Midlothian were delighted to announce the winners of the 2023 Midlothian Volunteer Awards at a ceremony, which took place on the Thursday 1st June at Newbattle Abbey College. The awards highlight and give thanks to some incredible individuals who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in our local communities and to their organisations.

As a church we are thrilled to hear that our own Ruth Simpson was recognise for her contributions and dedication to volunteering especially with her work with Aging Well.

Here she is pictured on the left having a received her well deserved award and another of her having a wee rest after one of her walks with Ageing Well.



Ageing Well Midlothian tailors its events each week to the needs and wants of participants, the group continued to play an integral role throughout lockdown and continues today to offer support and help encouraging many

individuals to enjoy the physical and mental benefit of a walk or other light activities along with the opportunity to socialise and develop friendships.

Ageing Well Midlothian started over 20 years ago with one walking group in Dalkeith. Ruth is one of the first volunteers with Ageing well and as a former health worker Ruth Simpson, recognised very early on the importance that walking has both physically and mentally and has continued to lead walks to this present day. So her accolade of winning Volunteer of the Year is well deserved and so we add our own congratulations and appreciation for the work that she also does in the service of the church. Congratulations Ruth!!!

St Leonard's & St Mary's Vestry Notes

A joint meeting of the Vestry took place on Sunday 28th May below is a brief note of the salient points of the meeting.

Review of Sunday's at 10am:

We acknowledged that the change to Sunday worship to 10am for both churches had been accepted and after an initial settling in period the majority of congregation were content with the new situation. Nevertheless, concern was raised regarding the fragility of the Clergy Team and that in the long term alternative approaches to worship will need to be explored and prepared. Our appreciation and thanks go to all the members of the Clergy Team and especially to the retired clergy who enable our worship alongside the Rector.

Towards Net Zero

We heard form each church about what is currently being discussed and explored as we seek to reduce our Carbon Footprint. Looking towards the Autumn & Winter both churches are considering how best to heat our buildings, save on energy cost and further reduce our use of non-renewable energy.

After considering the moral, ethical and economic arguments the Joint Vestry are in agreement to move forward with the leasing of an electric vehicle. We acknowledge that concerns have been raised as to whether we can afford such a move at this time. Although there will be an increased financial cost to the church there will also be an environmental benefit reflecting the churches aim to be an active Eco-Congregation. The infrastructure for an Electric car is in place with a gift of over £7000 being received for the Solar Panels. Along with this a number of members have also offered to cover the cost of the installation of a charging port. The cost of lease would be around £3600 per year which would then be offset against the current mileage allowance cost which on average is around £2000 based on the 45p mileage allowance. So a costing of £1600 a year shared between the two churches is being budget for.

The Vestry noted that the 45p allowance had not increase since 2011 and with increased petrol, maintenance and insurance cost this should be increased to cover the running costs of the current car. The Vestry could choose to pay an increased mileage allowance of 80p per mile. Although this would equate to approximately \pounds_{3} 600 per year expenses payment it would come with no environmental benefit or reduction in pollutants. Therefore the decision has been made to lease an EV.

Updates & Activities

We received an update regarding our support of the Ukrainian refugees and also heard about the plans for the forth coming Social Events of the church.



Join us for some Messy Fun and BBQ

Saturday 24th June 4-6pm

Crafts, Story, Song and a Burger too...

please if you are able send us an email to let us know you are coming as this will help us plan for the event and especially for the catering.

Everyone is welcome whether you have been to Messy Church before or not come and enjoy the fun and fellowship together.

email: office.stlandm@gmail.com

Thank You

<u>Ladies Afternoon Tea</u>



Carberry Tower 10th June at 2pm

Our ladies are looking forward to an afternoon of socialising and enjoying sampling the delights of a Carberry Tower Afternoon Tea.

Ladies if you require a lift please do let Alison or Fiona know and I will don my chauffer's cap.

Please note the Tea cost £23 which should be paid to Alison or Fiona on the day. This includes a small tip to the staff.

Please note that if you would like a glass of prosecco or wine then this is an additional cost which should be paid to the waiter or bar staff. May you all have a wonderful time, with good food and fellowship.



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