

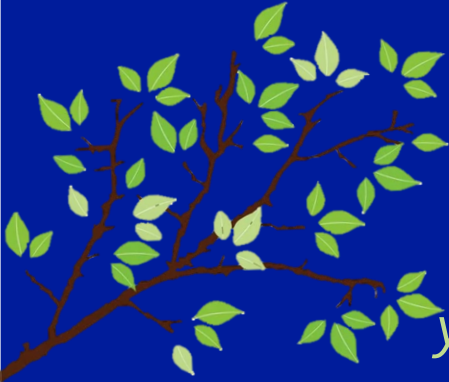


Cafe

Sunday 29th
October 2023

Church

truly refreshing



*"I am the vine;
you are the branches.
If you remain in me
and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;
apart from me
you can do nothing."*

THE CHURCH

REVIEW & RE-IMAGINING



Welcome and Introduction.

Confession and Absolution

Jesus said

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

For when we have not centred all that we are
and all that we do on you, we ask forgiveness.

Lord have mercy

For when we have not trusted that you can
and will work with us to produce fruit for your kingdom.

Lord have mercy.

Father forgive us and heal us we pray.

**The Lord have mercy upon us,
the Lord deliver us from our sins
and shelter us in all temptation,
the Lord make his face to shine upon us
and save us in his unfailing love
Amen**

Song: YOU ARE THE VINE WE ARE THE BRANCHES

keep us abiding in you.

You are the vine we are the branches

keep us abiding in you.

Then we'll grow in your love
And we'll go in your name
that the world will surely know
that you have power
to heal and to save.

Reading: St Francis and his call to repair God's church

As a young man Francis Bernardone (known nowadays as St Francis of Assisi) had a strong urge to know what God wanted him to do with his life.

He stumbled into a tumbled down church and knelt and prayed.

Whilst looking at the crucifix he heard God speaking to him, "Francis, rebuild my church".

He took it to mean rebuild the building he was in.

He began by collecting stones to do this.

But he had mis-understood

God wanted him to renew and rebuild

the faith of the people in order to rebuild his Church.

As we come to this time of reimagining with the image of the vine and its' fruit, and listening to God's word for our churches, how does St Francis' experience speak to ours? *(Pause)*

Let us hear again the reading from John chapter 15:

Jesus said

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you,

you will bear much fruit;

apart from me you can do nothing."

Table activity part 1:

Spend time looking at the long list produced from our previous visioning exercise - these are the ROOTS of the tree.

Then spend 2 minutes individually identifying from the list 5 things we are now doing.

Spend another 2 minutes working together to choose five you think are most important or speak to you the most.

Song: **FOR I'M BUILDING A PEOPLE OF POWER,**
and I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by my Spirit,
and will glorify my precious name.

Build your Church, Lord, make us strong, Lord,
Join our hearts, Lord, through your Son.
Make us one, Lord, in your body,
In the Kingdom of your Son.

Table activity part 2

Work together on your table to select 5 things from the original list that you would like us to start doing next.

Write these on different coloured leaves or 'hands' and place among fruits on tree.

Intercessions:

Heavenly Father, our awesome creator,
we come to you at this time of re-imagining what you want for us
in our congregation, and to bring before you the needs of the
world, as well as our own needs.

All powerful God, we look out to the desperate need in the world
that you created to be good, and yet is currently showing the
extent of wickedness that human beings are capable of.
We cry to you for those who are suffering,
helpless and oppressed:

God of love, we cry to you

As we pray, we want again to ask you to help us to put our roots
deep into your good soil, we thank you for all that we have
discussed and wrestled with as we tried to listen to you.
We thank you for the ways that you have strengthened us as we
have grown together to develop a strong bond,
held together by you.

God of love, we thank you.

We thank you for the Messy Church families who have helped us in this project and we ask that you will bless them that they too may grow strong in you.

We thank you for the first fruits of our visioning process, for all the new activities that have begun in your name. We ask that you will help us to develop more good fruit that will feed our local communities and spread your good news far and wide. We offer you these new ideas - fruit of the future.

