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Weekly News from St Leonard's and St Mary's



A service of Baptism and Welcome

WELCOME

It is a delight to welcome you as we gather for worship today and especially to welcome André and his parents Roxanne & Martin with their family and friends as we come to Baptise and welcome Andre' into the great big family of God. We pray for God's blessing upon you and all that we do in his name. At then end of the service we invite you to stay for some refreshments and today with our special service of baptism there may even be cake.

with Love Peter

Annual General Meeting

We remind the members of the congregation that our AGM for 2023 will take place after the morning worship on Sunday 3rd of December This will be followed by a Soup and Roll Lunch



Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fair. However we are looking for a number of volunteers to help prepare the church on the Friday 10am for set up and then during the event serving refreshments or staffing our Baking or craft table.

Donations for the Tombola would also be most welcome, Bottles, gift packs etc. All welcome.

Please remember to be good boys and girls as Santa will also be with us and he like's seeing us all working well together.

Thank You

The Welcome

The Lord be with you

And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR IS JESUS,

What a wonderful friend is He,
For He left all the glory of heaven,
Came to earth to die at Calvary .

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah.
And He lives never more to die.
At the Father's right hand interceding,
He will hear and heed our faintest cry.

He is coming some day to receive us,
We'll be caught up to heaven above,
What a joy it will be to behold Him,
Sing forever of His grace and love.

Prayer of Confession

As we gather before our wonderful saviour we come and confess that we have not loved as God has called us to love. Therefore we take a moment in silence to confess our failings and wrongdoings.

**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**

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

Amen

Collect Let us pray together

**Eternal God, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
keep your people, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Hymn **LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, LORD OF ALL JOY,**
Whose trust, ever child-like, No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.

The Gospel Reading **Matthew 25.14-30**

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

'The Kingdom of God will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

The man who had received five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with two gained two more. But the man who had received one went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five talents brought

the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more." 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness!"

'The man with two talents also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents see, I have gained two more." 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness!"

'Then the man who had one talent came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. Here is what belongs to you."

'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ""So take the gold from him and give it to the one who has ten. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

At end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

Hymn **HERE IS LOVE VAST AS THE OCEAN,**
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

The Baptism *we gather around the font.*

The apostle Peter proclaimed God's call when he urged his hearers:
"Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children,
and to all who are far away, to everyone whom the Lord may call."

Martin and Roxanne do you hear this call

We hear God's call and ask for André to be baptised

Turning to Christ

Parents and God parents

The Christian life means turning from evil and turning to Christ.

Do you renounce evil?

we renounce evil.

Do you repent of sin?

we repent of sin.

Do you turn to Christ?

we turn to Christ.

Will you follow Christ?

we will follow Christ.

Profession of Faith

Parents and God parents let confess our faith together:

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

we believe.

Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?
we believe.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to God's people?
we believe.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Commitment to the Christian Life

Parents and Godparents,
as those who will love and care for André
will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed,
serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace
honouring God in all Creation?

With the help of God, I will.

This is the task of the Church.

**This is our task: to live and work
for the kingdom of God.**

The Baptism and Anointing

André I baptise you in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

André you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

**May the Spirit of God be in you,
wisdom and understanding keep you,
the power of God encircle you,
and God's truth lead you into freedom.
Amen.**

The giving of a light

May the light of Christ scatter the darkness from your heart and mind
Christ go before you to guide your steps
Christ be within you to kindle your vision
Christ shine from you to give joy to the world.

The Church Family Welcome

André God has received you by baptism into the Church family.
We welcome you. We will care for you.
We will share our faith with you.

The Peace

Renewed in the Spirit by baptism we meet in Christ's name;
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.

The celebration of Communion

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 him thanks and praise.

Creator God we give thanks for all that you have done.

For the gift of life and the gift of Christ our Lord,

who gave of his own life that we might have new life,

through the forgiveness our sins and the defeating of death for us all.

We remember that on the night that he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, 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,

Jesus 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.

Lord Jesus Christ as we proclaim your death

and celebrate your resurrection, send us your Holy Spirit on us;

and upon this bread and this wine.

That they may be the symbols of your un failing love.

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Christ taught his friends to 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken
for the life of the world.

And the wine of heaven is poured out
for the healing of the nations.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
and his mercy endures forever

Lord God help us who have received to give
and to use what has been given for the glory of your name.

Amen

Hymn **LORD THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING**

In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word, Lord and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, Shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness.
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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



Messy Church

Saturday 25th Nov 4-6pm

Come along and join in the fun.

Messy Church meets monthly for a time of arts and crafts reflecting the story and theme of the month. After the crafts we hear the story and sing songs before gathering together to enjoy a meal together as one big Messy Church Family. **Everyone is welcome!**

Panto & Meal - Wednesday November 29th. We meet at 5 for 5.30pm meal at the Stair Arms in Pathhead before going on to the Panto at 7.30pm.

Thank You from Grace - We had a wonderful night last Tuesday with Valencia from the Khaya Centre in South Africa. Grace raised over £100 for her Easter Mission trip with Urban Shift and a number of people agreed to support the Khaya Centre and sign up for the "Lunch on us" initiative.

Any gift aid forms or donations, and "Lunch on us" forms can be handed to Grace or Fiona . Thank you all for your wonderful support.



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Wednesday Morning On-line Worship 10am

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