God of creativity and growth: we offer ourselves to you.

Loving God, we bring you our hopes and dreams, and ask that you will continue to bring forth good fruit that build your church in our community.
in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Loving Creator

We honour you,

And we honour all that you have made.

Renew the whole world

In the image of your love.

Give us what we need for today,

And a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Strengthen us for what lies ahead;

Heal us from the hurts of the past;

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For your love is the only power,

The only home, the only honour we need,

In this world and in the world to come.

Amen.

A paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer' by Sarah Dylan Breuer

Song: BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD,

The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him,
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

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

Blessing

The blessing of God our awesome Creator,
our loving Redeemer and the steadfast Sustainer of our lives,
be with us all, evermore, **Amen**

Song: YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY

and be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the fields
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.

Sending Out

So let us go out in peace and joy
to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.

St Andrew's Night Ceilidh

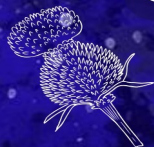
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Bon Accord Ceilidh Band



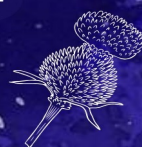
Friday 17th November 7pm
Bonnyrigg Roses Club

Tickets £15 per adult, under 12 £10
(includes food)

available from
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St Mary's Dalkeith SC001677



We are looking forward to our Ceilidh Night
and hope you can join with us.

However, we would ask you to pre-book tickets now so that we
can ascertain numbers and let our caterer know how many to
cater for and help us clarify whether the event can go ahead.



Make Monday a day of Hope in your life.

Our Beacon of Hope doors are open on Mondays 10-12 Noon
This week will be our last week focussing in on our Shoe Box appeal, with the last remaining Shoe boxes being covered and filled ready for collection.

From Monday 6th November we will be introducing a new pattern of events taking place at the Beacon of Hope and we hope some of these may interest you and we look forward to welcoming you in.

1st Monday of the month — Cake and Chat Monday
Pop in and meet up with friends for a coffee, chat and cake

2nd Monday of the month — Songs of Praise and Tea
Enjoy an cuppa and join in signing along to some Songs of Praise

3rd Monday of the month — Be still, reflect and pray
Take time to be still, to reflect on life and pray in the presence of God

4th Monday of the month — Grief and Loss Cafe
Our Grief and Loss Cafes are open for anyone bereaved, to come together for a social gathering and share your experience with others who are grieving, in a kind, supportive environment. As well as sharing and supporting one another we also plan to offer a short act of worship as we remember and give thanks for our loved ones.



Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 5th November at 4pm
St Leonard's Church, Dobbies Road

This service is open to all who are grieving whether the loss was recent or not regardless of where and when the funeral may have occurred. For all are welcome at this service to give thanks and remember those we love yet see no longer.

During the service you will be given the opportunity to light a candle and to write the name of loved ones on a small cross and for these to be hung on our Tree of Remembrance

Fellowship Lunch & Annual General Meeting 2023

St Mary's Sunday 3rd December

St Leonard's Sunday 10th December

Both AGM's will take place after the main Sunday Morning 10am worship and after the business of the meeting we will provide a soup and roll lunch for all who wish to partake. Our Annual Report Booklet containing all the relevant papers and reports from groups and organisations involved in the life of the churches will be available soon.

Can we therefore task all group organisers to begin the work of writing their reports and to have these submitted preferably by email to the Church Office by Sunday 12th November. So that the Booklet can be produced in advance of the meetings. Thank You

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2023

We invite you to fill a shoebox for this years appeal.
Filled boxes should be returned to the church by



Shoe Box Sunday 5th November

The boxes will then begin their journey to bring joy and pleasure to those in need. Please pick up an information leaflet available at both churches.

<https://blythwood.org/> - for more information, thank you

The Gathering @ St Mary's Monday 30th Oct 7-9pm

For all young Adults and those young at heart

- Praise+Singing&Dancin'
- Food!

 St Mary's Episcopal Church

*If you play...
Bring along your
instrument*



St Mary's Sunday at 10am

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St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off